

GOSSIP FROM SKANDINAVIA

Malmotidningen says: "Rarely did a great and powerful party enter the campaign under poorer auspices than the Norwegian Leftists at the present time. The best men in the party are turning away from it, and throughout the whole country there is a longing for getting out of the present partizanship muddle, out of the present mediocrity regime. But if the party, in spite of all this, comes out of the struggle with unimpaired strength it will be due wholly to the fact that it represents the aggressive element in the union controversy. The coming elections, therefore, are of particular interest to us Swedes, for by them we may judge the strength of the hostility to Sweden in our brother nation; they will give us an answer to this question: Is this hostility even greater than the fear of the impending danger from the east?"

This is part of an address made by Bjornstjerne Bjornson at a banquet given to him in Bergen: "I wish to inform you, gentlemen, that during the Boer war, when the prospects were the most threatening, a highly esteemed officer arose in the military club of St. Petersburg and blamed his own government in vigorous language because the moment when England was in a bad pinch was not improved by a Russian invasion of Norway and Sweden. When we hear of such things and have before our eyes what has happened in Finland, we must conclude that something wholly unexpected may happen at any time."

The Northern Shipowners' Union held its annual meeting at Helsingborg. At the close of the past year the vessels controlled by the union aggregated 1,442,354 tons, and the increase for the year was 140,328 tons. The union has 179 "personal" members.

DENMARK.

The Danish riksdag convened June 25 to a special session, and was opened by Premier Deuntzer. The new folkething re-elected Trier as President.

FINLAND.

The Russian government in Finland is a handy affair, working in opposite directions as the case may be. When a man does not please the authorities he is ordered to leave the country, and occasionally a man is not permitted to leave the country no matter how anxious he is to do so. Jac. Ahrenberg, an architect, recently petitioned the government to permit his son to leave the country for good, but his petition was not granted.

SWEDEN.

Public functionaries in Stockholm, following in the wake of their fellows in Gottenburg and Malmo, have commenced to organize themselves into a building association for the purpose of assisting each other in procuring homes of their own.

Prof. Arvid Bergman, a lecturer at the Alnarp agricultural college, has made an appeal to the Swedish people to satisfy a great want by establishing a bacteriological laboratory in Sweden. In other countries, Prof. Bergman says, such laboratories are of the greatest aid in combatting diseases among domestic animals.

The statistics of imports and exports for the months of January-May of the present year have been made public. There was an increase along the whole line of staple commodities, the increase in the imports of grain being the most striking. The imports for the corresponding months of 1902 are given in parenthesis: Oats, 77,206,000 pounds (5,346,000); wheat, 149,284,000 pounds (103,848,000); barley, 9,092,000 pounds (240,000); rye, 104,962,000 pounds (19,496,000); cotton, 15,382,000 pounds (14,772,000). Exports: Iron in bars, 132,506,000 pounds (99,582,000); iron ore, 1,120,078,000 pounds (493,944,000); wood pulp, 134,962,000 pounds (90,156,000).

The "Lapland Express," a tourist train which is run once a week between Stockholm and Narvik, Norway, is bound to be a success. The distance is 1,000 English miles, and the schedule time is 48 hours, each way. A large stretch of the road is located farther north than any other railway in the world.

The income tax of the city of Gottenburg is assessed on the basis of an aggregate income of \$17,322,336, which is \$1,600,000 in excess of the income of last year. About one-fifth of the total is exempted from taxation. The real estate of the city is valued at \$74,138,598.

The city council of Stockholm, by a vote of 32 to 28, has resolved to buy preferred stock for \$135,000 in the company which is expected to be organized for building the East Coast railway. But the conditions are that the capital stock shall be at least \$1,350,000, and that the preferred stock shall not exceed \$540,000.

The "sugar ring" has sent out surveyors to measure the beet fields of the farmers of Southern Sweden to see that they do not use more ground for this crop than the contracts call for. This looks like superfluous work now that in many localities the farmers were permitted to put any amount of ground to beets, and some factories experienced difficulty in procuring enough ground for beet growing.

Miss Anna Johansson, a daughter of Bishop Johansson of Helsingborg, has been engaged to teach in the public schools of Stockholm.

Stockholm has about 100,000 male and female wage workers. No less than 33,000 changed places of employment during the past year, and at no time was the number of idle persons less than 5,000. Less than 2,000 persons obtained employment through organized employment concerns, and all the others had to hunt up the employers that needed them.

Crown Princess Victoria returned to Sweden in the latter part of June. She is spending a large part of her time on board the Drott, the royal pleasure yacht.

Several localities in Norrbotten were visited by severe frosts about the middle of June, and the potato vines were killed. Snow fell at Pajala the fourteenth of June, just as the first group of Pajala children started for their summer vacation in Skane.

June 17 was the 35th anniversary of the conferring of academical degrees upon King Oscar and a number of other scholars by the university of Lund. Some of them met at Lund on that date to commemorate the event. An affectionate message was sent by them to King Oscar, and his majesty responded by a brief message, thanking his old comrades for their kind attention and conveying his "most cordial greetings."

The crown prince has ordered an automobile from the Scania factory, Malmo.

A cablegram from England stated that King Oscar is suffering from an incurable disease, but another cablegram from Stockholm says: "The rumor which has been spread abroad to the effect that King Oscar is sick does not tally with the truth. He will go to Gellivare July 11 to open the Swedish-Norwegian railway."

NORWAY.

"Private" or "public" politician, that's the rub. In the address which Bjornson made at the banquet given to him by citizens of Bergen he referred to an interesting chapter of the negotiations between the governments of Norway and Sweden with regard to the establishment of a consular service for Norway. At a critical moment it looked as if the Swedish negotiators would give up the task for good. Bjornson called on them and persuaded them to continue the negotiations. So far there seems to be no difference of opinion. In said address Bjornson stated that he had been requested by members of the Norwegian cabinet to see the Swedish negotiators, in other words, that he did not perform that important function merely as a "private politician," but the members of the Norwegian cabinet will not admit that they asked Bjornson to act as a mediator between them and the Swedish negotiators, and the press of Norway and Sweden is discussing the matter.

Major General K. Hansen, general inspector and head of the engineering department of the Norwegian army, has been invited by the king to inspect the fortifications at Boden, in northeastern Sweden, and to take part in a trip on the Ofoten railway July 14. Lieutenant General H. Elliot has invited the Norwegian general to appear at Boden four or five days before the arrival of the king, and Elliot will conduct the Norwegian general through the Swedish fortifications along the boundary lines of Russia.

"Mother Utne" of Hardanger is dead. She kept an old-fashioned tavern at Utne, and her popularity among all classes of people from all parts of the world was rare indeed. Her name was Torbjorg, and for 71 years she was the most noted personage at Utne. Her picture may be seen in the national gallery of Norway.

The returns of the Finmarken fisheries are the most satisfactory for many years, and hundreds of men are sorry because they were foolish enough to stay away on account of the talk about the Russian seal scourge.

Fredrickstad has exported several thousand tons of brick to South Africa.

Practically all the government bonds are owned by foreign capitalists.

Verdens Gang holds that it would be a good thing if the old country Norwegians were a little less fond of festivals and a little more fond of hard work.

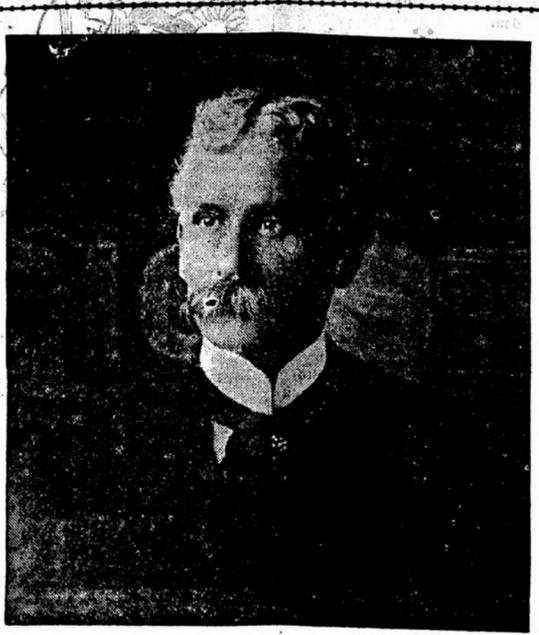
Bjornson recently visited Hardanger for the first time in his life, and he had to make a speech, of course. Towards the close he drifted into practical politics, saying in part: "I wish to say that in my opinion it would be of the greatest benefit to have the conservatives return to power. In the first place it is not healthy for a party to have free intercourse with the highest political power for such a long period of time as in the case of the liberal party; and moreover the Swedes have greater confidence in the conservative party because the policy of the present administration is ambiguous."

A bronze bust of Arne Gorborg, by Gustav Vigeland, has been bought for the national gallery, the price being \$400.

Miss Bokken Lason has been engaged as actress and singer at the royal theatre of Stuttgart, Germany.

The university extension course at Trondhjem is attended by 350 persons, mostly public school teachers. A petition calls for an election in Fredrickstad to decide whether a majority of the grown people of the city are in favor of re-establishing the Samlag (saloon).

There was a snowstorm in the country around Roros June 19, and the temperature dropped several degrees below the freezing point in the mountains.



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Brief Mention

The News, Personal and Otherwise, of the City and Immediate Vicinity

The board of audit finished its labors Monday.

Attorney Geo. Muller spent Sunday in the cities.

Miss Annie Swenson is visiting relatives and friends in Swift county.

Mrs. W. H. Hazle went to Owatonna Friday for a visit with friends at that point.

Miss Ada Broman, of Kandiyohi, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Minnie Nelson.

Miss Agnes Hunter, of Hancock, has been visiting with Willmar friends the past week.

Don't fail to attend the great Bargain Sale at the "Big Store" this week. It is a hummer.

Mrs. Ole Olson and children returned home Friday after a two-week visit with relatives at Norway Lake.

Mrs. G. O. Sand and children left Saturday on the flyer for a visit with friends and relatives in Minneapolis.

Mr. P. K. Lindlof of Chicago was in town Monday, on his way to Swes where he will visit with his uncle, Mr. E. A. Lundgren.

Mrs. Andrew Broman, of Kandiyohi is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Lottie Bergdahl, and other Willmar relatives this week.

Supt. Bowen of the Great Northern, with his family, left Saturday night for Portland, Wash., where they expect to spend a couple of weeks.

Miss Ruth Spicer is home from Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., and is at present enjoying her vacation at the Spicer cottage at Green Lake.

The young people's society of the Synod church will have their next regular meeting at A. O. Grangaard's on Friday evening. Light refreshments will be served.

Mrs. M. W. Woodworth passed through Willmar last Friday from Hancock where she had been visiting with her husband who is employed as manager of an elevator at that point. Mrs. Woodworth was en route to Anoka, where she will visit with her parent.

Ole Kiland is the happy father of a 9-pound boy, who arrived at his home in the First ward Sunday evening. We are looking for the cigars.

Bernh. Larson returned to Minneapolis Monday, after having visited with friends and relatives at Lake Andrew. Mr. Larson is employed in a flour mill at Minneapolis.

Invitations are out for a wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Ida Quist of Minneapolis and Mr. Nygren of Lake Andrew. The wedding will take place at Minneapolis July 15.

A party of our young men are spending a few weeks camping at Green Lake Beach. In the party are Jacob Nelson, Hugh Campbell, Chas and George Nelson, Harry and Ed. Odell and Frank Connelly.

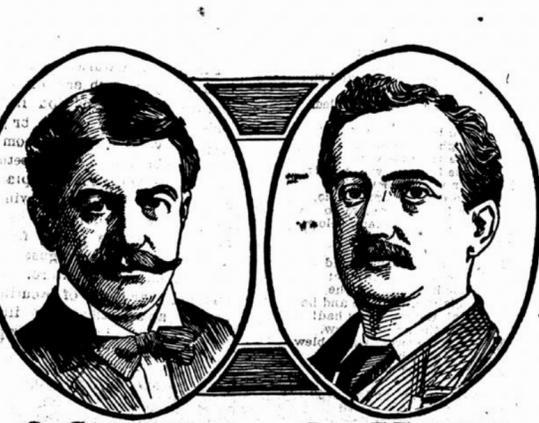
The ladies of the Catholic church received a very liberal patronage last Friday evening at their lawn social held at the home of Mrs. James Leary. The receipts from the sale of refreshments amounted to about \$26.

Miss Stella Gilger left on Saturday for St. Paul, where she will visit with relatives. Miss Gilger may decide to also go to Duluth and Milwaukee, where she will introduce the new bread work in which her father is interested.

The Young People's Society of the Lutheran Free church will hold their next regular meeting next Friday evening at John Berg's opposite the Sw. Lutheran church. A program will be rendered and refreshments served. Everybody welcome.

Miss Flo Julien is enjoying a vacation from her work at the telephone office, which she will spend with relatives and friends in the Twin cities. She expects to be gone until the last of the month and will also visit at Little Falls and Bemidji.

The Bargain Sale at the "Big Store" is drawing a big crowd of customers and the force is kept on the jump to attend to their wants. If you want anything in the lines advertised be sure to be on hand early and get your pick of the great bargains.



ONCE OPPONENTS, NOW ALLIES, ON THE IRISH LAND BILL. Sir George Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, and John E. Redmond, Irish parliamentary leader, are receiving congratulations for their mutual concessions which made the Irish Land Purchase bill a possibility. For a time it appeared that an agreement could not be reached.

Miss Inga Grangaard is teaching parochial school at the Seminary in place of Alma Johnson, who is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Askvold, at Decorah, Ia., who is suffering from consumption and is not expected to recover.

Miss Clara Hanson of Renville, arrived here Tuesday from Clarissa, where she had attended the wedding of Miss Inga Ramstad and Einar Berg, both former Seminary students. Miss Hanson will return home after a visit in this city.

Miss Sophie Olson, one of the stenographers at the Great Northern office, left Monday for Minneapolis, where she will visit with friends and relatives. Miss Olson expects to go to the coast for a visit before she returns to Willmar.

Mrs. W. H. Bailey and children, who have been visiting with the family of J. S. Danes of this city, left for Hancock, on Monday. Mr. Bailey and family expect to move from Waterville, their former home, to Hancock, where Mr. Bailey has accepted a position as engineer.

The school picnic at A. O. Grangaard's Sunday was a very successful affair. A program which reflected much credit upon the teacher in charge, Miss Inga Grangaard, was rendered by the school children of the eastern district of the Synod church. Speeches were made by Rev. Larsgaard, Rev. Heimdahl, Prof. Omile and Prof. Hong. A collection was taken for the benefit of the childrens home at Wild Rice, Minn. A neat sum was collected.

The Willmar Steam Laundry has been obliged to again shut down for a short time on account of difficulties encountered in the way of machinery. The large engine which has been in use for some time has been removed and a new one will be installed at an early date. The old engine had been rented from Andrew Lindquist, who has found it necessary to put the same into service for himself and will overhaul it for his own use this season. Frank Smith, one of the proprietors, was here from Raymond Monday and as a result of his visit the laundry will be ready in a short time to resume operations. Mr. Smith has arranged to put in a superior engine to the one formerly used and it is expected here from the cities in a few days. Other facilities we understand will also be added.

Additional local news on page 8.

Real Estate Transfers.

LAKE ELIZABETH. July 7th—Elizabeth Dahl to C. J. Synnerholm, net nw 1/4 sec. 1, 80 a. \$340.

July 8th—Thomas Thomason Signal to Gillman J. DePue, nw 1/4 sec. 2, sw 1/4 sec. 2, lots 1 & 4, sec. 30; & lot 4, sec. 31. \$6,600.

ST. JOHNS. July 3—Nels Oman to Chas. J. Berglund, part of net nw 1/4, sec. 3, 4 a. \$400.

HARRISON. July 1—John H. Olson to Adolph Bednar, s 1/2 net, sec. 1, 110.14 a. \$2,860.

July 8—And. Lehrner to George Mohn, part of net net, sec. 23, 5.7 a. \$225.

State of Minnesota to Carl Honerbrink, et al, sec. 36, 80 a.

GREEN LAKE. July 6—Frans O. Swanson to Trustees of School Dist. No. 28, part of net sec. 11, 1 a. \$50.

DOVRE. July 1—Mary Boyd to Oscar K. Onlie, part of lots 39 & 48 of lot 7, sec. 24, 51 a. \$230.

MAMRE. July 10—Ole H. Soll to John P. Bodin, net nw 1/4, sec. 7, 40 a. \$1,280. John P. Bodin to John W. Erickson, nw 1/4 sec. 33, 40 a. \$1,200.

LAKE ANDREW. July 1—Even Ralison to John A. Halverson, sw 1/4 sec. 9, 40 a. \$1,235.

Martin A. Mostue to Dick Larson, net sec. 2, sec. 30, 80 a. \$3,300.

July 2—Charley P. Tho-1 to William Larson, parts of lots 1 & 6, sec. 30, 6 a. \$180.

ARCTANDER. July 6—Oto E. Young to John O. Hedlund, net sw 1/4, sec. 31, 120 a. \$3,000.

John O. Hedlund to Axel Ostlund, net sw 1/4, sec. 31, 80 a. \$2,425.

ROSEVILLE. July 7—Geo. Wuertz to Geo. A. Weidner, w 1/4 net, w 1/4 sec. 4, 159 a. nw 1/4 net, sec. 9, 40 a. \$4,000.

July 9—Probate Court to Lucia Clark et al, et sec. 1, sec. 14; and net, sec. 15.

VILLAGE OF KANDIYOHI. July 8—Carl W. Tacklind to Axel W. Linderholm, lots 11 & 12, bl. 13, & lot 20, bl. 14. \$1,050.

VILLAGE OF PENNOCK. July 1—St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. to Andrew F. Butler, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, bl. 2. \$180.

VILLAGE OF SPICER. July 6—David Hagenstein to Adella Anderson, lot 1, bl. 2, (Park add.) \$100.

CITY OF WILLMAR. July 3—O. E. Ruble to Erick Rosen, w. 80 feet of lots 11 & 12, bl. 4. \$1,250.

Lars L. Tendall to Margaret E. Crawford, lots 13 & 14, bl. 4, (Sp. add.) \$2,850.

July 7—Andrew Paulson to John S. Ekberg, e. 75 feet of lots 8, 9 & 10, bl. 72, (lat. add.) \$1,200.

July 9—Probate Court to Lucia Clark et al, lot 6, bl. 23.

Some choice residence lots for sale by G. P. Karward. 31st

WILL THEY BE REASONABLE?

Grain Growers Fear That Threshing Companies Will Charge Extortionate Prices.

In view of the fact that a county organization of the Threshermen's National Protective Association has been formed in Kandiyohi county, the following from Saturday's Minneapolis Journal will be of interest to both threshermen and their patrons in this vicinity. There seems to be the same feeling in this county among the farmers which is prevalent in many localities, in regard to the object of these threshermen's unions. They are looked upon with distrust by many who will be forced to pay the prices demanded for threshing, farmers fearing that the charges will be extortionate. The grain growers say that they are not getting any too much for their grain in our markets and if their threshing bills cut considerable into their expense accounts it will mean more to them than many perhaps realize. On the other hand, the members of these unions claim that nothing will be done but what is fair, and that these different rumors which are being spread through the country regarding their organizations are many of them unwarranted. The fact that their meetings are being conducted so secretly, they say, does not necessarily mean that they intend to "do up" the farmers. The Journal says:

Managers of the local branches of the large threshing machine manufacturers are inclined to view with satisfaction the activity of the threshers' organization, known as the Threshermen's National Protective Association.

Reports from Buffalo Lake and other parts of the state indicate that the threshers' combine is beginning to interest the grain-growing farmers to the extent of causing them to organize into "mutual companies" for the purpose of buying their own threshing machines and doing their own threshing by sharing the expense of the original investment and the actual work of threshing. The T. N. P. A. is an organization containing about 20,000 members, and pretty well covering the grain-growing portions of fifteen states, Minnesota among them. The membership is limited to owners and operators of threshing machines, and the avowed purpose of the organization, which is a secret one, with lodges, passwords, etc., is to maintain the price for threshing grain. It is about three years old.

This combination for the maintenance of a uniform price does not appear to please the farmers, who are beginning to fear extortion, and to guard against this evil, are planning the formation of mutual threshing companies, much as they have planned mutual creamery companies. Local threshing machine dealers, who have had more or less success in getting their money for threshing machines sold, are inclined to believe that it is better for all parties concerned that the threshers should organize in order to prevent the cutting of prices. This insures that machines will be paid for. Inasmuch as the T. N. P. A. has put the business on a more reliable basis, the agents are not inclined to view with special approbation the advent of another factor in the shape of the farmers' mutual. This is the sentiment of the threshing-machine agents in Minneapolis seen today. Another man on implement row who does not handle threshing machines, shed a little light on the subject by explaining:

"When the average farmer buys a threshing machine he gives a mortgage on his farm for it. Then he starts out to work. So do several of his neighbors, perhaps. They begin to underbid each other to get the business, and the result is that in a season or so they go bump and the threshing machine companies own the machines and the farms too. That is what the threshing machine companies want to avoid. They would rather see the farmer make enough out of his machine to pay for it. The average thresher is not a very good business man and the combination will probably insure better threshing and better business conditions all around."

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