

GOSSIP FROM SKANDINAVIA

The Helsingborg Post recently discussed a plan which the paper claims to be receiving considerable attention in political circles, and which has for its aim a union of the Scandinavian countries. In Germany, the paper says, a number of separate states, by uniting themselves into one aggregation, succeeded in establishing a powerful empire which outwardly is an indivisible unity and inwardly a combination of individual states having rulers of their own. Would it be impossible to unite three countries whose population is far less heterogeneous than that of Germany? The first step would be to let Norway have a king of her own, and for this position the advocates of the plan are proposing Prince Carl of Sweden, who is married to Ingeborg, a Danish princess. But the army, the navy and the foreign representation of the three countries would have to be common. This arrangement would not only save considerable money, but Scandinavia would be far stronger than at present as compared with the neighboring powers. A certain territory, something like the District of Columbia in the United States, would have to be set aside for the government buildings, and joint institutions, such as a legislature and a council, would have to be established. The oldest of the three kings should preside at the executive sessions of the joint cabinet. The paper closes this interesting discussion by declaring that this plan seems no more strange than the plan of uniting Germany into one empire seemed to the petty German states fifty years ago. Besides, the paper adds, this plan has the advantage of solving the vexed Norwegian question. Finally, the editor of this department would beg leave to say that he never ran across a more practical plan than the above for uniting the Scandinavian countries into one political entity.

Prince Gustaf Adolf, oldest son of the crown prince of Sweden and Norway, is about to become engaged to Princess Cecile Augustine Marie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, sister of Grand Duke Frederic Francis and also of Princess Alexandrine Augustine, Denmark's future crown princess. Princess Cecile is 17, and, thru her mother, Grand Duchess Anastasia, is related to the Russian imperial family. By this engagement the future kings of Denmark and of Sweden and Norway will ultimately become brothers-in-law, while the policy of preparing for the merging of the two crowns in one person, inaugurated

by the Swedish Princess Louise's marriage with the Danish crown prince, will be continued.

The following item contains some changes in statements made on the same subject in a previous issue of this paper. From Abbazia it is reported that King Oscar will drive there in the first part of January, 1904, with a large suite, and that he will stay there for about four months. The lord-marshal has rented the whole of "Villa Jeanette," which contains 60 rooms. The royal pleasure yacht, Drott, and horses and carriages will be sent from Sweden for the use of the royal party. Abbazia is a fashionable watering place on the Hungarian coast of the Adriatic sea. It was the stay of Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria at this place which made it famous.

A number of Swedish and Norwegian pulp manufacturers held a convention in Kristiania and resolved to establish a central office for the sale of mechanical pulp, on the basis of an aggregate of 300,000 tons.

FINLAND.

Fire started while no one was present in the second story of a three-story store building in Botby, Helsing parish. It is supposed that a firebrand had dropped down from the chimney corner. Three families were living on the third floor, and four of their children were burnt to death. Three of them were from one to four years old, and the fourth one was a school girl.

SWEDEN.

Count Tage Thott has petitioned the king for permission to build an electric power station in a peat bog near lake Yddinge. As the location indicates, peat will be used for fuel, and wires will be strung for transmitting power to Skabersjo and Svedala. The cost of the plant will be about \$25,000.

A good authority claims that the consumption of timber in Sweden exceeds the growth by something like 3,000,000 cubic meters a year. About 20,000,000 cubic meters a year is used for domestic fuel.

The election of a bishop for the new diocese of Lulea will take place in the middle of January.

The new post office building in Stockholm was to be dedicated October 27th.

Almost \$75,000 is badly needed for deepening the entrance to Trelleborg harbor for the accommodation of the steamers running between Trelleborg and Sassnitz, Germany. The money will no doubt be furnished, partly by the national government, partly by the city of Trelleborg.

The crown prince has been causing havoc among the big game of late, having killed 49 stags on five

hunting grounds in southern Sweden.

A saw mill and a wooden shoe factory were destroyed by fire at Vernamo. The loss was about \$4,000.

The discussion of the subject of awarding the Nobel prizes of \$40,000 each for the year 1903 is carried on more openly than in former years. Prof. Sjogren, one of those who are entitled to propose candidates, has publicly declared that he is in favor of giving the physics prize to Marconi. The literary prize may be divided between Ibsen and Bjornson, unless the latter excuses himself from dividing honors with Ibsen. Swinburne is the candidate furnished for this prize by England, and Georg Brandes is backed by the Danish academy of sciences and a number of French writers. The chemistry prize may remain home. Prof. Svante Arrhenius having a very strong backing. Dr. Finsen of Copenhagen, the inventor of the method of curing lupus by means of rays of light, is almost sure of receiving at least one-half of the prize to be awarded to a man who has distinguished himself in the field of medical research.

Governor Bergstrom draws a dark picture of the economical condition of the people of some localities in Norrland. In Arjeplog the failure of the crops was complete, and it will take 500 tons of hay from other quarters to keep the stock alive until next spring. In Jukkasjarvi the shortage is 2,000 tons. In Arvidsjaur the condition is as bad as anywhere. In addition to the failure of the crops, the lemming pest is flooding the country, devouring even the roots of the grass. Emigration is fully as heavy as last year.

NORWAY.

Two Danes have translated Ibsen's complete works into good Russian, and the first volume of the Russian edition has appeared. This has started a curious discussion in literary circles in Russia. The translators declare that they have translated the works from the Danish. But two other translators declare with equal emphasis that Ibsen wrote in Norwegian, and these contrary statements started the discussion. Norwegian and Danish authors are quoted by both parties; but those who claim that Ibsen wrote in Danish are much closer to the truth than the others, the grammar being Danish, and the purely Norwegian words being few and far between.

Bjornson is developing into a model farmer, besides following his literary pursuits. He has just completed a new gristmill at his farmhouse. It is run by electricity, the power being furnished by a rivulet. This rivulet almost dries up in winter; but after a while the motive power will be furnished by water from the dam up among the mountains. There are

four stones which are kept running night and day. Bjornson has also bought a new threshing machine which is run by a petroleum motor, and which is doing the threshing of the neighborhood. At the close of the threshing season the motor will be used for sawing wood, and in that capacity it will make its second round of the neighborhood.

A hunting party of which the crown prince was the leading member killed 69 hares at Hanko, near Fredrikstad.

Mr. Brenne of Trondhjem, a member of the storting, was granted permission to stay away from the storting a whole year in order to be present at the construction of a new dyeing establishment in place of one that was destroyed by fire. The three Socialistic members of the storting voted against granting the permission.

The herring fisheries are still giving very satisfactory returns. Up to Oct. 20 the amount of "fat herring" salted down was 460,000 barrels, which is almost as much as the total catch of this grade of herring for the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901!

Dr. Hvoslief of Lier gave a lecture on cancer which has aroused great interest among the medical fraternity. Dr. Hvoslief has found a perfect hotbed for this dreadful disease in his neighborhood, no less than eight persons having died from cancer within a short time. Cancer has not been considered contagious; but in this case it actually seems to have become epidemic. The lecture has been printed, and it will soon appear in foreign periodicals.

The last rail on the Valdres railroad between Dukka and Jonsansen has been put down. This line is about 40 (English) miles long.

At Tomset, a station on the Kristiania and Trondhjem railway, twelve buildings burned down in the middle of the night. No one was injured. The train had to stop an hour and a half before it could pass the burning buildings. The loss was \$50,000.

The vegetarian society of Kristiania served a vegetarian dinner to a select crowd of 120 men and women, and most of the guests were surprised to find that "a square meal" does not necessarily include flesh foods.

Mikkel Berge Welleland of Egersund died at the age of 103 years and seven months. At the time of his death he was the oldest man in Norway. Five generations of descendants mourn his death.

Invitations were sent to 2,100 persons to attend a grand ball in the royal palace, Kristiania, Oct. 20. The king and the crown prince and princess were in attendance. The crown prince danced with Mrs. Prof. Nansen and four other prominent Norwegian ladies.

At Nordvigsund, Yttero, some fishermen had good and bad luck at the same time. In the middle of the night dense shoals of herring surged against their nets so that they filled their boats in a few minutes. But what remained of the nets was carried away by the fish and lost.

ATTEMPT IS SUCCESSFUL.

S. F. Cody Finally Crosses Channel in His Kite-Boat—Trip Takes Thirteen Hours.

London, Nov. 9.—After several failures S. F. Cody Saturday succeeded in crossing the channel in his kite boat. He left Calais at 11 o'clock Friday night and reached Dover 13 hours later. He encountered much shipping and had some narrow escapes.

Cody had previously made two unsuccessful attempts to cross the channel from Dover to Calais in a collapsible boat drawn by a kite on October 10 and November 4, respectively. The kite he employed was somewhat on the principle of a box kite and was capable of lifting several tons. The boat weighed four tons and was decked with canvas. It resembled a miniature submarine boat. A combined steering gear manipulated the kite and the boat's rudder alike and enabled Cody to maneuver with comparative ease.

Schooner Missing.

Marquette, Wis., Nov. 9.—The little schooner Rosebud of Menominee, Mich., is missing. She left here three weeks ago for Cheboygan, Mich., and has not been heard from since. It is believed she has gone down in Lake Michigan with George and Edward Cota, sons of the owner, who were sailing her, and their sister, Miss Belle Cota, who was steward. The boat was 90 feet over all, and was valued at about \$5,000.

Bryan Admitted as Executor.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 9.—In the probate court Saturday William J. Bryan was admitted to act as executor of the will of Philo S. Bennett, an objection to him made by Mrs. Bennett's counsel being overruled. The amount of the bond was fixed at \$350,000. Counsel on both sides indicate that an appeal will be taken.

Memorial to Victoria.

London, Nov. 9.—In memory of the "best of mothers-in-law," is the tribute to the late Queen Victoria, inscribed on a memorial just erected at the royal mausoleum at Frogmore. The memorial is a beautiful statue of the Saviour, 17 feet high, sculptured and sent from Denmark at the expense of Queen Alexandra.

Death Due to Accident.

Waterloo, Ia., Nov. 9.—The coroner's jury found that John Rush, president of the Swelm Gas company, who was found dead on the floor of his office in this city a week ago, and who was believed to have been murdered, died of injuries accidentally inflicted by a fall.

CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Discusses Matters of Legislation for Regular Session with Senators.

THE SUBJECT OF CUBAN RECIPROCITY IS BROUGHT UP

No Legislation Regarding New Republic of Panama Necessary, Although President May Be Authorized to Conduct Canal Negotiations with Country.

Washington, Nov. 9.—A conference to review the work to be done at the extra session of congress and to discuss matters of legislation during the regular session was held at the white house Saturday between President Roosevelt and Senators Allison, of Iowa; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Cullom, of Illinois; Platt, of Connecticut; Hale, of Maine, and Spooner, of Wisconsin. The conference lasted over an hour, but it was stated by the senators on leaving the white house that the exact form of legislation to put Cuban reciprocity into effect had not been decided upon.

In view of the prompt action of the administration in recognizing the new republic of Panama, it was stated that no legislation on that subject would be absolutely necessary, although it might be desirable to give the president authorization to conduct canal negotiations with the new republic. An indorsement by congress of the president's action in recognizing the republic of Panama may take the form of providing diplomatic agents for the new republic.

The question of financial legislation was discussed, but no conclusion looking to a change of the general understanding that no general financial legislation will be undertaken at the called session was reached.

Democrats Choose Candidate.

At the caucus of the democratic members of the house of representatives John S. Williams, of Mississippi, was unanimously chosen as the candidate for speaker of the house.

REPORT ON GINNED COTTON.

Census Department Issues a Bulletin—Figures Show Considerable Decrease.

Washington, Nov. 9.—A bulletin issued by the census bureau Saturday on the cotton ginned from the growth of the present year up to October 18 places the amount at 3,839,627 commercial bales, as against 5,925,872 bales ginned up to the same date last year.

The complete returns on production for 1902 showed that 53.5 per cent. of the total crop had been ginned prior to October 18 of that year, but that percentage of the ginners prior to October 18 of this year cannot be known until the final report for the year is made. Meantime two other reports were submitted, on November 18 and December 18. The statistics for the present year were collected by 631 local agents, who found that 27,723 ginners had been operated prior to October 18, while to the corresponding date last year 29,314 ginners had been operated. The only comment made in the bulletin on the falling off of this year's production is the following:

"In comparing the statistics of the two years due allowance must be made for the different conditions of the two seasons."

AGREEMENT NEAR AT HAND.

Report from Berlin Says Russo-Japan Difficulties in Far East Will Soon Be Settled.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—The negotiations between Russia and Japan have so far advanced that it is officially stated that the announcement of a settlement may be expected soon.

The terms of the agreement are not disclosed here. It is only reported that a friendly adjustment of the differences between Russia and Japan is now as good as reached, and that all prospect of war has disappeared. The foreign office, having this knowledge, has received the Vienna report, that the czar and Emperor William have signed a far eastern alliance, with smiling incredulity. The officials here say it is one of those idle inventions that follow any meeting of sovereigns. No such agreement has been signed. Germany's interest in the far east is regarded as being of too slight a character to justify her in even contemplating war in any eventuality. Russia could offer no consideration, now or in the future, sufficient to bring Germany into a war with Great Britain.

Serve Papers on Dowle.

New York, Nov. 9.—John Alexander Dowle, who is to depart from Zion City Monday, has been served with papers in a suit by the keeper of a Lexington avenue boarding house for \$560 unpaid board, alleged to have been contracted by Deacon Corlette, acting as agent for the restoration host. Dowle's legal representative declares no such contract was entered into for the members of the "host."

Seed Merchants Assign.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—A receiver has been appointed for D. Landreth & Sons, seed merchants. The liabilities are about \$150,000, and the assets much less. The house is one of the oldest in the country, having been financed in 1784 by David Landreth, who came from England.

THE FUNERAL OF PROF. MOMMSEN

Services Held in the Emperor William Memorial Church at Berlin.

CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM IN ATTENDANCE

Great Number of Scholars, Ambassadors, Cabinet Ministers and Foreign Delegates Also Present—Services in Charge of Prof. Harnack in Accordance with Will.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—The funeral of Prof. Mommsen, the historian, took place Thursday. A great number of scholars, ambassadors, cabinet ministers and foreign delegates were present. Crown Prince Frederick William represented the emperor.

The services were held at the Emperor William Memorial church. The emperor sent a bouquet of chrysanthemums and palms, which the crown prince laid at the head of the bier.

Prof. Mommsen's children, of whom 12 of the 16 are living, occupied the chancel with the grandchildren. Frau Mommsen, the widow, was too ill to attend.

Among the cabinet ministers present were Secretary of the Interior Von Posadowsky-Wehner, Minister of Commerce Moeller, Minister of Instruction Studt and Minister of Agriculture Von Pöbelski. The burgomasters of Berlin and Charlottenberg, hundreds of university professors, literary men and artists and delegations from the Vienna, Leipzig and other universities were among the congregation. The octogenarian artist, Menzel, one of the few surviving contemporaries of Mommsen's early manhood, occupied a front seat.

The corps of students in medieval uniforms of striking colors with gold-fringed banners emblazoned with the corps' insignia, stood in the background around the walls of the church.

Prof. Harnack, who was appointed in Prof. Mommsen's will to be the only speaker at the historian's funeral, pronounced the eulogy, preceding his discourse with reading the Nineteenth Psalm, and the choir sang hymns. With these exceptions, the services were not of a religious character. The funeral procession to Trinity churchyard passed between crowds of people standing bareheaded. A royal carriage followed the hearse, but it was empty, the crown prince having been driven to the palace immediately after the services.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEETING

Twenty-second Congress of the Religious Body Continues at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 6.—When the third session of the Twenty-second congress of the Protestant Episcopal church opened Thursday in the Carnegie hall, Allegheny, there was only a small attendance. All interest in the congress centers in the topic scheduled for Friday, when the question will be discussed, "Is it desirable to change the name of this church?"

The topic for Thursday's session was "The evidential value of Christian experience," papers being read by Rev. W. R. Breed, of Lancaster, Pa., and Rev. Frederick Palmer, of Andover, Mass., and Rev. Charles L. Statery, of New York.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

Pueblo Title & Trust Company Bank Forced to Wall by Collapse of Victor (Col.) Institution.

Pueblo, Col., Nov. 6.—As a consequence of the failure Wednesday of the First national bank, of Victor, Col., the Pueblo Title and Trust company, capital, \$250,000, did not open for business Thursday. The trust company is controlled by the Woods investment company, which also owned the Victor institution.

Cripple Creek, Col., Nov. 6.—The bi-metallic bank, of Cripple Creek, failed to open its doors Thursday. A notice on the door announced "bank closed, statement later."

Trial Begun.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 6.—The trial of Joseph Killoran commenced in the United States district court here Thursday. Killoran is charged with complicity in the robbery of a safe in the private office of Postmaster Ridgely, of this city, at noon, April 3, 1895. The robbers secured \$5,000 in postage stamps and \$1,200 in silverware, the latter wedding presents of Postmaster Ridgely's daughter, wife of Mayor Devereaux.

Nixon on Witness Stand.

New York, Nov. 6.—The taking of testimony in the proceedings before United States Examiner Oliphant for the appointment of a permanent receiver for the United States Shipbuilding company was resumed Thursday, with Lewis Nixon on the witness stand. Following Mr. Nixon, it is probable that Charles M. Schwab or Max Pam, his personal counsel, will take the stand.

Appointment.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The president appointed Daniel Thew Wright, of Cincinnati, to be justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, vice Justice Hagner, resigned. He also reappointed James A. Gill on the supreme bench of Indian Territory.

Great Bargain Sale

AT

A. Peterson's Furniture Store

In a great store like this there frequently accumulates some goods that are slightly damaged or a little out of date.

I have some goods of this kind that I shall sell at astonishingly low prices.

Davenport Reclining Settee, worth \$22, goes for \$12.00.

\$8.00 Rocker for \$4.50.

12.00 Rocker for \$6.00.

6.75 Swinging Rocker for \$5.00.

Good Second hand Upholstered Rocker \$3.00.

Ladies' Genuine Mahogany Desk, slightly damaged by water, worth \$16.00, goes for \$8.00.

Fine Second hand Book Case, worth \$40.00, goes at \$16.00.

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