

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Principal Events Gathered in the Old Scandinavian Countries

A fire at Provi station destroyed over 4,000 railroad ties, and some cars standing on the track were also damaged before the fire was put out.

August Strindberg, the dramatist, is very sick. But his pain do not prevent him from taking active part in discussing the manner in which his plays are to be handled at the theaters.

NORWAY

The Red Cross of Norway has received a gift of \$3,000 from Gen. Thanelow.

Permission has been granted for opening a drug store at Sandnessjoen, Stames, Nordland.

The finest tourist ship ever owned by Norwegians has been put in service in southern Norway.

Albert Gron, a shipowner at Sandefjord, has established a fund of \$2,700 for combating tuberculosis.

It is said that a barrel factory having a daily capacity of 500 barrels a day is to be started at Tangen.

The people of Bergen consume one-third of a quart of milk a day per inhabitant, while in Kristiania the consumption is half a quart.

At the Hensaaen farm in Modrem, no less than nine brothers and sisters have died of consumption. There is some talk of burning the building to the ground.

Three men at Kvanangen were lost on a trip to Skjorvo to get a motor for the fishing boat that they were using. Only one-half of their boat and their caps were found.

The so-called "liberal church people" of Norway have held their fourth convention. These people wish to keep the state church but they think it ought to be reformed along certain lines.

A man named Stennessen, who had been in the service of the fire department of Stavanger for 27 years, lost his life in a building which was on fire. He was picked up dead from the floor of the second story, and paralysis is supposed to have been the immediate cause of his death.

The English coal trade has caused a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Norwegian shipping industry. Several thousand tons of Spitzbergen coal came very handy in this pinch. About 15,000 tons will be mined in Spitzbergen this year. Spitzbergen coal is as good as the best dug in England.

The cabinet appointed Bishop P. W. K. Bockman of Trondhjem and Rev. Hans Nilsen Hauge of Skien to go to America to represent the church of Norway at the "annual meetings" of the Norwegian-Lutheran church associations which are to take place in June. They are also going to attend an unusual ceremony at Moorhead, Minn., namely, the unveiling of a granite monument—bustasten—of Norway's greatest evangelist, the grandfather and namesake of one of the above visitors, Hans Nielsen Hauge.

Mrs. Laurits S. Swenson of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the United States ministers to Norway, died a few days ago in Kristiania. Mrs. Swenson, who was Miss Ingeborg Idegaard of Norseland, Minn., was married to Mr. Swenson in 1887. They lived at Albert Lea till Mr. Swenson was appointed minister to Denmark. They lived in Copenhagen eight years. Upon their return they located in Minneapolis. Mr. Swenson assisting in ork, of which he became vice president. In 1910 he was appointed minister to Switzerland. Mr. Swenson last June was transferred from Switzerland to Norway. King Haakon sent a personal representative to the funeral of Mrs. Swenson, and the whole of the members of the diplomatic corps, some of them with their wives, as well as the members of the Norwegian cabinet and a representative of the king of the American colony attended.

Mr. Enebo, the plan school master who stole a march on the astronomers of the world by discovering a new star, says that his star is getting smaller and smaller. It has come down to the seventh size, and if it keeps on dwindling at the present rate, he says, it will disappear in a couple of years.

G. S. Hovde, at Orlandet, near Trondhjem, is a farmer who makes it a specialty to raise hogs, and he took pride in announcing that from 9 p. m., April 10, to 2 p. m. the next day 70 healthy little grunters were born in his pig-sties.

There are many good people in the Scandinavian countries that feel pretty uneasy about the increasing strength of the temperance element and the prohibitionists. A few years ago a number of prominent Norwegians started a society called "For Freedom and Culture and Against Prohibition and Coercion," as a means of checking the aggressive prohibition propaganda. The object of the society was too plain, and the public soon learned to look upon it as a boose concern. The ridicule heaped upon the leaders was too much, and the society is as quiet as a mouse. Under such circumstances it is interesting to note that a similar society

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Sweden

Prince Wilhelm made a short trip on a biplane at Nice. Upon landing he told his wife with enthusiasm what an immense pleasure he had found in flying.

Some students at Upsala intend to work on the farm during the summer vacation. One farmer offers \$4 a month, with board and traveling expenses.

The Sultan of Turkey, by his ambassador in Stockholm, has expressed his great satisfaction with the parlor set made for his majesty by C. E. Jonsson & Co., Stockholm.

The Swedish government has entered upon negotiations with the company controlling the Marconi wireless service with a view of building a station in Stockholm, which is to be connected with the wireless system of the world.

Sixteen farms in southern Sweden have been visited by the hoof and mouth disease, and about 900 head of cattle have been killed and destroyed at the expense of the government. Hundreds of hogs and chickens have also lost their lives on account of the disease.

Einar Johansson, the head of the Mormon propaganda in Sweden, and Rev. Col. Carlquist and his wife have started a libel suit against H. Key, the publisher of Svenska Dagbladet, on account of an article in that paper under the heading, "The Mohammedans of the Western Hemisphere."

The article was written by Rev. E. Asler.

A regular cat pest has broken out in Falkoping. The first symptoms are vomiting, and the animals die in two or three days. Dead cats have been found in great numbers in the out-boards of the city.

Politics

The Republican state convention at Provo, Utah, named eight delegates to Chicago and instructed them for President Taft.

Champ Clark will have 22 of the 24 Michigan delegates to the Democratic national convention and Woodrow Wilson the other eight. If, when the delegates reach Baltimore, it should decide to vote as a unit, Clark will have all.

Modest Abbe Delille. It is said that the French Abbe Delille once had in his household a very quick tempered relative, with whom he sometimes had animated disputes and who sometimes went so far as to throw books at the abbe. The abbe must have been a person of great amiability and self control. Once, when a particularly large and heavy volume was thrown at him, he caught it gracefully and said:

"My dear friend, I must beg of you to remember that I prefer smaller gifts."

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Emma Goldman, the noted anarchist, was driven from the city of San Diego, Cal., by a vigilance committee, and her manager, Dr. Ben Rattman, treated to a coat of tar and feathers, branded with "I. W. W.," forced to kneel and kiss the American flag and to promise that he would not return to the city.

The International Sunshine society met in Rochester for its fourteenth annual convention.

On the ground that no intention on the part of the Steel corporation to destroy evidence bearing upon the government's dislocation suit had been shown, Judges Gray, Huntington and McPherson in the United States district court at Trenton, N. J., refused to grant the injunction prayed for by the government to restrain the trust from making away with any of these papers.

Thirteen men were killed in a cave-in at the Norris mine at Ironwood, Mich. While working in a pit the ground started to crumble. Rushing into another drift which they believed would be safe, the men were buried.

Members of the National Wholesale Grocers' association met in St. Louis for their sixth annual convention.

Ray Wheeler, amateur aviator, is dead and Pete Glasser, a companion, is probably fatally injured as the result of a plunge into a telegraph pole at Kinloch park, St. Louis.

The General Society Daughters of the Revolution met in Boston, with President General Addine Frances Fitz in the chair.

Personal

Rev. Dr. Homer C. Stunts was elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church at the general conference in Minneapolis on the first ballot, receiving 577 votes out of a possible 802.

Rev. Dr. Mark Allison Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, Wash., was chosen as moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Louisville, Ky.

A strong, healthy baby boy weighing 9 1/2 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley in Washington, D. C. Doctor Wiley is bubbling over with joy.

Gen. Joseph W. Duncan, U. S. A., commanding the department of Texas, is dead, at San Antonio, Tex., of heart failure. He was to have been in command of the troops to be sent to the border at the first intimation of trouble with Mexico.

Close friends of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in New York announce that she is the mother of a nineteen-months-old boy baby. The baby is said to have been born near Hamburg, Germany, where the mother was temporarily sojourning. In contradiction of these statements representatives of the Thaw family denied the paternity of the child and even questioned its existence.

Foreign

Christian X. was proclaimed king of Denmark from the balcony of the palace at Copenhagen in the presence of a huge concourse of people, who had gathered in the square in front of the royal palace.

The body of King Frederick VIII. of Denmark, who died at Hamburg, Germany, under tragic circumstances, now lies in state in the Christianborg palace at Copenhagen.

Consul General Louis Henry Ayme is dead at Lisbon, Portugal. Mr. Ayme had been in the diplomatic service many years. He passed through the Martinique disaster and called to the United States the first account of the catastrophe. He was fifty-seven years old.

Victor L. Mason, president of the board of trade of Passaic, N. J., and who was private secretary to Secretary of War Alger during the Spanish-American war, and an intimate friend of Taft, was instantly killed in London, England, in an airplane crash which also proved fatal to the pilot, E. V. D. Fischer.

Octave Garnier, who, since the sensational death of Bonnot some days ago, has been the acknowledged leader of the motor car bandits who have terrorized Paris for months, was killed by a charge of melinite placed against the wall of a little villa in a suburb of Paris, where for 12 hours he and a companion, Vallet, had held almost the entire police force of Paris at bay.

Japan is to adopt the juvenile court system as instituted and conducted by Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver according to Shinguan Motoji, counselor of justice of Japan, who visited the juvenile court at Denver.

Ed. Callahan, the second most famous of all Kentucky feudists and chief lieutenant of the notorious Judge Hargis, is dead. He succumbed to the three gunshot wounds inflicted upon him by ambushed assassins a week ago at Crockettville, Ky.

John Chromy General Merchant Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shoes, Groceries, Etc.

E. Mossberg, Willmar, Minn.

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NEWS FROM FATHERLAND

A Brief Resume of the Most Important Happenings in the German Empire.

A most happy event is anticipated in the family of the future heir apparent of Austria-Hungary.

The German settlement at Uladbesam, Morocco, has been devastated by Arab troops, and a torch was applied to the buildings. It is said that the commanders of the troops were Frenchmen.

Erl, a little village in the Austrian Tyrol, just across the line between Tyrol and Innsbruck, is about to stage a rival passion play to the one that is given at Oberammergau. It is more than a century since the passion play was given at Erl every ten years, but the place is entirely off the tourist track and is little heard of now.

The villages on learning of the fortunes made by the Oberammergau folks determined to profit by their example and add commercialism to piety and to foster tourist trade.

"Charming" is the right word for Berlin this time of the year. The kaiser's capital is looking its finest for the throngs of American visitors who are now arriving on every steamer.

The life of the city of Berlin is characterized by a spell of winter weather, with frost and snowstorms, but May has been accompanied by ideally reasonable conditions. The beautiful Tiergarten has sprung into leaf and blossoms like magic and the summer gardens and race courses, where society and tourists congregate, are in full blast.

Message from Gmunden say that the castles of the Archduke Johann Orth, which are situated in Orth, near Gmunden, will be sold to an American millionaire, who will spend the greater part of the summer there, and intends to convert the buildings into magnificent summer palaces. The name of the purchaser has so far been kept secret. An official declaration of the death of Johann Orth was published some months ago. Orth castle consists of a country and a lake residence, massive buildings, with domed towers, dating from the fourteenth century. The lake castle rises on a small island in the Gmunden lake, being connected with the land by a picturesque bridge. It was constructed on the remains of a Roman castle.

Among the delegates from Germany to the world's Methodist conference in Minneapolis, was Rev. Wilhelm Schultz, D. D. He said that Kaiser Wilhelm is greatly interested in the Methodist work. "While the kaiser is a member of the state church, which is Lutheran, he is a friend of the Methodists," said Dr. Schultz. "We have seven delegates present from Germany, three laymen and four ministers. In Germany we have 30,000 members and nearly 40,000 Sunday school scholars. The church property is valued at \$1,000,000, and the cause of Methodism in Germany is prospering. The labor question is the most vital problem in Germany, and is giving both the emperor and the government much trouble. Where it will end only God knows."

Count Paul Wolff-Meternich has resigned his office as German ambassador to Great Britain, and the name of Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, at present German ambassador at Constantinople and Germany's foremost diplomat, has been submitted to the British government as his successor. The nomination as ambassador to London of a statesman of Marschall von Bieberstein's prominence, according to an inspired dispatch from Berlin to the Kolnische Zeitung, shows the importance that Germany attaches to its relations with Great Britain. The dispatch intimates that the new ambassador will initiate a somewhat altered policy toward England, although definite developments cannot be expected until he has familiarized himself with the ground.

There are only six Social Democrats in the Prussian house of deputies. But they are favored and united on account of their successful filibustering tactics. One incident will suffice to show how far matters are carried. A Social Democrat named

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