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OF INTEREST TO SCANDINAVIANS

News Gathered in the Fatherland and Elsewhere.

NEW LINE TO UNITED STATES

The Swedish-American Transatlantic Steamship Company incorporated at Gothenburg—Norway and Sweden Closer Together Than Before Dissolution of Union—Interesting Comment on Dr. George Brandes' Recent Tour of the United States.

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Hjalmar Nilsson, secretary for the American committee for promoting an up-to-date direct passenger and mail steamship line between Gothenburg, Sweden's western port, and New York or Boston, has been notified from Stockholm that the Swedish-American Transatlantic Steamship company had been incorporated at Gothenburg, with a minimum capital of 10,000,000 crowns, equal to \$2,700,000. About \$250,000 has been subscribed in the United States. Henry Skantz, who spent a few months in this country last summer, has written Mr. Nilsson that the present secretary of the Swedish navy, Daniel Brostrom, will head the new line. If Sweden can avoid being involved in the war Mr. Nilsson believes the new line will be started shortly.

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Owing to the fact that Dr. Sven Hedin has shown such pronounced sympathy for the Germans the French Geographical Society has decided to eliminate him as an honorary member of that organization and will also persuade the Legion of Honor to eliminate him from the distinction of further having his name connected with that distinguished organization. Dr. Hedin some time ago visited Germany and was the guest of the German emperor. On returning to Sweden he was so pronounced in his sympathy for the Germans that it aroused marked comment in many parts of the country. Dr. Hedin is the leader of the war party in Sweden, but his propaganda has received but little sympathy.

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The Swedish press is indignant over the planting of floating mines along the coast of Finland, which has resulted in the loss of three large Swedish steamers and the drowning of forty men. Navigation of Finnish wa-

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L. E. COVELL BECOMES CASHIER OF NEW BANK

New Farmers' State Bank of New London Elects Officers and Directors.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers' State Bank was held at the council room last Thursday afternoon at which time all stock was subscribed, directors elected and articles of incorporation adopted. Dr. M. O. Opegaard, A. T. Thorne, L. E. Covell, P. O. Johnson, Ole Ringness, F. H. Smithson and A. J. Johnson were elected to serve as directors. Dr. Opegaard will be president of the institution, A. T. Thorne, vice president and L. E. Covell, cashier. The latter named is an attorney and in connection with his duties at the new bank will open a law office in the village. Temporary fixtures will be immediately placed in the Erick Olson building where the bank will do business until spring when they expect to erect a modern building.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

To Be Addressed by Prof. McGuire of the University Extension Division on the Subject of Dairying.

- Hawick, Tuesday, December 22, 10 a. m., at hall.
- New London, Tuesday, December 22, 1:30 p. m., town hall.
- Spicer, Tuesday, December 22, 8 p. m., school house.
- Kandiyoht, Wednesday, December 23, 10 a. m., creamery.
- Atwater, Wednesday, December 23, 2 p. m., at hall.
- Harrison, Wednesday, December 23, 8 p. m., Harrison school house.
- Lake Elizabeth, Thursday, Dec. 24, 2 p. m., at Lake Elizabeth creamery.

PIANO TUNING.

Expecting to be at Willmar from Dec. 28 to 31, I will attend to any piano tuning for which orders may be left with Lee Music Co., or And. Peterson's furniture store. Gustavus Johnson.—Adv.

OUR GREAT Christmas Candle Contest

On Monday, December 28, a big candle will be lighted in our show window and be allowed to burn down. At the very second that the flame goes out a stop clock will record the time. The exact time when this candle will cease to burn will be a matter of much speculation and calculation by our customers. The first customer who guesses nearest to the exact time will be given a \$15 Suit Case. The ten persons guessing nearest to the exact time that the candle goes out will each be refunded the money paid for the purchase represented by the guess. There is no restriction as to the number of times you may guess, except that one guess is given for each purchase of goods at our store.

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The Young Men's Store

ters hitherto has been unimpeded and no warning of the laying of mines has been given. Captains of Swedish steamers reaching Stockholm declare they saw German warships near the Finnish coast, consequently the strewing of mines in these waters is credited to the Germans. Traffic in Finnish waters is to be discontinued until they have been swept of mines.

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The people of Sweden are greatly interested in the news that recently came from Helingsfors to the effect that Russia is withdrawing her troops from that country and adding them to the main Russian armies which are fighting Germany and Austria. This action indicates that Russia no longer regards Sweden as an enemy and has

no further fears of a Swedish invasion of Finland. Needless to say, Russia's action has made a decidedly favorable impression upon the Swedish people.

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The banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City bank of New York announced on Dec. 3 a joint purchase of \$5,000,000 worth of two-year 6 per cent Swedish treasury notes, which will be publicly offered at par and secured interest. The proceeds of the loan, which is the first to be negotiated in the United States by a neutral European nation since the beginning of the war, will be used to purchase "various commodities" in the United States.

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Captain Amundson, the Swedish military attaché at Paris, has received permission to follow the French army and has departed for the front. He will thus be in a position to study the movements of the French army at close range and his reports to his Swedish military commission will be singularly interesting. Captain Amundson stands high in military circles in his home country.

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Verner von Heidenstam, the author and poet, who has been spending some time visiting relatives and friends in Stockholm, has again departed for some Southern European health resort, presumably in Italy, in order to regain his health. He but recently returned to Sweden from Carlsbad, Germany, where he had spent the last year.

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There is considerable dissatisfaction among the crews of Swedish warships over the fact that the government has given no indication when their enforced military service will be terminated. They feel that the danger to Sweden on account of the war has passed and that they ought to be given some assurance of release.

NORWAY.

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The following utterance in the Dagens Nyheter (Stockholm) has been received with praise and very favorably commented on by all Norwegian newspapers of prominence: "The union is dissolved. But who would in 1905 have dared to dream that within a decade it would develop that this catastrophe, so far from destroying the essential idea of the union, would, on the contrary, lead to a much closer friendship and make it more easy for Sweden and Norway now to stand together shoulder to shoulder in resisting every attack on the liberty and independence of the Scandinavian peninsula? There is now in both countries a feeling of closest friendship and of joy over that which happened in 1905."

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The Morgenbladet, the leading conservative paper of Norway, says in a recent editorial: "Under ever increasing burdens, under even new and more unreasonable demands on us, we have observed all the rules of strict neutrality—plus a number of new rules made for the occasion either in Germany or in England—and it would seem that this neutrality ought to mean something to us, and that we cannot allow ourselves to be pushed out of our position without making vigorous resistance. The closing of the North sea would in its consequences be a menace to our neutrality, and we do not propose going blindly into this danger."

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A recent London dispatch states that Lloyd's Steamship agency declares that the Norwegian steamer Ran, which reached Liverpool recently from New York, has been taken into custody by the British authorities and is being held as a prize. The steamship Ran was loaded by Barbe

& Co. of New York. At their office the statement went out that word had been received from Liverpool agents that the ship merely had been detained by British authorities for examination. The cargo of the Ran, it was said, consisted of varied commodities, among them cottonseed products, copper and leather.

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The North German Lloyd liner, Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which has been lying in the port of Bergen for some time, drifted ashore in a gale Dec. 4, according to Bergen dispatches. The ship is now fast on a sand bank. The Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, a vessel of 5,800 tons, piled before the war between Bremen and New York. After the outbreak of hostilities the boat was unable to make a German port and has been at Bergen and the neighboring port of Odde for a long time.

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Several days last week the southern coast of Norway was in the grip of a violent storm and the country was flooded. The water rose several feet in Christiania harbor and caused the smaller craft to break away from their moorings. The great wharf of Wylands was submerged and goods in the warehouses sustained serious damage. Fifty motor boats were wrecked at Moss. The Australian steamer India went ashore at Larvik, sixty-five miles southwest of Christiania.

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A dispatch from Christiania dated Dec. 3 states that King Haakon went to Trondheim that day, where he embarked on the battleship Harald Haarfagre for a cruise along the coast from Trondheim to Bergen in order to inspect the measures for defense taken in behalf of Norwegian neutrality.

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It is announced officially that the parliamentary Nobel committee has resolved not to sit this year for the distribution of the peace prize, says a Reuter's Telegram company dispatch from Christiania, Norway.

+++++ DENMARK. +++++
The Danish-American association devotes its quarterly bulletin for November to a travel sketch of the brief but highly interesting tour of Dr. George Brandes, the famous Danish critic, author and educator. Few European literary visitors have received as warm a welcome as Dr. Brandes and his spicy, original comments on nearly everything, with his readiness to discuss any question, endeared him to the American interviewers. The story begins with the meeting of Dr. Brandes on a revenue cutter in New York harbor and follows him to Yale and the great cities and universities of the country. The editorial comments of the Outlook, the Dial, the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Herald, the Literary Digest and the Minneapolis Journal are published in full. The natural wonder of the readers of this work is that a man of seventy-two years could survive the strenuous dinners and other social functions that were sandwiched in between his scholastic lectures.

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Girls of the Royal Danish ballet are placed in a serious dilemma. They cannot get their ballet shoes from Paris. The ballet shoes manufactured in Copenhagen are so heavy that the girls cannot dance with them. If the conditions do not improve the ballet master will be compelled to arrange ballets with naked foot dances.

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The personal thought—the spirit of the giving, determines the value of the gift. What, then, could be more fitting than your portrait for the Christmas remembrance—to carry your message of friendship? A dozen portraits in our splendid new folders solve at once a dozen perplexing gift problems. M. R. SIMONS, Photographer. Carlson, Block

Must Pay for the Paper.
Judge George Thomas, of Columbus, Neb., recently decided that if a man accepts a paper that is sent him he must pay for it. The decision was rendered in the case brought by the Columbus (Neb.) Telegram against a man for \$2.35. The Telegram had been sent to the man's home and he had accepted the paper. When called upon to pay for it he refused and suit was brought. When Judge Thomas heard the evidence he instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Telegram. Judge Thomas ruled that the old common law principle that what a man received and used he was bound to pay for applied in this instance.—Northfield News.

A Prose Poem.
Rev. Donald T. Grey, pastor of the Breckenridge Baptist church, offers this suggestion of the meaning of the Christmas Red Cross Seal: "Write out the Gospel of the Open Air, and then squeeze it down to the size of a postage stamp, illustrate it with a smiling Santa Claus, illuminate it with cheery red and green of holly, and bind it with a penny given to send a consumptive on his way whole and praising God—and when you have finished you will have a Red Cross Christmas Seal."



King Tuberculosis squeals Every time that you buy SEALS.

—George W. Swenson, who attends the "U." at Minneapolis, is expected home tomorrow, to spend the holiday vacation.



Mary Pickford in "The Toss of the Storm Country," at the Majestic Friday Evening.

—Ed. Johnson returned Wednesday from Fergus Falls, and will in the future reside on his farm near Lake Wagona.

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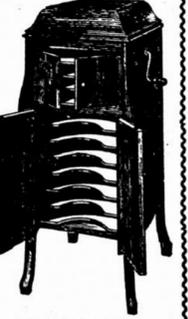
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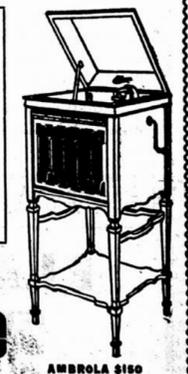
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