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1914 IS NORWAY'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

By Wm. Britt.
 On the seventeenth of May this year it will be one hundred years since the Norwegians tore themselves loose from the inglorious union with Denmark and re-established the old kingdom of Norway with a constitution more democratic perhaps than any republican form of government now in existence.

Norway is now preparing for a centenary celebration of her national independence to be held during the coming summer throughout the country, and also for a centennial exposition at Christiania from May 15 to October 15. Primarily this exposition has been planned to exploit the wonderful advancement Norway has made along development lines during the past century, and secondly to bring her sons and daughters together from all parts of the globe to get acquainted.

The directors of the exposition expect a tremendous rendezvous of Norwegians and Norwegian descendants, and it is learned from transportation sources that not less than 150,000 from the United States alone will attend the opening of the festivities.

The exposition is located in the beautiful vicinity of Christiania, and one of its main buildings is dedicated to and called "The Emigrated Norway." In this building everything will be done to make the visiting relatives feel at home. Besides, there will be exhibited photographs, pictures, paintings and other objects illustrating circumstances, conditions, homes and environments of emigrated Norwegians in all parts of the world.

Norway has every reason to be proud of her progress in the past century. Opposed by the powers of Europe, then allied against the great Napoleon, she forced herself to an independence.

With a population of less than three millions she has built up a merchant marine that is second only to England's and Germany's. With the aid of electricity she has developed wonderful industries in various lines. In art, literature, music and science she has produced men like Gude, Dahl, Thaulow, Skelbrot, Bjornson, Ibsen, Lee, Bull, Grieg, Munk, Abel, etc.

Illiteracy is unknown, and she stands today as one of the leading nations of Europe in general education and industrial progress.

WHITE SLAYER'S YOUNG WIFE GETS DIVORCE

FAIRBANKS, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Beaumont was granted an absolute divorce from her aged husband, Thomas H. Beaumont, in the district court Friday afternoon. However, the issuance of the final decree was continued for 30 days.

The defendant in the proceedings is now serving time in McNell's Island for white slavery, having been convicted and sentenced in October, 1912, to two years' imprisonment. He had been a merchant or trader at Fort Yukon for years, and is now said to be more than three score and ten years of age, while his wife is but 22. They have a child of about two years of age.

The story of the plaintiff, is the story of a mountain girl of California whose confidence in Beaumont was betrayed. It seems that the aged trader was a sort of Bule Beard; that he made a practice of going out each summer with his fur and duping some young girl in one way or another. On one of these trips he discovered the woman who was lately divorced from him, then a young 15-year-old, rustic beauty, who had never been away from her mountain home. With his old craft, Beaumont set about to get her. He pictured to her unsophisticated mind the wonders of the Golden North where she might reign over his luxurious household as an adopted daughter. He played the patriarch to her poor parents, and they consented to her making the journey. What followed was a natural consequence, considering the character of the old villain.

But Beaumont tried his game once too often. He went out again, and it seems, induced a couple of young girls to come North as companions to his wife. They got as far as San Francisco where government agents, not liking the look of things, took him into custody on the suspicion of his being a white slaver. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to a term in the Federal penitentiary on McNell's Island.—Fairbanks Citizen.

GLEANINGS OF THE GREAT NORTHERN EMPIRE
 The Yukon Gold company produced \$4,379,000 in gold at Dawson and Iditarod in 1913. This is a reduction of approximately \$200,000 from 1912. The Klondike output last year was \$3,780,000, and that of Iditarod \$799,000. The falling off at Dawson was \$195,000, and at Iditarod, \$4,000.

An effort is being made to have a regular mail route established between Dawson and Snag, on the White river, and to have new postoffices at Mouth-of-White, Donjek and Snag. Heretofore the mail has been sent up by special arrangement made by the postmaster without any definite contract.

A well known Klondiker who has just returned from a trip up the White river to the Chisana camp states that there is more genuine prospecting on

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the Canadian side of the line, in the White river valley, than in the whole Chisana district proper, on the Alaskan side.—Dawson News.

Cordova's chief of police has requested the city council of that place to pass an anti-dope ordinance similar to that recently adopted in Juneau. It is said at Cordova that "dope fiends" have moved from Juneau there since the taboo was put on the drug in the capital city.

In addition to Carl Larson, who was burned to death, the Fairbanks Citizen gives the following list of those injured in the Third Avenue Hotel fire at Fairbanks: "Dr." Cyrus C. Medill, spine injured in jump from third-story window. May Die. Ernest Foster, seriously burned about hands and forearms. Roy C. Hall, bookkeeper for N. C. Co., painfully cut about face and head. Injuries may be serious. J. Tod Cowles, miner, all hair burned from scalp. Roy Douse, stenographer, burned on back of neck. Barker, a miner from Fairbanks creek, feet injured in jump from window. Harry Badger, a miner, painfully cut in the hand.

The body of Michael Murray, the Dawson carpenter who died this winter near Snag, while on the trail, was brought down the White by a team of the White River-Chisana Commercial company's freight line a few days ago, and is at Mouth-of-White awaiting a freight team coming to Dawson.—Dawson News.

Walter R. Hammond, formerly employed in the Dawson postoffice, has been elected to be a member of the Vancouver, B. C., city council.

DOUGLAS PLANS ON IMPROVING BUILDINGS

As the spring approaches many Douglas people are beginning to plan improvements. Among them, Mr. P. H. Fox is seriously contemplating a decided change in his store front by moving several of his large display windows around to the D street side and changing the main entrance to the corner.

Along about the first of April the Odd Fellows will begin the work of renewing the foundation under their building on Second street. They may put a concrete basement under the entire building.—Douglas News.

SIA'S EXPECTS VALDEZ GROUP TO PAY

George W. Sias, president of Valdez Creek Placer Mines, says: "I figure the working time for this season about 70 days. As the gravel has shown by hydraulic operations in 1913 to run better than \$1.50 per cubic yard, I estimate that this season we will take out from \$200,000 to \$500,000 in gold.

"The new pipe line should be installed by July 1, 1914, and have a capacity of washing 4000 yards every 24 hours. "In 1915 we ought to be working in virgin ground where the gravel should run better than \$2.50 per cubic yard, and at that time the company ought to have a large earning capacity and pay dividends."—Boston News Bureau.

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