# NON-UNION MEN TO WORK MINES

Owners Will Force Issue at Goldfield.

"OPEN SHOP" FOR ALL TIME

Effort to Be Made Wednesday to Start the Pumps.

WILL BE SIGNAL FOR CLASH

Announcement to Be Made Today, When Trouble Is Feared-Both Sides Determined the Struggle Shall Be Fight to Finish.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 8 .- Wednesday has been definitely decided upon as the day for reopening the mines in Goldfield. An authoritative statement was made tonight that aiready sufficient men are on the ground to work the mines. The total number of those that have been quietly brought in and those who have secretly made application to return to their former positions is placed at 1000. There are about 1500 Western Federation men out. The men who are to take the places of the strikers are not to be housed at the mines, but will be scattered through the camp and protected, for each individual will be guaranteed protection by the Mineowners' Associa-

#### Open Camp for All Time.

Two propositions have been positively decided upon, the making of an open camp for all time and the early lowering of the wage scale. At the same time the Mineowners' Association is going to begin a vigorous crusade to lower the cost of living in Goldfield.

The scope of the Mineowenes' Association is to be greatly enlarged by the organization of the Nevada Mineowner's Association, of which the Gold Mineowners' Association will be a part. The new organization is already well under

The announcement of the decision to open the mines on Wednesday is to be made tomorrow at noon by the Goldfield Mineowners' Association, and it is ex-pected that some trouble may ensue.

## Pitch Camp Near Town.

nies of troops here the second detachment from Monterey having gone into permanent camp on Combination Hill, within 300 yards of the mill of the Goldfield Consolidated The first detachment which came from San Francisco remains in the camp established in the Northwestern part of the city a mile and a half from the nearest mine. Colonel Reynolds, commanding all of the troops here, is quartered in a tent in the first camp and will remain there. He refuses to say whether he will detail soldiers to patrol the mines when the attempt is made to reopen, but merely states that the troops are here to preserve order and that they are prepared to handle the situation. Sheriff Ingalls, of Esmerelda County. in which Goldfield is located, has gone away to some distant mines and the Sheriff's office is in the hands of Under-

arise from the attempt to reopen the mines. Both Sides Tell Troubles.

Sheriff Bert Knight, who asserts he is

amply able to handle any crisis that may

He has aworn in a dozen deputies. He characterizes the statements made by the mineowners that the union men are arming themselves and preparing to make belief, there will be no effort made to prevent the mineowners from working the mines with whatever men they may em-

telegram sent by the Sheriff to Governor Sparks, protesting against the appearance of Federal troops in Goldfield remains unanswered. There will be no co-operation between the local peace officers and the troops, in the event of

Statements are being issued to the publie by both the Mineowners' Association and the union miners, setting forth the views of both sides on the situation.

From what can be gathered, it seems that the Mineowners' Association was primarily responsible for the presence of the Federal troops here, but that it was not intended in the first place that troops

should be sent at this time. Import Men if Necessary.

It was intended to have them in readiness to respond to an urgent call, but when the fact became public that the sending of troops was contemplated, the Governor was told that it would be best to have the troops on the ground, as the miners were incensed over the fact of the troops being held in readiness to come and might commit violence at any minute.

The mineowners then saw the chance to take advantage of the presence of the troops here to begin preparations to

Deplat is made that miners from other camps are to be brought in, and the statement of the owners is that they be lieve enough men can be had in Goldfield to reopen during the present week, but at the same time the statement is made openly and positively that men from the outside will be brought in if the local men will not accept scrip

part payment, and go to work. There is but little denial of the state- | for the sce

owners have all along deliberately re-fused to guarantee the scrip in the manner demanded by the union with the intention of precipitating a struggle and settling, once for all, the question of union domination of Goldfield. Their statement is that they are worn out with the constant struggle between themselves and the union, and that they mean to maintain an open camp in the future and be free to employ whomsoever they will without question by the union.

All of the mines are picketed at presen by union men, and according to the state ment of the owners, it is impossible for the owner or manager of a property to dition it is in, much less to put men it the mine to work the pumps. But be surface that any preventive measure

#### are being taken by the union. Means Fight to Finish.

Both sides freely state that the fight on and that this is to be to a finish. and that they are prepared for it Neither side pretends that the question of accepting the scrip issued by the John S. Cook Company Bank was ever any thing more than an excuse to bring the whole long list of grievances on either side to an issue.

The day has been remarkably quiet Very few people visited the camps of the troops, and only a few of the soldiers were permitted to go about the streets. Martial law has not been proclaimed and the officers and troops have done nothing more than to make themselves

as comfortable as possible. The executive committee of the Mineowners' Association met tonight for the purpose of determining definitely upon the date upon which the mines will be opened, but to Captain Cox, the Governor's representative, the statement was made after the meeting that the decision had not been made and that the meeting will reconvene tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock formally to decide.

#### Frost Prevents Explosion.

This afternoon Colonel Reynolds held a onference with Charles H. McKinnon, President of the Goldfield Miners' Union at his headquarters in camp. Just what was said is not known, but it is asserted that Colonel Reynolds went over the situation with President McKinnon and told him the purpose of the Governor in requesting that troops be sent here and what the troops are presumed to do.

Colonel Reynolds had previously visited the scene of the attempt to blow up the director of the banking company. Offipower wires and light and telephone wires of the Nevada-California Power Company on Thursday night last. Enough powder was found to have destroyed the useful-ness of the plant for at least three months, according to the statement made to General Manager C. M. Hobbs, of the company, and the fallure of the attempt was due to the fact that about 50 feet of fuse was used, and the dynamite became frozen before the blaze reached it.

FEDERATION MAKES PROTEST

Says President Sent Troops to Goldfield for Personal Spite.

DENVER, Dec. 8.-The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners to-night issued the following statement concerning the present controversy between the Goldfield Mineowners' Associa-Mineowners' oldfield Miners' I tion and the Golds "On December 6, President Roosevelt proceed to Goldfield, Nev., tensibly for the purpose of protecting life and property. That there was ever by danger to either person or pre emphatically denied by the office Esmeralda County, and by the merchants and citizens of Goldfield. The only reason for the present trouble was the decision of the mine operators to force upon the miners a scrip that would not be taken the railroad company, the Wells-Fargo Express Company, the post office, the stores or the boarding-houses Neither would the mineowners guarantee that they would redeem this scrip at any time in the future.

'In refusing to accept this worthless scrip in exchange for their hard labor, miners of Goldfield are taking manly stand against the usurpation governmental functions by unreliable banking firms, which assume the right

"We desire to call the attention of the American people to the awful disaster at Monongah, W. Va., where 500 coal miners were murdered by the capitalist sysin its greed for profits. Had President Roosevelt been as anxious to force the laws in West Virginia, had he considered as well the protection of the lives of those miners by demandin that the mineowners safeguard their employes against unnecessary dangers, as he is to send the regular Army to crush an organization whose only aim is to better the conditions and make happier the lives of the working class, 500 blackened corpses would not today be laid upon the altar of greed at Monongah, W. Va., around which weep widowed

wives and orphaned children. "We protest agains, this action of Present Roosevelt, knowing that he was ani Western Federation of Miners and its officers. The moving of troops upon a peaceable community must be regarded at least as hasty and ill-advised, and we call upon the working class of the country to protest against this unwarranted and unprecedented action of mimic

FUNERAL OF MRS. TAFT

fare.

Body to Be Taken to Cincinnati to Lie Beside Her Husband's

MILLBURY, Mass., Dec. 8.-The funeral of Mry. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, who died early today, will be held Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, at Torry residence, the home of her sister, where she passed her last days. Rev. E. A. Putnam, pastor of the First Con-gregational Church, will conduct the

immediately following the services the body will be taken to Cincinnati where it will be buried beside that of Mrs. Taft's husband, Judge Alphonso Taft.

RACE RIOT IN GEORGIA

Town Marshal Slain by Negro and 200 Men Are on Way to Scene.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 8 .- The Marshal of Midville was killed by a negro this after-noon in a race riot. Unconfirmed reports say four others were killed. A train with 200 men is reported to have left Savannah

# BAY CITY BANKER IS UNDER ARREST

Felony Charge Against J. Dalzell Brown.

WARRANT FOR W. J. BARTNETT

California Trust Company Officials in Trouble.

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGE

Woman Who Is Contesting Colton Estate Induces District Attorney to Take Action-Sensational Allegations of Mismanagement.

BARNETT IS ARRESTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.-Late Bartnett was put under arrest at his home in Marin County midnight Brown was still held at the City Jail, being unable to se-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- J. Dalzell Brown, a prominent financier of this city and general manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, which closed its doors early in November, was arrested tonight on the charge of felony embezzlement. A warrant has also been issued for the arrest of W. J. Bartnett, a leading lawyer and a cers have gone to Bartnet's suburban home to serve the warrant. Brown is in custody pending the securing of a cash ball of \$100,000, or a bond of twice that amount.

Brown and Bartnett are accused of having hypothecated securities amounting to the sum of \$300,000 belonging to the Colton estate of which Bartnett was special administrator. The securities were placed in the bank by order of the court one year ago, pending the settlement of a suit to have Bartnett

## Woman Causes Arrests.

The warrants for the arrest of Brown and Bartnett were obtained today from the District Attorney's office by the attorneys for Helen Sacher, who is contesting for portion of the Colton estate. Mrs. Ellen M. Colton, widow of the late ordering Federal D. D. Colton, who was associated with Stanford and Huntington in the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad, died in 1905, leaving almost her entire estate to Mrs. Caroline Dahlgren, of Washington, D. C., one of her daughters, and bequeathing to her greatgrand-daughter, Helen M. B. Sacher, only \$1000. The will is now being contested in the courts of this state.

It is alleged that Mrs. Colton was induced to make the will as she did by undue influence exercised by Bartnett nd Mrs. Dahlgren.

Mr. Bartnett is vice-president and gen-

eral manager of the Western Pacific. Bank's Reserve Depleted.

The California Safe Deposit & Trust omnany closed its doors early in November, and yesterday, as the result of a report made by the State Bank Commission Governor Gillett ordered Attorney-General Webb to institute a suit for the appointment of a receiver. The report of the Bank Commission showed that the bank's indebtedness nearly \$9,000,000, and that bank had only a reserve of \$400,000, where the law requires \$1,800,000. The egotlable assets of the bank are It is charged by the Commission that

Albany-Pirst National ...... \$ 371,010.81

Astoria—
First National
Astoria National
Baker City—
Citizens' National
First National

Condon National .....

Benton County National... First National

Cottage Grove— First National .....

Dallas National .....

First National

First National .....

Union National .........

First National ...... 157,092.00

First National ..... 244,217.43

First National ..... 118,606.06

First National ...... 1,042,355.14 Commercial National .... 135,910.43

Sumpter—First National ...... 59,362.00
The Dalles—First National ...... 329,481.20

irst National ..... 48,819.26

First National ...... 37,474.32

National ..... 263,187.99

Arlington—First National ...... 122,705.90 \$ 12,500.00 Ashland—

48,444.53

634.194.69 433,774.22

117,500.56

535,517.23

426,524.64

#### WHAT OREGON IS DOING.

It has long been the annual custom of The Oregonian to issue a NEW YEAR'S EDITION reviewing the progress of the year in city and state and presenting, pictorially and in careful articles by informed writers, all the important facts about our leading industries. This year the NEW YEAR'S EDI-TION will pay particular attention to the horticultural developments of the year, the apple having a place of special prominence; but it will be a complete symposium of every other subject of interest, such as dairying, woolgrowing and cattle-raising, mining, commerce, shipping, agriculture and so on.

Railroad construction for the year, including inter-urban roads, will be fully described. No topic of value to the readers of the paper will be omitted. The state at large will have reason to look with pleasant anticipation for the forthcoming issue, since great space will be devoted to regions outside of Portland, though the remarkable advances made by the metropolis will be fully set forth.

The special articles are to be by selected writers, who know all about their subjects and how to tell what they know. The pictures will be of great value and interest, since they will be new, effective and representative. This is a good time to talk for Oregon and Portland, and The Oregonian is endeavoring to do its share. You may do yours by ordering a number of papers and sending them

the bank flagrantly violated the state banking laws, one violation specified being the acceptance of money when the bank was known to be insolvent.

#### Officers Borrowed Funds.

It is also charged that over \$3,000,000 was loaned to the officers of the bank and to companies in which they were interested; also that nearly \$6,000,000 was loaned on securities not listed and practically non-negotiable at present. W. J. Bartnett was administrator of the Colton estate, and it is alleged that over \$300,000 in trust funds of the estate held in the bank have disap-

peared. Bank Commissionar Sherrer, in a statement, said:

# Shocking Disclosures Made.

"In my investigations of the affairs of the bank. I found they had loaned a great deal of money on stocks of their own companies. They seem to have very few bonds on which they have loaned money. I found in my investi-gations they had \$875,000 of Western Retaining Pacific Railroad stock. I have been advised that within three hours before they closed they accepted a deposit of \$80,000 from a certain construction

before the closing they accepted a deposit of \$2500. "As far as I am able to figure out the bank's affairs, it has loaned \$5,900,000 on stocks with some value but are not easily convertible at this time. What these stocks may eventually realize in cash I don't pretend to say. The bank has also about \$5,000,003

of bills receivable, much of which has

company, and that within half an hour

good collateral. Many of these bills will be realized at par. The bank has about \$9,000,000 of savings and com-"I cannot predict how much of its various stocks and bills receivable can be realized at par, but it seems to me that in the process of liquidation the bank can realize a good deal of money

Bank's President Resigns.

quent return.

David F. Walker, president of the bank, has tendered his resignation. On (Concluded on Page 3.)

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF NATIONAL BANKS IN

OREGON, DECEMBER 3, 1907

187,208.88

62,147.48

115,000.00

75,938.18

49,008.65

47,672.75

360,878.60

46,017.78

8,044.15

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RESOURCES.

34,220.00 67,500.00

220,000,00

26,437.50 50,000.00

12,500.00

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22,500.00

147,200,00 104,955.81

12,500.00

25,000.00

6,784.88

25,000.00

8,882.40

# BANKS OF OREGON HOLD MUCH COIN

Legal Limit.

## **EXCELLENT SHOWING IS MADE**

Cent of Deposits.

#### ENJOY PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Than Half of National Institutions Outside of Portland

Since National banks of the class in

drawal of funds. They have steadly in

Retaining the confidence of their depositors, which is evidenced by the inreased deposits, these banks will be fully prepared to resume business as of old when the holiday lid is lifted next Monday. In fact, since the bank holidays were first proclaimed, October 29, severa of these banks have continued to tran-

## Margin Everywhere Large.

equals 61 per cent of all deposits. with 51 per cent.

and that the depositors can get a subse-

LIABILITIES

Deposits.

\$ 914,757.17

151,638.98

278,241.71

923,094.21 780,670.60

501,386;40 1,181,247.83

41,277.08 87,858.83

253,258.47

222,187.46

179,873,70

1,291,655.11

371,212,38

256,522,28

195,983,98

613,287.09

479,626.80

102,089.61 145,008.36

151,783.72

69,695.97

Surplus and undivided profits.

\$ 63,978.97

21,987.12

18,428,19

43,642.97 65,338.57

5,276.38

10,000.00 22,828.47

7,663.50

6,464.57

11,126,35

67,309.76

38,778.52

17,185,33

53,753.38 57,914.03

17,762.61

\$0,124.50 7,000.37

36,891.58

\$8,815,21

565.12 18,099.50

Capital

\$ 80,000.00

50,000.00

75,000.00

25,000.00

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75,920,20

132,704.77

434,680,12 834,635,31

241,795.09 472,466.79

61,093.87

129,207.91

81,821,03

TS,315.80

145,127.83

67,345.51

228,587.48 167,658.80

104,773.50

450,461.22

249,774.88

48,728.00

207,973.46

60,453.45 62,798.37

60,760.28

43,074,37

# weeks intervening since the August re \$64,927.21 to \$69,695.97; First Nation

Average in 27 Cases Is 44 Per

Reports to Controller Made by More

Indicate Fact.

Cash reserves averaging 44 per cent of their deposits are being carried by 27 of the 45 National banks in this state outside of Portland. This remarkable showing is made in the reports of these banks to the Controller of the Currency dated December 3, and it is believed to indicate a like state of affairs in the other National banks of the state from which The Oregonian had not received figures yesterday. At the time the report were made, less than a week ago, the ag gregate of deposits in the 27 banks was \$12,151,833.97 with cash in the vaults and due from other banks, available for reserve purposes, of \$5,328,586.91.

cluded in these statistics are required by law to carry as a reserve only 15 per cent of their deposits, it is apparent they are supplied with three times the reserve demanded by law

Few Banks Lose Deposits. The condition of these banks through out the state indicates a most healthy state of affairs. It has been the exception, rather than the rule, that any of these institutions during the recent disturbed conditions in financial circles has suffered a contraction in deposits. On the contrary, the strength of these banks has not been dissipated by any great withcreased their deposits and their cash or hand until they are better prepared than ever to meet the situation that has been precipitated by Wall street's frenzied

sact their regular banking business.

While the average reserve carried by these 12 banks is 44 per cent, every one has a safe margin of reserve, ranging from 27 per cent, or 12 per cent more than is required, to 61 per cent. Heading the list is the Benton County National Bank. of Corvallis, in which available cash Union National Bank, of Union, follows with a reserve of 59 per cent; the First National, of Albany, with 55 per cent and the First National, of Cottage Grove

Several of these banks show an in crease in deposits between August 22 last, the date of the last preceding re port, and that of December 3, on which the foregoing estimates are based. This condition is not local, but is indicative of the same satisfactory feeling through out the state, banks in every section showing increased deposits during the six

Cash Reserves Exceed

### Banks of Burns Show Increased De

in the country where the financial situation is reflected more favorably by the condition of the banks than in Burns, It is a source of pride to Harney County to note that during an excitement which caused the withdrawal of funds from the banks everywhere, the banks of Burns have steadily increased their deposits and their cash on hand.

Some of the Increases.

al, of Pendleton, \$1,065,855.25 to \$1,

252,070.41; First National, of Ashland,

\$271,973.41 to \$279,241.71; Union National

Bank, of Union, \$100,979.47 to \$102,089.61;

First National, of McMinnville, \$349.

199.17 to \$359,891.93; Benton County Nation-

al Bank, of Corvaills, \$78,440.47 to \$09,-031.65.

IN SOLID HARNEY COUNTY.

posits and Reserves.

BURNS, Or., Dec. 8 .- (Special.)-There

s no other place on the Pacific Coast or

reports the following

deposits are shown

National Bank, of Vale, from

Since the last report, made in response to the call of the Controller, the First National Bank, of Burns, has increased its deposits about \$60,000 and the Harney County National Bank has increased its deposits \$16,000. The former has cash on hand and in banks amounting to \$125,-468.90 and the latter has of the same items \$114,000.

### TAFT PARTY IS DELAYED

Steamer President Grant Held at Bolougne Because of Storms.

BOULOGNE, Dec. 8.—The steamship President Grant, on which Secretary Taft and party are passengers, and which was to have sailed from this port today, has been delayed by heavy

#### NOBLE DIES FROM MORPHINE

Count Edward Sizzo, of Noris, Takes

Overdose in His Room. LONDON, Dec. 8 .- Count Edward Sizzo of Norls, a member of a wealthy and prominent Austro-Lungarian family, and onnected with the diplomatic service, died from morphine poisoning in his room in London on Friday night, it is supposed that he took an overdose as he had been suffering from insomnia and was in poor health, but the idea of sui-cide is not excluded. Sizzo had an ad-venturous career, an incident in his life being a duel with Prince Radziwill, an attache of the Russian Embassy. Neither of the cambatants was wounded. Four months ago he made a tour through the United States

## VALUALBE PAINTING STOLEN

Van Dyke's "Erection of the Cross" Taken From Notre Dame Church.

COURTRAL, Belgium, Dec. 8.-One of Van Dyke's great masterpieces, "The Erection of the Cross," has been stolen from the Church of the Notre Dame. The es carefully cut off the canvas from the frame and carried it away. They are believed to be experts. Special watch men employed in guarding the treasures

## of the church observed nothing.

Boulogne Because of Storms. ROME, Dec. 8 .- Archbishop P. W. Riordan, of San Francisco, arrived here today. He will take up the matter of the candidature of the Rev. Edward Hanna, of Rochester, as coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco

## Madame Le Barry to Wed.

PARIS, Dec. 8 .- The Matin announces this morning the engagement of the well-known Madame Le Barry and Claude Casimir-Perier, son of the late

#### Mexico Raises Sugar Tariff. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.-By an act of the Chamber of Deputies the duty or sugar has been raised 5 cents per kilo.

AWAIT WILSON'S REPORT Future Status of Merchant's Nation-

al Will Then Be Determined. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Dec. 8.-Until Bank Examiner Wilson arrives here the middle of this week and confers with Controller of the Currency the latter will be unable to say whether the Merchants' National Bank of Portland is to re-open or not. Wilson mailed his report on the bank's condition just prior to starting for Washington, or to starting for W report has not yet Washington, ceived. His report is confidential and will

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# **GUSTAVE V NOW** KING OF SWEDEN

Oscar's Son Takes Oath of Allegiance.

# YOUNG SOVEREIGN IS POPULAR

Whole Country Bowed With Grief for Aged Monarch.

#### DIES WITH BROKEN HEART

Secession of Norway Preyed Heavily on His Mind-End Comes Quietly

While He Sleeps-Unconscious to the Last.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8 .- Oscar II, King of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock this mornng. The death of the venerable monarch ccurred in the royal apartments of the palace, where, surrounded by the members of his family, including the aged Queen, Sophia, and the Crown Prince, Oscar Gustave, and high Ministers of state, the inevitable end had been awaited, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes long after the announcement came of the death of their well-loved sovereign The whole country is bowed with grief,

#### moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many of them cried, "Our dear old King is dead. Death Comes Quietly.

for King Oscar was something more than

himself to them as an intimate and per-sonal friend. When the flag on the pal-

ace was dipped to half-mast, there was a

ruler of his people and had endeared

The following official bulletin was posted after the King's death: The strength of the king continued to de-crease throughout the night and the state of unconsciousness became more marked. His Majesty passed quietly away at 9:10 A. M.

The death certificate was worded as follows:

We declare upon oath that His Majesty, King Oscar II, expired peacefully at 9:19 o'clock this morning in the castle at Stockholm, at the age of 7s years, 9 months, 17 days, as the result of calcification of the cerebral and cardiac blood vessels.

(Signed.) BERG, EUGREN, FLENSBURG.

## Gustav V Takes Oath.

The succession to the throne of Sweden passes to Oscar Gustave Adolpl Duke of Verland, the oldest son of the late King. At a meeting of the Council of State this afternoon, the new King took the oath of allegiance under the title of Gustave V, and adopted the motto,

'With the people of the fatnerland.' The Princess then took the oath of allegiance and the new monarch accepted the homage of the state officials. The last hours of the expiring monarch were passed in unconsciousness, and up

to the end he gave no sign of recognizing

those about him. The Queen was griefstricken because he could not bid her farewell. All through yesterday the King had remained in a comatose condition. At times there were faint signs of consciousne perceptible as the attending physicians brought some temporary relief to the sufferer. But their ministrations were with-

#### night beyond a promise to keep the spark of life burning for yet a few hours. Court Officials at Bedside.

out avail and they held out no hope last

Belleving that death would not occur intil morning, the members of the royal family and the cabinet ministers withdrew and the physicians left their patient in the hands of the nurses soon after midnight. Within an hour or two the doctors were called again to the sickroom and administered further stimulants, but at 5:15 o'clock the gentlemen of the King's court were aroused and ordered to appear at once in the bedchamber. The premier and foreign Minister and the highest court officials, together with all the members of King's family, assembled there and remained at his side until the end came.

The death of King Oscar is not expected to be followed by any serious disturbances of Sweden's political condi-The venerable monarch has been slowly failing for many months past, and last January he experienced an illness that at the time was expected to end fatally. All precautions were taken for the orderly passage of power to the hands of his able son and successor, Oscar Gustave Adolphe, Duke of Verland, who has accepted the title of King Gustave V.

#### His Place in Modern History. King Oscar has long been one of the

most interesting figures of European royalty, his descent from Napoleon's great field marshal, Bernadotte, his gigantic stature and his family connections with many of the other great houses of Europe combining to give him an interesting personality. His truly democratic habits have made him idolized by his subjects, who have regarded him more as a father than a monarch. It was King Oscar's devotion to the cause of peace that attracted the atten-

tion of both the United States and Great Britain when the two countries were framing the Olney-Pauncefote general treaty of arbitration, and the document named King Oscar as final arbitrator should those representing the two countries fail to agree. Under King Oscar Sweden's stability

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