SCANDINAVIAN NEWS.

A Lady With the Heir Wins

NOTES FROM THE FAR NORTH.

The Lund Cathedral to be Lighted by Electricity—A Family of Twenty-one Children and No Twins—A Literary Society—Norwegian Bible Society.

SWEDEN.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19—Three hundred and forty-nine people emigrated December 2d by way of Gothenburg.

Mrs. Anna Andersdotter, of Mossboda, Vestmanland, died at the advanced age of 109 hundred years and four months.

Their golden wedding was celebrated by J. Ternstedt, a well-known citizen of Stockholm, and his wife.

The Lund cathedral will be lighted by electricity at a cost estimated at 50,000 crowns per year.

Gunnar Wennerberg, ex-minister of public worship, receives an annual pension of $2160.

The Salvation army is opening "slum stations" in the large cities.

The village of Hammersberg boasts of a housewife who makes shoes for the whole family and every now and then she also makes a pair to order for other women and children.

A pamphlet on "Political Suffrage" published by the students' society, Vernandi, of Linkoping, has had an unexpectedly large sale. Three editions are already exhausted, and the fourth one is just out.

An old lady of Oelme, Vermland, used a shocking remedy for drunkenness. Just after her husband had died she filled his mouth with brandy, poured it out again and gave it to her son, who is a hard drinker.

Six hundred miners are now on a strike at the Norberg mines. A meeting of a thousand laborers at Eskilstuna has declared itself in sympathy with the Norberg strikers.

A farmer's wife in the parish of Southern Moere, Smoland, has just given birth to her twenty-first child. She has never had more than one at a time, and as she is not very old yet it is by no means certain that this is her last one.

At a Malmo roller mill a man fell through a trap-door in the floor and slid down into an immense chest of flour. When he was taken out he was already dead, and his lungs and windpipe were filled with hard packed flour. It is supposed that he must have died much more quickly than if he had been drowned in water.

A farm hand at Koistberg bought goods at a public auction to about $50. This proved to be way above his resources, and he was unable for furnish the cash in due time. But the thoughtless young man happened to have a good sister in America, and although she was only a servant girl, she paid the $50 to the auctioneer in small installments.

A somewhat economical lady of Blekinge, says the North, was to walk about a mile from the railroad depot to her home one evening. The weather being bad, however, she asked a farmer who happened to be present to take her home in his wagon. He consented to do this and off they started. Arriving at her home she ceremoniously took her purse out of her pocket and let a number of copper coins pass through her fingers. Her choice fell on a five ore piece (1¼ cents), which she handed to the farmer. Before she realized what he meant he lifted her up in the wagon again and drove post haste back to the depot, and left her there so she could walk home and save her five ore.

A young Jemtlander got tired of bachelor life, went to a girl, proposed, was accepted, and went to the minister to have the marriage announced. So far, so good. But here a surprise party appeared on the scene: A former love with an heir on her arm. She objected to his marriage with the heirless lady. The minister took her side; the young man yielded. The heirless lady shook the dust from her feet, and departed, and the next Sunday the marriage of the young man and the lady with the heir was announced from the pulpit.

NORWAY.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 19—During the first 10 months of the present year 258,136 registered tons of ice were exported from Norway.

Molde will celebrate its 400th anniversary as a town on June 20, 1892.

Alexander Kielland's candidacy for thg mayoralty of Stavanger is being bitterly opposed by the conservative press.

The whale fishery at the mouth of the Christiania fjord continued very good, four whales having been caught from as many steamers in one day recently.

Six children out of seven in one family died within a week of diphtheria at Foldereid, north of Trondhjem, and were all buried on the same day.

"Weary Men," Arne Sartory's new book, is spoken of as a remarkable work, one of the greatest in the literature of the North; the history of a soul told so lucidly and with such enhancing power as to make the reader confess to himself: "This book will end deep marks in the spiritual life of the Northlands."

A poor editor, who was foolhardy enough to criticise in his paper some military officars, though he still was carried on the rolls as a soldier, had his doom sealed the other day, when the supreme court approved the sentence of the court martial, fixing the penalty at 20 days' solitary imprisonment and a fine of 50 crowns.

P. G. Holverson, one of the most prominent business men of Bergen, made an assignment the other day. The assets, however, are said to be greatly in excess of the liabilities, and it is to be hoped that the difficulty will be only temporary.

The Norwegian Bible Society has in the 75 years that have passed since its organization circulated 530,274 copies of the holy scriptures and other religious books. Two new bible editions, containing the new version of the Old Testament, have been published by it the current year. The revised edition of the New Testament is being pushed vigorously, but several years will pass before its completion.

Cod liver oil, the production of which is almost entirely in Norwegian hands, was introduced as a medicine in England in 1782, in Germany not until 40 years later, and in France as late as 1837. Long before it became an article of commerce the fishermen on the west coast employed the oil as a popular remedy. On the average about 420 codfish livers are required to produce one hektoliter refined oil. The nutritive values of two table poons full of the oil is equivalent to that of one half poun of meat.

DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19—The influenza has been visiting every family at Slagelse.

During October 5,043,433 pounds of salted pork were exported to England.

A person who does not wish to have his name known has donated $5000 to the Godthaab Children's Home of Copenhagen.

The owners of the iron works throughout the country, excepting Copenhagen, are organizing themselves into a union for the purpose of counteracting the efforts of the trade unions.

Mr. Korsgard, editor of the Aftenbladet and member of the lower house of the Reichstag, has been read out of the Liberal party because he has voted with the Conservatives.

A mare which has been used tn carrying the mails between Viborg and Gjedsted since 1879 was sold the other day. During that time she has traveled a distance of 75,000 miles or three times around the globe.

FINLAND.

The measles is raging epidemically in Vasa.

During the first 10 months of the present year 16,730,333 kilograms of oats were exported from Vasa.

The third Lutheran church is soon to be built in Helsingfors at a cost of 800,000 marks.

The two Salvation army papers at Helsingfors, Finland, have been suspended, and other papers containing Salvation army announcements will be confiscated.

John J. Nathans, Veteran Showman, Makes His Final Exit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—John J. Nathans, almost the last old-time circus man of fame, is dead. He was 60 years old, and the first one to enter the sawdust ring under the canvas, and for half a century he has been a prominent figure in circus life. His career from the bare-back of a horse to ownership of the greatest enterprise under canvas that the world had ever seen before the war culminated in his retirement upon a competence, which his wits and his industry had won him.

Nathans became acquainted with P. T. Barnum in his earliest days as an amusement manager, and the friendship was close until death. Mr. Nathans was in turn interested with Seth B. Howes, under the name of Howes & Co., with old Avery Smith, gone long ago, and with George F. Bailey. The partnerships and names varied with different seasons.

When the war interfered with business in this country in 1862, Mr. Nathans projected and carried out an enterprise prodigious for those days. The Metropolitan Circus, of which he was chief owner, showed throughout this country and made a successful tour of Europe. The enterprise occupied its own ships in its tour of the Mediterranean ports. Mr. Nathans' success abroad brought him into business relationship with P. T. Barnum, already famous in other amusements.

The Nathans' and Barnum's interests remained together until 1878, when James A. Bailey, now chief owner, purchased Mr. Barnum's interest. At sixty-three years of age he retired from active life, but his interest was always keen in what he had helped so much to create.

She Pursues a Burglar and Makes Him Give Up His Booty.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28 — A burglar who broke into the residence of Charles N. Cooper, the postmaster of West Seattle, at 2 o'clock on Christmas morning, was the means of developing the heroic qualities of Miss Nina Cooper, the 19-year-old daughter of the postmaster. She struggled with the intruder and, when he freed himself, pursued him until he gave up his plunder.

About 2 o'clock in the morning Mr. Cooper was aroused by the presence of a person by the bedside, and who was in the act of removing his purse from beneath the pillow. He no sooner realized the presence of a burglar than he yelled: "Burglars! Thieves! Help!"

His daughter Nina, a young lady about 19 years of age, who slept in an adjoining room, heard his cries and hastily arising, rushed to his aid. As she came into the hall she ran against the burglar, who, alarmed at his victim's cries, was making good his escape. An exciting scene followed. The young lady without fear of consequences, rushed at the intruder. He had the purse in one hand, and avoiding her onslaught as much as possible, made for the head of the stairs. Miss Cooper, not to be balked, grabbed on to his coat tail and held on for dear life. A desperate struggle ensued, the burglar making repeated efforts to reach the front door and his fair captor maintaining her hold on his coat.

The continual shouts of the Cooper family made the thief desperate, and tearing himself away with a final effort he shot through the door, went down the front steps at one jump and dashed down the street. Miss Cooper, though but lightly attired, was not to be outdone and followed him. A livelier race was never run. Cries of:

"Give back that money, you can't escape," came from the girl's lips in shrill tones. The neighbors were aroused, and while some stuck their head out of the windows in wonderment, others joined in the race. Miss Cooper was gaining foot by foot and calling at short intervals for the burglar to halt. Almost winded, and alarmed at the increasing number of his pursuers he stopped short, turned and threw the heavy purse with great force at Miss Cooper's head. It struck her in the face and knocked her down, and the burglar made good his escape.

Miss Cooper, picking up the purse, returned home. Not until she reached the steps leading to the house did her strength fail her, but then she sank down in a faint, overcome by her exertions in the chase.

Everything Quiet in San Salvador.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 28 — Salvador Melender, a member of the richest family in this city, committed suicide today by taking poison.

Bertie Cecil, postmaster-general of Honduras and director of its telegraph system, died at Tegucigalpa yesterday. He was a native of the United States.

Everything is now peaceful in Honduras. The government candidate for president in Guatemala is Dr. Francisco Lainfiesta.

All is quiet in Salvador.

Killed a Being Arrested.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—An old man living in the eastern department killed his son in a quarrel over a legacy. When the gendarmes arrived to arrest him he barricaded himself in his house. He fired at the gendarmes, whereupon a gendarme leveled his pistol at the murderer and killed him.

One Hundred Thousand Short.

WARRENTON, Va., Dec. 28.—The statement of affairs of Rosenburger, Spendler & Co., New Market, Va., bankers, who had branches here and in other towns, places the combined shortage at $100,000.

HONORE MERCIER.

The Liberal Leader of Canada.

A TEMPORARY ECLIPSE.

The Charges Against Him on Which He Was Thrown Out of Office and His Reply—An Account of the Canadian Scandal.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18—[Special correspondence]—But a year ago the greatest of the Liberals in all Canada was Honore Mercier, premier of Quebec! today he is out of power and the penitentiary stares him in the face. He and his cabinet have been ignominiously dismissed from office, a committee of three judges having found that they received $100,000 from a contractor for the sale of the Bay des Chaleurs railway. This amount is said by the judges to have been divided, illegally and corruptly, between Premier Mercier and his fellow ministers. There is great excitement in Canada consequent upon the disgrace and dismissal of the Premier and his cabinet. Hot-headed Liberals are threatening rebellion, urging that the dismissal of

EX-PREMIER MERCIER.

Mercier and his ministers is an outrage which would justify extreme action, the disgraced statesmen controlling a majority of 20 in the House of Commons at Quebec.

The Lieutenant Governor's letter dismissing the ministers accuses them of careless and illegal official conduct, of malversation and diversion of $175,000 from its legislative destination, of permitting the payment of personal debts of Ministers out of that amount, and the subsidizing of members of the House supporting the Cabinet. Contradictions between the Ministers' explanations of the matter to the Governor, and the evidence heard by the commission are pointed out.

MERCIER'S REPLY.

Upon receipt of this report, Mercier demanded a copy of Judge Jette's letter, supposed to be dissentive from the report, and permission to publish the letter of dismissal, both of which the governor refuses. Then follows Mr. Mercier's final reply, in which he says: "I have to do, not with an impartial head of the Executive, but with a political adversary subjected to the outside influence of evil counsellors and bad passions. You have knowingly and wilfully violated the usages and constitutional laws; you have had the audacity to do what our august sovereign, Queen Victoria, would never have dared to do in England without provoking a revolution among the English people. All good citizens must admit that there is a limit to tyranny, and a man, though he may have been a Prime Minister, is not a slave.

"The report is that of two partisans, from whom you have dragged an unjust, an unfounded opinion, and it is altogether informal and without legal value. The allegations of the pretended preliminary report and contrary to the proof. They contain gratuitous insults to your ex-ministers, supported by the great majority of the Legislature of this province."

Mr. Mercier charges the Governor with personal and autocratic government, with having arrested the working of the government, with having refused to call the Legislature at the request of its majority to transact public business, and with having carried out one of the most odious conspiracies ever entered into against the constitutional liberties enjoyed by a free people. He taunts the governor with a desire to place power in the hands of political friends by taking abusive advantage of the illness of Judge Jette, against all the rules of decency and professional etiquette, and trampling under foot the dignity of the crown. He charges him with leaving politics for the bench, where even there he was a partisan.

MERCIER'S THREAT.

Mr. Mercier then discusses the constitutional side of the question, referring to Lord Dufferin in the Pacific scandal, who laid the matter before Parliament, and he charges the governor with supporting the then guilty ministers, and today, he says, you obey the will of the federal prime minister, Mr. Abbott, who was himself the distributer of this bribery money to the ministry. "Your conduct," he continues, "puts our political institutions in jeopardy. I will try to undo your nefarious work with the assistance of my colleagues and my political friends and will willingly expend all that I possess to save our cherished province.

"I denounce you before public opinion and it is not far distant when the representatives of the people will again resume the power of which you have stripped them and vindicate the constitution which you have broken. You will shortly receive from Mr. Abbott, your master, the price of your national treachery, and I shall soon go before the people and receive from its strong and powerful hands a new mandate which will enable me to resume in the Legislature the position from which you have driven me and to chase you constitutionally, but surely, from Spencerwood."

LIBERAL INDIGNATION.

The Liberals are terribly incensed at Governor Angers and the slightest spark would suffice to kindle a popular outbreak that the authorities would have difficulty to suppress before it attained proportions of revolution. Such an occasion may arise on Sunday night, when Mercier will address a great public assemblage in St. Roch's suburbs. Both Mercier and his St. Roch leaders are exceedingly desperate in their methods, and fears are entertained for the safety of Spencerwood, Mr. Angers' official residence.

His successor, Mr. De Boucherville, who is a Dominion Senator and proprietor of large country estates near Montreal, is here forming his government, leading members of which, already semi-officially announced, are L. O. Taillon, lawyer, of Montreal, and ex-premier; John Hall, lawyer, of Montreal; T. C. Casgrain, of Quebec, brother-in-law of Governor Angers, and E. J. Flynn, of Quebec, both lawyers; Joseph Robertson, of Sherbrooke, and G. Nantel, editor of La Presse, Montreal.

Monster mass meetings are being organized by the Liberals throughout the province. Detective corps and squads o, police are held in readiness to march to Spencerwood, the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor, to protect it against any hostile demonstration. The citizens of St. Roch and St. Saveur especially are boiling with indignation. St. Roch is perhaps the strongest Liberal stronghold in the Dominion. It is represented in the Aouse of Commons by Hon. W. Laurier (liberal leader) and in the local House by Hon. Mr. Sheyhn, ex-Provincial Treasurer. Both these gentlemen and Mr. Mercier are idolized by St. Roch's people.

How a Famous Parisian Critic Made a Striking Success.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—A cable dispatch from Paris announces the death of Mr. Henry De La Pommeraye, the eminent critic. He was a Frenchman, well-known in the world of dramatic criticism. He was also a lecturer of much note because of the tricks he employed. For example, in August, 1870, he delivered at the Creque an important lecture on the policy of Frederick II. It was divided into two parts, the first being entitled "Frederick at Home," and the second "Frederick Abroad." Between the two parts was to be sung the "Marseillaise" with an orchestra accompaniment.

The lecturer had been speaking for about an hour, when a hoarse voice interrupted him with this brutal exclamation: And the Marseillaise." Without appearing in the least disturbed, M. De La Pommeraye gravely took out his watch. "The Marseillaise," he said, "is not to be sung until 10 minutes past three, the interruption is in advance a full quarter of an hour," and he continued his discourse.

The first part having been concluded and the "Marseillaise" executed, M. De La Pommeraye commenced the second part somewhat in these terms: "After having devoted all his attention to the interior policy, Frederick the Great changed his objective and passed to the exterior," and then with one of his most cunning smiles he added: "In this connection I cannot too strongly urge my honorable interrupter of a few minutes ago to do like Frederick."

This incident was a great success, and no one suspected that it had been prepared in advance.

And Began a Suit For Divorce Within Forty-Eight Hours After She Was Declared the Wife of an Adventurer.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28—Relatives here have received details of a sensational affair involving Mrs. M. E. Beride, one of the richest women in Arkansas, in a very unpleasant manner. Last December a dashing, handsome stranger named Howell appeared in Crowley township, Paragould county. He claimed to be from New York and was apparently rich. Mrs. Beride was soon enamored of him and they became engaged.

Hardly had this been announced when Sheriff Jackson arrested him, claiming he was an escaped horse thief from the Mississippi jail. Howell vehemently asserted that it was a scheme to prevent him from securing possession of a large property. He was taken away, but he returned in a few weeks, and a fortnight ago married Mrs. Beride. He secured about $800 of her money and had started to bank next morning when he was again arrested and taken to the jail at Greenville, Miss.

The bride was given proof that Howell had spent five years in prisons and had broken out six times and is an inveterate thief. She at once sued for a divorce within 48 hours after her marriage.

He Was the First to Suggest the Preemption Law.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Joseph D. Jackson, a clever journalist, died at his home in Flatbush late on Saturday. From early youth he made a living with his pen, and for years was a member of the staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer. It was he who suggested to the United States government the idea of settling the vast territory of the West by giving to citizens the right to pre-empt the land. He wrote many able articles on this subject. Mr. Jackson was 51 years old.

Schwagerl and Lawyer Reed Start a Utopia.

The theosophists are getting together. A few weeks ago Mr. Schwagerl, the landscape gardener, moved to Kingston, Kitsap county, and now Frank T. Reed, the Tacoma attorney, and head-centre of several reforms, ex-judge of the Tennessee supreme court and disciple of Blavatsky, Olcott and Besant, has betaken himself to Kingston with the purpose, it is authoratively said, of establishing a Theosophical colony, one which will devote its time to raising and eating vegetables exclusively and poring over the sacred books of the Zend-Avesta.

Two Suspicious Children Arrested in San Francisco.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—A morning paper says an officer of General Miles' staff received a telegram late last evening from his brother, a United States soldier stationed at San Francisco, telling him of the arrest there yesterday of two foreigners, one a Spaniard and the other a Chilian, who had been there for the last three weeks and acting in a manner to cause suspicion.

They were arrested on the charge of vagrancy, though they are strongly suspected of being Chilian spies, as several times they were surprised while in the apparent act of a surreptitious survey of the harbor with a compass. They also endeavored persistently to get information as to the location and plans for exploding torpedoes located in the harbor.

Many Dying of Grippe.

MILAN, Dec. 28.—The grippe in this city and surrounding country is causing many deaths.

Belle Bilton Gives Birth to Two Boys.

LONDON, Dec. 28—Countess Clancarty, who was formerly well known as Belle Bilton, the concert hall singer, was delivered of twins yesterday morning. Both the children were boys. These births provide for the direct succession to the earldom of Clancarty and several other titles which belong to the holder of that earldom. It is believed that this event will lead to a complete reunion of the family relations which have been badly strained by the marriage of the present earl, who was then Viscount Dunlo, to the well-known concert hall singer.

[Countess Clancarty was the most popular concert hall singer in London. She secretly married Lord Dunlo who shortly after the marriage became public left on a trip around the world. His father, Lord Clancarty, had divers proceedings begun against the young wife who was forced to return to concert hall singing for a living. The charge against her was adultery but the charge was not sustained though it was shown that she had received many presents from the young bohemians of London after her marriage. The proceedings were brought against the young lord's desire and after they came to naught he escaped from his father and joined his wife. Shortly thereafter Lord Clancarty died and his immense estate fell to the young man.]

A Montesano Washington, Man Gets Ahead of New York Crooks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The Sun prints the following communication from P. Curran, of Montesano, Washington, which goes to show that Curran is no jay.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: In every state, city and corner in the Union, the efficiency of the New York city police force is being lauded and praised to such an extent that an individual from the West thinks he is as safe as a church mouse when he gets to New York city. Yet there is one individual in New York who places very little confidence in police protection. He came yesterday from the West and in crossing the Jersey City Central railroad ferry was accosted by a gentleman who would like to know quickly the location of a telegraph office. The stranger from the West said he did not know and that he himself was looking for a telegraph office. The New York gentleman said there was one which he knew close to the ferry landing, but he did not like the operator. Yet, if he did not find any better, he would use it. The fellow from the West said that would be good enough for him. Then ensued the following dialogue by the city gentleman asking the Westerner:

"From where did you last telegraph?"

"From Montesano, Wash."

"Very well, sir; I have been on the train with you for some time. The 'old man' sent me out. He said I would find you on the train; but I am a little slow because I am extremely cautious, and when you land in New York come with me, because you are in the proper hands, and No. 78, Wash., will be taken care of."

The fellow from the West saw there was some kind of a game on hand, and, being a sort of sport himself, wanted to investigate it, and said that office would exactly suit him; but in regard to the "old man" he was not sure.

"Never mind; when you leave the ferry follow me. You are in the proper hands. Your stake is made if you will just keep cool. The 'old man' is good. He has pushed many men to the front before, and you are all O. K."

The fellow from the West, having no special place or purpose, for amusement followed the "shark" to Broadway, and after turning several streets and corners went through an open door of a stone building, which closed and locked behind him with a bang.

Then the fellow from the West began to think there was some fun on hand, and he was not "heeled." So he made up his mind that he had to "run a bluff." In the first room in the hallway the "pilot" entered and introduced "78" to the "old man." The "old man" said he was glad "78" was so punctual, and he would at once proceed to business. "78" said he wanted none of such business, and if they did not let him out he would "wing and drill" the whole outfit.

The sharks, fearing they had another Davis case on hand, and that "sawdust" would not work, opened the door and let the man from the West go.

It may be asked why the man from the West did not tell the policeman who was leaning against the lamp post in front of the door and looking at the pavement like a sheep tied to a manger, that the first room to the right of the present door was occupied by "green goods men," who were working the "sawdust racket."

The answer is very simple. The man from the West had lost all confidence in New York blue coats. He had been for some time in the State of Washington, getting many letters from those "green goods" men. He had spent time and money writing and telegraphing to them and always mailed a duplicate of such communications to the "Chief of Police, New York city." Yet, after all his time, trouble and money, the man in Washington State never got even a postal card from the New York police department. Therefore he has lost all confidence in the bluecoats. He has now "heeled" himself, and woe betide the next crook who tries to rope him in.

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