

DETHRONES OSCAR

Norwegian Storthing Dissolves Union with Sweden.

CONSULAR VETO IS THE CAUSE

Ready to Elect a Bernadotte as Ruler
—Prepared for War if Necessary.

Christiana, Norway, June 8.—“Norway from today is a fully independent and sovereign state.”

This is the text of the editorials in the Norwegian newspapers and it reflects the spirit with which the people of Norway accept today's action of the Storthing when it proclaimed King Oscar no longer king of Norway.

The Storthing will, if necessary, defend the step taken today by force of arms.

If a prince of the house of Bernadotte should consent to occupy the throne of Norway he must give up all idea of succession to the Swedish throne.

M. Anctander will be Norway's first foreign minister. He is now chief of the department of Commerce, Navigation and Industry.

It is learned that Crown Prince Gustav will return immediately from Berlin. It is understood that an extraordinary session of the Swedish Riksdag will be called June 26, if not earlier, as the result of today's action of the Storthing.

It is not anticipated that King Oscar will consent to any prince of the house of Bernadotte accepting the Norwegian crown. Should the king refuse, there is a possibility that the throne may be offered to Prince Waldemar, the third son of King Christian, of Denmark. The people of Denmark largely sympathize with the Norwegian demands.

The consular bill, while apparently of little importance, was designed to open the whole question of foreign affairs, which Norway desires to manage independently of Sweden.

One of the causes of the desire in Sweden and Norway for separate consular systems was the fact that Sweden is for protection and Norway is for free trade, and also because of Norway's more extensive sea trade and other divergencies of commercial interests.

CALIFORNIA LAND FRAUDS.

Heney Says They are Worse Than Those of Oregon.

San Francisco, June 12. — Grave charges have been made against the officials of the state land office by Francis J. Heney. The government attorney has reported to Washington that conditions in California are even worse than those in Oregon, in connection with which United States Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann were indicted by a Federal grand jury. He has made accusations against men in state offices, asserting that they have been in league with the speculators, such as John A. Benson and Frederick A. Hyde, who have fraudulently acquired vast tracts of the public lands in California.

“The trouble lies in the state land office itself,” said Mr. Heney. “The office has been hand in glove with the ring and any pretense of ignorance in regard to the schemes of graft which have been carried out is absurd. The ring has received favors from the office ever since the last election, and as a result two-thirds of the state's valuable timber lands have been stolen. The speculators have been in possession all along of advance information. This has been especially noticeable in the matter of the creation of forest reserves. Two superintendents have confessed that they were bribed to make the reserves cover as much vacant

school land as possible. This land was practically worthless, all the good school land having been taken up. Some of it lies on the top of crags and was useless for any purpose except the creation of scrip. But those who filed on the land for \$1.25 an acre could dispose of their holdings for \$4.50 an acre as soon as they were included in a forest reserve. And they often could do even better than that, by taking up lieu lands in the best part of the timber belt.”

WILL ASK GUARANTEE.

Japan Would Bind Russia to a Strict Observance of Treaty.

Tokio, June 12. — On the ability of Russia to offer a sufficient guarantee that she will live up to any treaty of peace arranged hinges Japan's willingness to bring the war to an end. This statement is made on the authority of one of the best known Japanese statesmen, on condition that his identity be kept unknown.

“Japan wants peace,” he said, “but she will not be made a fool of by Russia. That nation must agree to keep her hands off the Far East for a long term of years, and her treaty must contain some clauses which effectively preclude her resuming hostilities when her army and navy are rehabilitated, and such clauses must be of such character that they cannot lightly be disregarded. Even at the present time, when her navy has been entirely wiped off the face of the waters and her army has been disrupted and placed on the defensive at all points, we hear from our secret agents in St. Petersburg that the advocates of a war policy urge the czar, if he feels that he must subscribe to peace terms, to refuse to commit Russia to any policy of disarming that would prevent the execution of contracts for new warships of all classes which were made with German and American firms of shipbuilders.

Canadians Sink Fishing Tug.

Port Stanley, Ont., June 9. — The government cruiser Vigilante today sighted the American fishing tug Grace M., of Lorain, O., six miles off Middle island, Lake Erie, and five miles north of the boundary line. The Vigilante signalled her to stop. The tug steamed away and Captain Dunn of the Vigilante fired several shots across her bows. In dodging the tug collided with the cruiser, rolled over and sank. The crew of the Vigilante rescued Captain Galbraith and two of the tug's crew.

Tidal Waves in Lake Michigan.

Chicago, June 7. — Shifting atmospheric conditions on Lake Michigan caused a succession of tidal waves today, two being reported in Chicago. Each of the waves on the Chicago side of the lake rose to a height of three and one-half feet.

No Let-Up On Beef Trust.

Chicago, June 9. — Instructions were received today by the Federal grand jury which has been investigating the affairs of the beef industry, to continue the investigation and return indictments if the jurors find that the testimony warrants such action.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—Club, 84c per bushel; blue-stem, 90@91c; valley, 85@87c.
Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$30 per ton; gray, \$30.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18½@19c per dozen.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@21¼c per pound.
Strawberries—\$1.25@1.50 per crate.
Apples—Table, 1.50@2.50 per box.
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, \$1.35@1.50; new potatoes, \$1.50.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 22¼@24c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, best, 19@23c; valley, 27¼@29c; mohair, choice, 31@32¼c per pound.

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