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Sweden's Sailor Prince

DESCENDANT OF MARSHAL BERNADOTTE, WHOM NEWPORT SOCIETY IS EAGER TO ENTERTAIN.

Prince Wilhelm, Official Representative of His Country to the Jamestown Exposition, is a Scion of Europe's Most Democratic Royal House—Sociable Youth, Fond of Outdoor Sports and Engaged to a Beautiful Russian Princess—Peculiar Interest of Swedish-Americans in His Visit.

By ROBERTUS LOVE. REAL live prince! And in America, too! Isn't it lovely? Already Newport has cut money shins over the matter of entertaining him which are calculated to make the angels laugh. The visit of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden gives Newport society its first opportunity for a fus over royalty since the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia in 1903. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited. Members are expected to be present. By order of the W. M., Fred J. Meindl, N. G. O. E. James, Secretary.



PRINCE WILHELM OF SWEDEN AND THE GRAND DUCHESS MARIA PAVLOVNA, HIS FIANCEE.

The present royal house of Sweden occupies a unique place among European monarchial families. That is chiefly because it hasn't been royal very long.

The Sailor Prince. Prince Wilhelm is the second son of the crown prince of Sweden. He is known as the sailor prince, having taken up the naval profession. His grandfather, King Oscar, has sent him over in response to an invitation from President Roosevelt to visit the Jamestown Centennial exposition. Charles W. Kohlsaat, European commissioner for the exposition, presented the invitation to the Swedish court. As a war vessel also was desired for display in Hampton Roads, opposite the exposition, the king appropriately assigned the sailor prince, who is a lieutenant in the Swedish cruiser Fylgia, a fine new vessel which has been rushed to completion so that it might arrive in time to take part in the festivities of Swedish week at the exposition, beginning Aug. 19 and continuing to Aug. 24.

In Love With a Princess. In his own right Prince Wilhelm is quite an interesting young fellow. He is in love, and with a very pretty princess, whose name is Maria Pavlovna, is a first cousin of the czar of Russia and largely to the interest of the outside world in this romance. Only two months ago Prince Wilhelm surprised his fellow Swedes and everybody else by announcing his betrothal to the fair young Grand Duchess Maria. It seems that the young prince accompanied his mother on a visit to the latter's relatives at Karlsruhe and took occasion to continue along to Moscow and St. Petersburg. On this trip he met the beautiful seventeen-year-old daughter of the Grand Duke Paul, and the sailor prince saw a girl that never was so

change his name, but was permitted to keep his religion. Let us now go back somewhat further into history, for all these facts bear upon the romance of the young Old Peter the Great, who founded the modern Russian empire, was an audacious sovereign. He made so bold as to build the present Russian capital on a soil that actually belonged to Sweden. He had set his eye along the Scandinavian peninsula with the purpose of extending his boundaries to the sea. But Peter died before he could accomplish this. He left a secret will, one section of which enjoined his successors to carry out his dream of acquiring an Atlantic seaboard. Some historians hold that this so-called will, which was not produced until Peter had been dead about a hundred years, was manufactured by Napoleon. In any event Peter craved the Russian way to the sea over the ruins of Sweden, but that nation then was one of the most powerful in Europe, and the czar was defeated. Russia has been looking ever since with longing toward that seaboard, and it is conceded that the present czar and his predecessor had more or less definite plans for carrying out the scheme of Scandinavian invasion. Japan no doubt has put a new face on that proposition for the present.

Left Waiting at the Church. To understand the political importance of the Swedish prince's engagement to the Russian grand duchess it is necessary to take a little excursion into history, though by no means into ancient history. About 120 years ago, when Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte, private soldier of France, was climbing out of the ranks on his first step toward the throne of Sweden and Norway, the Empress Catherine of Russia arranged a marriage between one of her nieces and a son of the king of Sweden. At the eleventh hour the Swedish prince balked. He failed to make his appearance to claim his bride. She was left, literally, waiting at the church, with the great Catherine responsible for the placing of the Bernadottes upon the Swedish throne. The quarrel resulted in war, which took Finland from Sweden and added

Gay and Pretty Princess. Prince Wilhelm, it is said, is an affable young man, fond of tennis and other outdoor sports. His age is twenty-three. The girl whom he is to marry is unusually beautiful for a princess. It is a well known fact that the average woman of royal blood is ugly enough to cause the collapse of a scarecrow in a Kansas cornfield. But this little Princess Maria has had unusual advantages. Her mother died when Maria was an infant. The father then married a woman not connected with royalty. This brought about the expulsion from Russia. Maria was educated in England and France. Her culture is said to be decidedly more English than Russian. Recently her father, the Grand Duke Paul, was killed in a railway accident. Maria was in England at the time. She is a great deal more so than if she had been reared in Russia. In any event her consequent departure from a stricken and struggling Russia to a secure haven in the new house near Stockholm, now building, should be a good thing for the pretty princess, whatever may be the influence of the two nations. In view of all these facts, all of us are constrained to hope that the prince will get away from Newport without any permanent injury to his digestion.

Make Good Citizens. The prince's coming is of intimate interest to several millions of Americans. There are never so many of them as the Americans of Swedish nativity or blood. There are so many of them that practically whole states in the middle northwest are Swedish. Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, a man of Swedish blood, is mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency. Both houses of congress have had in their membership a considerable factor in American industry. In agriculture particularly he is a highly useful citizen.

A Soft Snap. To the Prince of Ponte-Corvo, otherwise the son of the country notary, was offered the dignity of standing as crown prince of Sweden. Bernadotte accepted the job with alacrity. It looked like a soft snap, and, in fact, it was. Not that Bernadotte desired an easy berth, for he was an energetic and tireless worker, but if he could get into a throne by simply walking up the steps rather than wading to it in blood it was desirable. The deceitful old king died in 1818. Bernadotte became king of Sweden under the title of Charles XIV. He had changed his name and his religion, becoming a Protestant, to be eligible to the crown. Either of those things was easy for a Frenchman in those days.

But before Bernadotte became king he led a Swedish army, with other European allies, against his old commander, Napoleon, and at Leipzig rendered distinguished service. Fighting against Napoleon which had been in his old command when he was a marshal of France. Bernadotte, or Charles XIV, annexed Norway to Sweden, making a dual monarchy until two years ago, when Norway broke up the arrangement and set up housekeeping for herself, getting for king a prince who had to

THE MCKINLEY TOMB

Features of Mausoleum Soon to Be Ready For Dedication.

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Former President's Tomb at Canton, O., is Ninety-eight Feet High and Seventy-nine Feet in Diameter—Double Sarcophagus to Be Provided. Suggestion of Cross and Sword in Approaches to Imposing Structure. The \$500,000 McKinley tomb at Canton, O., is rapidly approaching completion, says the St. Louis Republic. Construction was begun in the spring of 1905, and the cornerstone was laid on Nov. 16, 1905. The architect and contractor express confidence that it will be completed to the last detail by the early autumn of 1907, the time set for the dedication of the tomb.

The principal material employed in the construction of the monument is pink Milford granite, which has been utilized not only for the exterior of the mausoleum, but also for the steps and balustrades. The interior of the memorial is finished in light gray Knoxville marble, with a banded surface. The sarcophagus is to be of black polished granite. The rough walls of the edifice are reinforced with steel as necessary and faced with the materials above indicated.

Architect Maganotte's design, which was chosen by the people, from those submitted in competition, shows great sobriety of outline and detail. He rejected the frequently suggested exterior columnar treatment not only as being too rich in motive, but also as being far from the massive and dignified appearance of the monument. He rejected the frequently suggested exterior columnar treatment not only as being too rich in motive, but also as being far from the massive and dignified appearance of the monument.

The columnar treatment, which was barred out of the exterior, is, on the interior, employed most effectively in the approach to the tomb. It is a residential comprehension of the scales of the edifice. The lighting is entirely from the interior, and is so arranged as to be above. A double sarcophagus is to be provided, as Mrs. McKinley will rest beside her husband.

The site is a tract of twenty-six acres, forming the crowning eminence of the picturesque West Lawn cemetery. The pilgrim to the last resting place of the dead president finds spread out beneath his eyes a varied landscape, beyond which lies the whole panorama of the city of Canton. In the general arrangement of the approaches to the tomb there is a suggestion of a cross and a sword—a symbolism which has been deemed peculiarly appropriate in a memorial to one who was a martyr and a president in time of war. One of the most conspicuous features of the whole scheme is the introduction of what has been technically denominated as "basin direct" into the design. It is a feature which is unlike the prayer rug forming the avenue of approach to some eastern shrines.

The basin, which is more than 500 feet in length, widens gradually as it approaches the memorial, broadening from thirty-five to sixty-five feet, so that the vista includes the whole width of the steps that rise directly from the water pathway to the main entrance of the tomb. It is the function of this quiet basin to reflect the architectural composition beyond and thus doubly to impress the visitor upon the mind of the beholder.

Another supplementary feature that attributes in no small degree to the effect is the presence of a statue of the late president at the head of the grand staircase and about fifty feet in front of the facade of the mausoleum. As a sort of portal to this patriotic Mecca there is a circular plaza. This plaza is, however, without any treatment other than a parapet wall and a disposition of the steps, being felt to be a mere turning point, and the attention should not be held by anything here. From this circle the approach to the monument is of great beauty. The oblong lake or basin mentioned is the central feature and is bordered by two avenues shaded by trees.

It is assumed that visitors in carriages will take the central aisle of the three, which slightly diverge on leaving the circle, and will draw up at the foot of the basin for a distant view of the mausoleum, thence passing up one of the side aisles to the platform at the base of the grand staircase. Various approaches for pedestrians have been provided, and there is also a well arranged connection between the main approach and the system of drives in the cemetery. The tomb drives of the principal railroads passing through Canton and is therefore within plain view of thousands of travelers.

The original plan contemplated dedication exercises on the anniversary of the funeral of the late president, but it is probable that in order to assure the presence of President Roosevelt the observance of the day is later date in September will be chosen. The programme will include, of course, the transfer of the body from its temporary resting place in the receiving vault at West Lawn to its final abiding place in the sarcophagus of the memorial, and as a sort for this last and journey there will be an impressive civic and military pageant.

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