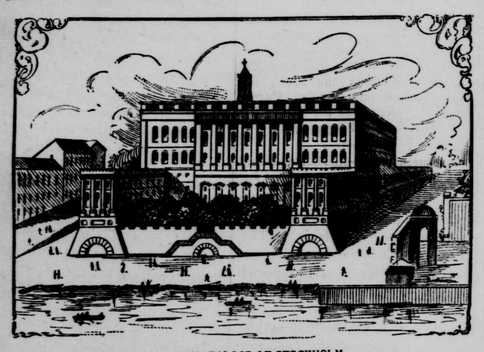
Approaching Crisis in History of Scandinavia

Feeling in Norway Threatens Existence of Norwegian-Swedish Act of Union.

ONCE more rumor has it that there is a war cloud overhanging the kingdom of Norway and Sweden. It is asserted that the mutterings come from Norway. The occasion for the dissatisfaction is alleged to be the undemocratic attitude of Prince Regent Gustavus, the crown prince who will succeed his father on the throne of the dual kingdom. Oscar, before the appointment of his son as regent, was, at stated and frequent intervals, entirely willing to see anyone who wanted to see and talk with him. The popular effect of this among the Norwegians was partially offset by the fact that in Christiania there stands a huge palace where the royal family are expected to live and entertain at least a portion of each year, and King Oscar complied with the expectation only so far as he considered absolutely necessary. Gustavus has not as yet developed the popular qualities of his father. He is more secretive, more aristocratic in manner, and does not encourage the people to come to his counsel table with their grievances. Added to this, the Norwegians feel that their country is being very much neglected and Sweden securing all of the royal attention.

All of this does not seem to be sufficient reason for war, nor is it. The fact is, as it is in the majority of all manner of difficulties, the occasion is of much slighter importance than the real and underlying reason.



THE NATIONAL PALACE AT STOCKHOLM.
Where the Royal Family Spend the Greater Part of Their Time.

The occasion is of the moment, the reason laid deep in the foundations of the history of the Scandinavian peoples.

Norway was anciently governed by her own kings, and to regain that estate has been her aspiration ever since the year 1387, when she lost her independence, and at which time she was under the dominion of Denmark. When the Danes, driven out of Holstein by Bernadotte, (afterward Charles XIV.), concluded peace by the treaty of Kiel in January of the year 1814, Frederick VI. of Denmark ceded Norway to Sweden. The Norwegians detested the Swedes and made an attempt to assert their independence under the conduct of Prince Christian Frederick, cousin-german and heir of Frederick VI. Christian Frederick was proclaimed king of Norway. The Swedes appeared in force by land and sea upon the frontiers of Norway. At the same time the allied powers from motives of policy opposed the Norwegian movement. But in spite of all this it was not until Sweden had guaranteed the complete

KING OSCAR II. OF SWEDEN.

national independence of Norway did the Norwegians consent to union. The agreement was made and the constitution granted on May 17, 1814, at which date the contemporary history of Norway begins. The extraordinary storthing met in the autumn of the same year and revised the fundamental law, and the revised constitution bears the date of November 4, 1814. Nearly every peasant farmer in the old country now has this fundamental law framed and hung in the chief room of his house. The act of union with Sweden is dated August 6, 1815.

The union of the two states is a union of the crown alone. That is, Norway is not under the dominion of Sweden; the union consists in the law that the king of Sweden shall also be the king of Norway. The Act of Union in its first clause specifically states: "The kingdom of Norway shall be a free, independent, indivisible, and inalienable kingdom, united with Sweden under one king." Its form of government is a limited and hereditary monarchy, the same form as that of Great Britain.

The union of Norway with Sweden being such as it is, a few things naturally follow. For instance: A Swede in Norway is as much of a foreigner as is an American in that same country; therefore no Swede participates directly in the government of Norway. Again, none of the ancient institutions of Norway are in any way altered by the Act of Union.

As in America, the government has three recognized and distinct branches. First, there is the executive, who is the king. In the second place, there is the legislative branch; and, lastly, the judicial system. In both these latter branches Norway is absolutely independent of her sister kingdom. The democracy of the smaller kingdom is shown by the constitutional clause to the effect that "the people shall exercise the legislative power through the storthing," which consists of a lagthing and an odelsthing. It is safe to say that in very few, if any, of even the world's republics is it expressly decreed that "the people shall exercise the legislative authority."

The real reason for the dissatisfaction in Norway does not arise from anything that is stated in her fundamental law. She made that herself. The dissatisfaction arises from the forced union. Norway loves her independence, such as it is, and wants it kept intact; at the same time she suspects Swedish statesmen of more ambitious designs. No movement of any character has yet succeeded in effecting a change. A serious difficulty has however arisen from the use made of the executive authority. The government must be represented abroad. The representatives of the united kingdoms are appointed by the king, who is a Swede. Originally, that is back in 1814 and 1815, Norway had few, or no diplomatic matters to arrange with foreign countries. Gradually as these have arisen, Norway has become imbued with the idea that it would be more dignified and consistent with the spirit of their free and democratic constitution, as well as more advantageous to the commercial interests of the country, to have her own consuls and foreign minister. Too long, declare prominent Norwegians, has an alien been responsible for the foreign affairs and particularly the consular branch of it. This is the real crux of the situation, and it is little wonder that, taking this view of it, they look with suspicion at Gustavus, an "alien," whom they do not as yet know, and of whose authority they are, after 90 years of union, still jealous.

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MADE NOISE IN CHURCH.

Senator Turner Tells How He Was Cured of a Pernicious and Irreverent Habit.

Senator Turner, of the Alaskan Boundary commission, that is soon to meet in London, said the other day:

"When I go to church I am as silent as a mouse from the moment I enter till the moment I leave. But I was not always so. In the little Missouri town of Edina, where I was brought up, I was in my boyhood a pretty disorderly church-goer.

"But one Sunday, when I was about thirteen, we had a strange minister to preach. I sat with four or five other lads in the rear of the church, and we made a great deal of noise. The stranger put up with us for a long time. Then he looked at us, and everything became very still.

"'I hate,' he said, 'to reprove any disorderly person from the pulpit; in fact, I make it a rule never to do this. Let me tell you why. Once a young man behaved very badly while I was preaching. I spoke to him and his conduct became worse. Again I spoke to him, and again his conduct became worse. Four or five times I paused to rebuke this young man, and each time he carried on in a more heathenish manner than before. At the end of the service they told me of the mistake I had made. The young man was a lunatic.'" — Louisville Commercial-Journal.

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Gooseberry and currants may be propagated from cuttings. Take last year's growth of wood, stick in well prepared soil so that two or more buds are below the surface. Do this before the buds swell. Keep free from weeds this season. Next spring you can transplant a nice little bush.

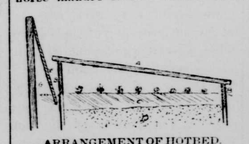
HORTICULTURE

AN EFFECTIVE HOTBED.

Valuable Suggestions for Farmers Who Are Thinking of Giving Gardening a Fair Trial.

The location for a good hotbed needs to be chosen with some care; it should be sheltered by trees or by a good, broad fence on the north side. This fence should be six and one-half feet high, and is usually built leaning back about six inches from perpendicular at the top so that mats, sashes or shutters leaned up against the fence will not so readily be blown down by the wind. The land should slope a little to the south or southeast, and the beds should be either level or of even grade from end to end in order to run the planks straight from one end to the other. The bed should face southeast, south or southwest, according to the lay of the land.

The best material for heat is fresh horse manure from a stable where



ARRANGEMENT OF HOTBED.

not less than eight horses are kept, well fed with grain. The manure should be piled up near the bed until enough is ready. It will need a cord of manure for each ten or 15 sashes. If not needed immediately, it should be pitched over frequently, to prevent burning. When ready the manure should be forked into the bed, not dumped, and well trodden down as it is placed in the pit, until the required amount is in place. Then it should be immediately covered with the loam and the sashes placed on the frame, and over them the mats, if the weather is cold.

In about two days after being made up the bed will attain its greatest degree of heat if everything works well, perhaps 90 to 115 degrees. After this, the heat will gradually decline, and after four weeks will usually be about 50 to 60 degrees. The deeper the manure is packed in the bed the higher will be the heat and the longer will it be retained. When beds are started in January and February, it is needful to make them considerably deeper than in March and April. Indeed, after April 15 heat is hardly needed at all except for cucumbers.

The frames for hotbeds are usually put in order in the fall before the ground freezes, and are covered with leaves or other litter deeply enough to prevent freezing. Whenever they are wanted the pit is dug out in sections about six feet at a time, throwing back the surface loam to the depth of six inches upon the section already filled with manure, and then carting away whatever more is needed in order to make the pit of the required depth.

The advantages in building beds in this manner over the method of building them above ground are that the manure in a pit will retain its heat better than when exposed to the wind, and the bed will need far less watering. Hotbeds thus constructed are used for forcing winter crops of lettuce and radishes, and for starting seeds of tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers and onions for transplanting to the open field in April and May. In the accompanying illustration a represents the sash, b the plank, c loam, d manure, e mats, and g the fence at the back.—Orange Judd Farmer.

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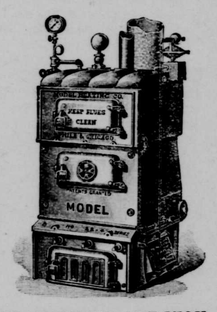

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