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A sharp turn came in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society June 9. Thomas F. Ryan and associates of New York obtained control, Hyde resigned as vice president, and Alexander resigned as president. Paul Morton, now secretary of the navy, was made chairman of the board of directors, and he will be the society's executive head. Grover Cleveland has been invited to become a director. This is all referred to as a "compromise" between the Hyde and Alexander forces. But the Alexander men are plainly disappointed and it is believed by many that Hyde had much to do with the important change.

The Norway Storting has formally dissolved the union of Norway and Sweden and has proclaimed that King Oscar is no longer king of Norway. The reins of government have been placed in the hands of the council of state. The council is proceeding with the reorganization of the government, a new flag has been adopted and the prayer-book of the Norwegian church has been modified in accordance with the change in the political situation, the prayers for the royal family being omitted.

The Norway Storting adopted an address declaring that no ill-feeling was entertained toward King Oscar or his dynasty. The king was asked to co-operate in the selection of a young prince of the house of Bernadotte to occupy the throne of Norway, Prince Carl being the one favored by a great many Norwegians. King Oscar declined to consider the offer and representatives of Norway approached the Danish royal family to ascertain if an offer of the throne would be received by a member of it—preferably Prince Charles, son of Crown Prince Frederick. It is claimed by some that the majority of the Norwegians are opposed to giving the throne to a prince of the house of Bernadotte and that if King Oscar should adhere to his refusal and if the Danish royal family should likewise refuse, the strong Norwegian sentiment toward a republic would make itself manifest.

In Sweden ovations in honor of King Oscar continue, and there is a strong sentiment opposed to recognizing the action of the Storting as being definite. Doctor Nansen is very popular with the republican element of Norway, and some believe that he may ultimately become head of a Norwegian republic. In an interview with a London newspaper correspondent, Dr. Nansen says that Norwegians are without bitterness toward the kind or Sweden, and that the Swedish people will doubtless understand that Norway's withdrawal from the union was the best solution of the pending problems.

The immediate cause of the breach between the united kingdoms of Sweden and Norway was the veto by King Oscar of a bill passed by the Norway Storting creating an independent consular system for that country. That veto was given May 28th. Norway demanded separate consuls, but Sweden insisted that the relations between the two countries be amended before the separate consuls were granted. In his interview Doctor Nansen says: "The crown was compelled to veto the consular bill or else would have lost Sweden, and this fact is well understood and appreciated by the Norwegians." A series of negotiations

followed, and the veto to the separate consul bill resulted in the open break.

The Norwegian Council of State, which is to serve the Norway provisional government, is composed of the following: M. Michelsen, premier and minister of justice; Dean Knudsen, ministry for worship and instruction; M. Arctander, ministry for foreign affairs, commerce, navigation and industry; M. Vinje, ministry of agriculture; M. Lehmkuhl, ministry of public works; M. Gumar Knudsen, minister of finance and customs; Gen. Olsenn, ministry of defense; delegation to the council at Stockholm, M. Lovland, minister of state; M. Hagerupbull, M. Bothner.

London dispatches suggest that had Russia not been involved in a war in the far east it is doubtful whether Norway would have undertaken to sever its connection with Sweden. London newspapers say that Norway's action is very serious, and dispatches say that "British sympathies appear to be strongly on the side of Sweden and King Oscar, more especially as an English princess is about to marry a prince who is in direct line of succession to the Swedish throne."

Secretary Hay has sailed from Liverpool on his return home from a successful voyage in search of health.

Beriah Wilkins, editor and proprietor of the Washington Post, and formerly a member of congress from Ohio, died of heart failure at the national capital June 7. Mr. Wilkins was 59 years of age.

The Northern Indiana Baptist Association met at South Bend June 7. A resolution was introduced endorsing John D. Rockefeller and defending him against criticism of his business methods. After a stormy debate the resolution was withdrawn. This resolution was introduced by Rev. A. N. Wheeler of Elkhart, and was as follows: "Resolved, That we express ourselves against the present tendency to criticize the great Baptist brotherhood in the person of one of its most active members, and this in the face of the fact that there is no evidence to prove that Mr. Rockefeller is or ever has been either directly or indirectly connected with conduct that is out of line with the highest morality." A South Bend correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald, says: "Before Mr. Wheeler had taken his seat six clergymen were demanding the floor. The minister who was most hostile was Rev. C. R. Parker of Laporte. He ended a heated argument with a suggestion that 'the rotten thing' be dealt with in a most vigorous way. While the other five clergymen were attempting to voice their protests at the same time the resolution was withdrawn."

For years it has been alleged that the voters' list in Philadelphia has been padded. Mayor Weaver has ordered a thorough investigation of Philadelphia's entire list of voters.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Boston, June 7, says: "President Roosevelt has informed Governor Douglas that he wishes no official reception on visiting this state to attend the Harvard commencement, as he will come as a private citizen. In this way an embarrassing situation will be avoided, as should the president visit Mass-

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