

NEW MINISTER FROM SWEDEN



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Herman Lagercrantz, the recently appointed Swedish minister to the United States, firmly established his popularity with the president immediately upon his arrival in this country when it became known that he was the father of seven children. President Roosevelt told him that he had the right kind of credentials to make him an acceptable minister to any country on earth. Before entering the diplomatic service of his country he was engaged in the iron industry and was president of a railroad.

BURIAL OF ROYALTY

IS A MOST EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING IN CHINA.

More Than \$4,200,000 Will be Expended in Rites Over Late Emperor—Obsequies of Empress Dowager Just as Costly.

Peking.—The Chinese empire will expend more than \$4,200,000 in the burial rites of the late emperor and dowager empress of the Celestial kingdom, before the Confucian law and the ancient precedents governing the burial of Chinese royalty are complied with. The religion and all Chinese usage is founded on respect for the dead, and to the western observer the lavish expenditure of money attendant on the taking of the body of Emperor Kwang-Hsu from the Forbidden City to the coal hill mortuary, with all its pomp and splendor, was nothing short of the grotesque.

For a week the body of the dead emperor rested in state in the room in the palace reserved especially for that purpose by the Chinese court. Before his remains could be removed the law demanded that every piece of his personal property must be destroyed. Priceless silks, furs, gems, art works of which the emperor was intensely fond during his life, were assigned to the flames. This was done at the cost of a fortune, while the destruction of the vast personal effects of the Dowager empress will entail an expenditure of doubly as much.

Brilliant, barbaric, and weird was the progress of the cortege through the streets of Peking the other day. The procession was led by Prince Chun, the regent, while the baby emperor had a prominent position in the line.

Thousands of soldiers, ministers of state, priests, and prominent civilians marched to the coal hill, while myriads of mourners bowed their heads in the dust as the body was borne by.

At mortuary hill the remains will lie in state until the imperial sepulcher is prepared.

The dowager empress will be buried in the spring, when her mausoleum shall have been completed. Her obsequies will cost as much as those of the emperor. A vast collection of priceless furs and other personal property belonging to her was incinerated in her palace two days ago.

The funeral observances were notable for a strange admixture of ancient Chinese custom with western forms and practices, a fact that shows the progress made in recent years of modernizing the system of procedure for imperial interments handed down from bygone generations.

The fact that many of the old grotesque funeral forms that have been observed for centuries were to-day ignored as utterly unsuited to modern conditions has brought out much local criticism of the government, but in spite of this the throne has ordered the grand council to consider another memorial looking to the alteration of existing funeral observances to conform to modern methods.

SOCIETY UNIONS ON DECLINE.

Country Shows Falling Off of Seven Per Cent. During Year.

New York.—Marriages among persons in New York who are socially prominent are on the decline, according to statistics based on names appearing in the Social Register for 1909, just out. A decrease of 20 per cent. over last year's marriages is shown for New York city, with a general falling off of approximately seven per cent. throughout the country. Pittsburg was an exception, with 69

CUP YACHT IS SOLD

FAMOUS CONSTITUTION TO BE BROKEN UP FOR JUNK.

Was Built to Race Lipton's Shamrock II.—\$25,000 Worth of Various Metals and Material in the Craft.

New York.—A few days ago marked the passing of another American cup yacht. The famous Constitution, predecessor of the Reliance, was sold to Edward S. Reiss & Co., by the American Cup Defender association, the syndicate which built her, of which August Belmont was the head. She will be broken up for junk, like Thomas W. Lawson's Independence, Lipton's Shamrock II. and other celebrated racers.

The Constitution is high and dry in the yard of the Thames Railway Company, in New London, Conn., where she has been since her last race with the Reliance in 1903.

She will be cut in four sections, each of which will be put on a lighter with a derrick and brought down the sound and East river to the foot of Broad street. There everything in her construction will be broken up and sold. There is \$25,000 worth of so-called junk in the yacht. There are 100 tons of lead, 30 tons of bronze, 25 tons of steel, 20 tons of sails and 20 tons of miscellaneous materials, including anchors and chains.

Mr. Reiss has bought nearly a score of famous yachts in a few years. Some he has sent south and sold for sport fishing, and others whose bones were getting brittle, he has broken up. In cases where their years have not told on them their size has kept them idle in some shipyard.

A cup defender is an expensive plaything because of the large crew required to man her. The Vigilant and Colonia were changed into schooners—which require less of a crew than a sloop of equal size—but neither is as large as the Constitution. The Constitution measures 59 feet six inches on the surface of the water, but from her bow to her stern she is 132 feet long. She has a beam of 26 feet two inches, a draught of 19 feet seven inches, and has 19 feet of depth.

SISTERS WEDDED ON DARE.

Double Nuptials in Early Morn Result of Cousins' Proposal.

Sloux Falls, S. D.—George Sweet of Gregory, and Miss Minnie Austin, and Guy Stearns of Ottumwa, S. D., and Miss Sadie Austin, were the principals in a romantic double wedding, which was the result of a dare on the part of the young men. The brides are sisters and are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Anariah Austin of Iowa. The grooms are cousins. The wedding followed a midnight journey from the extreme southern part of Lyman county to the county seat at Oscoma. It appears the two young men were visiting the sisters, and during the evening made the daring jest that the sisters had not the nerve to accompany them to the county seat at once and be married. The sisters called the bluff, accepting the dare, and the four started out at once on the long and dangerous journey to Oscoma, arriving at that place at three o'clock in the morning. The great difficulty and danger in making the crossing of White river in the darkness added zest to the occasion. After their arrival at Oscoma there was a tedious wait for the clerk of courts to appear and issue the necessary license. After this was secured the services of Rev. N. H. May were engaged and the marriage ceremony was performed.

"social marriages" this year as against 65 last year, and Chicago was stationary with 135.

Compilers of statistics declare the financial depression was responsible for the decrease. The figures in New York for last year were 763 and for 1908 only 662. Philadelphia's weddings dropped from 242 to 224 and Boston from 167 to 147. St. Louis recorded only 98 for 1908 as against 131 for 1907, but San Francisco showed an increase from 81 to 119. In Baltimore there was a decrease from 116 to 99, in St. Paul from 67 to 59 and in Minneapolis from 29 to 27. Southern cities as a whole showed no appreciable change.

FARMERS USE OAT INCUBATORS.

Poultry Raisers Have a New Way of Providing Food for Chickens.

Morocco, Ind.—Farmers near here have a new device in connection with the raising of poultry. It is called the "oat incubator." The outfit is simple and original, consisting of a number of crates, one above the other, with nine inches of space between. On the bottom of each crate layers of burlap are placed and on the top crate water is poured each morning. The water soaks the oats and then drops from one crate to the other. Under the influence of artificial heat the oats sprout and grow rapidly, the green, tender shoots making excellent food for chickens during the winter months. A bucketful of oats will make five bucketfuls of green food. Poultry raisers who have tried the "oat incubator" are enthusiastic in its praise.

WIFE OF MINISTER FROM SWEDEN



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Mme. de Lagercrantz, wife of the new minister from Sweden to the United States, is one of the most delightful women in the diplomatic circles of the capital and bids fair to be one of the most popular hostesses in Washington with the opening of the social season.

The Review

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 27, 1908
Specially Arranged for This Paper

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4:23.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

This review should cover the whole period of our six months' study.

The main facts should be held in the memory as a basis of the instruction the history is intended to teach. The great value of history lies in the light it sheds on the great principles of true living. "History is philosophy teaching by examples," said Dionysius of Halicarnassus, and Carlyle calls it "Philosophy teaching by experience." The Bible history is far more to us, for it is a divinely guided revelation of God's principles and plans of dealing with men. But it is to be seen and studied in the light of its own times and circumstances.

A review is a fitting lesson for the closing sabbath of the year, bidding us look carefully at the trend and tide of our own lives, learning what to avoid and what to cherish, what to repent of and what to give thanks for. Thus shall the past illumine the path of the future; evils repented of shall be lighthouses on the hidden rocks; and work well done and victories gained shall be favoring gales toward the port of eternal life.

Saul and His Kingdom—B. C. 1095-1055.

The first king with a great task before him.

A good general—lovable man. A brave man.

Not sufficient ability to accomplish his work.

Chief cause of his failures was moral. He was selfish and disobedient to God, without depth of religious life.

His kingdom was small. His death tragic.

David and His Kingdom—B. C. 1055-1015.

For his early life and training, and for the discipline of his young manhood, see review of last quarter.

David had many personal qualities and natural advantages which made it possible for him to become a great king. Name them. But whether these possibilities became realized depended upon himself.

He became a great statesman, general, organizer, poet, musician.

Results.—David found the kingdom divided, distracted, subdued by enemies, and in a very low religious condition.

David left the kingdom great in many ways:

1. A united people.
2. A greatly enlarged territory and population.
3. Great progress in the religious life of the people.
4. Great progress in government. The kingdom highly organized as a state, as a military power, as a religious institution.
5. Great increase in wealth, prosperity, and the blessings of life.
6. Peace with all the surrounding nations.

7. He made great preparations for building the temple.

8. He wrote Psalms which are a blessing to all the ages.

His great sin marred his career and brought disastrous consequences.

But his repentance was most manly and thorough. And his life, mellowed and deepened, was a blessing to the end.

His success was founded on the principles which bring true success to-day. Solomon and His Kingdom—B. C. 1015-975.

Tell the story of his early life and circumstances.

His most marked early experience was his wise choice.

The Result.—1. "He raised Israel, for a time, to the height of its national aspirations and showed the possibilities of splendor and authority to which it might attain."—Farrar.

2. "He stirred the intellectual life of the people in new directions."

3. "He enshrined their worship in a worthy and permanent temple," "by which he influenced their religious life down to its latest days." This temple was idealized, together with the city, into a type of the spiritual temple and the New Jerusalem, the city of God which came down from heaven.

4. The peace which prevailed during nearly all of his reign was a great achievement and made many of the other blessings possible.

5. His failure and weakness came from the atmosphere of worldliness, from yielding to temptation into which he placed himself.

6. For this falling into sin he suffered many things, and his people and kingdom suffered more.

7. But Solomon did not wholly fall from his high estate, nor were the great things he had done for his kingdom obliterated. There was far more good than evil.

No one can any more gain happiness in Solomon's way than he can quench his thirst with the salt waters of the sea.

Solomon forfeited the conditional promise of long life. He failed in the conditions, and his life burned out at the age of 60.

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Needed Them in His Business.

"What with whooping cough, measles and all that," began the first traveler, "children are a great care; but they are blessings sometimes—"

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"No; a doctor."—Stray Stories.

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"No; I'm holding it for a rise."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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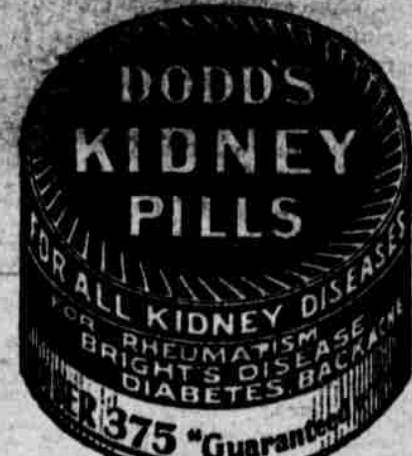
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