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## INTEREST IN RULER

O'BRIEN TO RE-ENTER FIELD  
WILL REVIVE DUBLIN NEWSPAPER AND  
FIGHT LEADERS OF UNITED  
IRISH LEAGUE.

Norway and Sweden Speculate as to Who  
Will Take Empty Throne.

KING OSCAR EXPRESSES NO PREFERENCE  
Old Ruler of Sweden Will Be Guided  
Entirely by Riksdag.

REPUBLIC IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY

Storthing Has More Power Than Most  
Rulers Would Like.

FARMERS OF SWEDEN ARE ORGANIZING

Co-operative Association Formed at  
Stockholm to Promote Buying and  
Selling of Products of the  
Farm.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 23.—(Special Cablegram to the Bee.)—The commission decided the union controversy and officially sealed the dissolution of the union. The arrival of the commission was characterized by the absence of all demonstration on the part of the good citizens of Karlstad. His excellency, Mr. Lundberg, was elected chairman of the Swedish delegation and his excellency, Mr. Michelsen, was elected chairman of the Norwegian delegation. It was then agreed that each of these chairmen should act as general chairman of the commission one day at a time in turn, and at the suggestion of the Norwegian delegation, the Swedish chairman lead the first day's sessions. It was furthermore decided that two sessions should be held daily and that the proceedings of the sessions should be kept secret.

The first day's session was characterized by a quiet and peaceful deliberation and favored with warm, sunshiny weather, which, after many weeks of rain and storm, seemed to be a good omen for the success of the negotiations. The Norwegian press seems also to be characterized by unqualified good will, but under this quiet surface it is obvious that there are deep and strong currents. After this first general session both delegations held separate meetings in the evening, and as these meetings were very protracted, it is supposed that many serious matters were discussed and many obstacles were tried to be overcome. The Norwegian statement were not prepared to give way to the requirements of Sweden without a brave diplomatic struggle. After the unanimous plebiscite, or referendum, the Norwegian delegates do not dare to put too strong a damper on the high expectations of the Norwegian chauvinists. The provincial press of Norway declares that the conditions put up by Sweden are intended to destroy the future of Norway and to make it defenseless. The Norwegians do not like to speak of the frontier fortresses, but try to pass them over in a jocular manner. The question of trans-scandinavian traffic also seems to contain many difficult problems.

Karlstad is now one of the most populous and important of Swedish cities, largely owing to the mighty river Klara Elf, which brings to Lake Vänern its main water supply, brings down timber from the mountain forests and affords a channel of navigation far into the interior of the country. Just as an illustration of what great damage the Norwegians could inflict on Sweden it may be mentioned that by sailing up comparatively short canals the Norwegians could lead off the waters of this mighty river into the Glommen river and leave the Klara Elf nothing but a dry sandbed. It is for this and other equally important reasons that Sweden insists on guarantees for the continuation of unobstructed transpeninsular traffic.

**Want Sweden on Throne.**

It is rumored that both the Swedish king and the Riksdag have come to the conclusion that it would be far more advantageous for Sweden to have a Swedish prince on the Norwegian throne than an outsider and of late a very energetic propaganda is said to be carried on in high court circles for the candidacy of the Swedish prince, Carl. Nothing definite can be asserted on this point, however, for the members of the Riksdag are not now assembled, and the king has declared that he will give or refuse his sanction to a proposal for Prince Carl to ascend the Norwegian throne all according to the expressed wish of the assembled Riksdag.

In Norway there is a distinct factor clamoring for a king from some of the ancient Norwegian dynasties, which are not yet by any means extinct or obsolescent. There is another factor, however, which tends toward a democratic republic. Still, it cannot be denied that the Norwegians, during a Swedish prince for the Norwegian throne, would to a very large extent cloak the revolutionary act of June 7, and Sweden's consent to a Swedish candidacy to the Norwegian throne could in a measure be construed as an approval of Norway's revolutionary action. Should, however, a Norwegian request be held forward, for a Swedish prince for the Norwegian throne, and such a request should be entered in the protocol of the present conference at Karlsbad, it is obvious that Sweden could not give its consent to such a throne candidacy before the future form of Norway's state government is formulated and fixed, for at present a king on the Norwegian throne would be utterly impotent before the Storthing, whose omnipotence has been clearly demonstrated by late events. Furthermore, Sweden cannot give its consent to having a Bernadotte prince as ruler of Norway before it is decided whether Norway shall be a monarchy or republic. The general opinion throughout Sweden at present seems to favor a Norwegian republic more than a Norwegian monarchy.

**Farmers Organizing.**

During the past week the Agricultural Co-operative association has been formed in Sweden, with the object of promoting both the selling and buying interests of Swedish agriculturists. Seven local associations of this kind have already joined the national association, and five more are expected to join it in the near future. The local associations which have already amalgamated with the national association represent about 11,000 agriculturists who purchase five or six million crowns worth of commodities every year. The other five local associations which are as yet expected to join the national association represent 18,000 agriculturists who purchase 18,000,000 crowns worth of goods, which will enable the National Agricultural association to purchase such enormous quantities of commodities that it will control the market and give its members an opportunity of purchasing at prices far below the present wholesale. The association intends to institute direct steamship lines to different parts of the world for the exclusive transportation of goods purchased by the association, thus being entirely independent of freight fluctuations. This mighty octopus is looked upon with fear and trembling by Swedish merchants.

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GROWTH OF LONDON  
Capital of Great Britain Increasing in Population at a Rapid Rate.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATE BOTH LOWER  
Base Suicide Shows No Alarming Symptoms in the World's Metropolis.

INSANITY AND POVERTY ON THE INCREASE

Different Parts of City Show Strange Variations in Health.

MUNICIPALITY ENTERS LINES OF TRADE

County Council's Report Shows that  
Many Industries Are Now Being  
Pursued by the County  
Board.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(Special Cablegram to the Bee.)—In an advertisement announcing the early revival of his weekly newspaper, "The Irish People," Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., says:

"While the people of the south, who have had an opportunity to witness so many movements in overwhelming numbers in favor of a return to the policy of two years ago, the provinces of Leinster and Munster, are dependent on me, the man for their instruction are carefully kept in ignorance of my views and have fallen easy victims to the misrepresentations of the leaders of the triumvirate. Unless the country is to submit to the suppression of free speech more audacious than any ever attempted by Dr. Johnson, Kennedy must be found for this state of things. The Irish People" will immediately resume its work of enlightening the nation on the right to demand the right to return to the only national policy which has received the sanction of all but the unscrupulous and ignorant authorities in doing so. The Irish People" will be exercising a fundamental right under the constitution of the United Kingdom, and will be fighting for the great national issues out of the hands of a usurping and self-elected triumvirate in Dublin and submitting it to the judgment of the people."

By the triumvirate, which he charges

with having usurped the control of the United Irish league Mr. O'Brien is understood to mean Messrs. Dillon, Davitt and Sexton.

In a letter to the Land and Labor association at Hill street, County Cork, Mr. O'Brien makes a furious attack on the three-nationalists politicians, whom he styles the Dublin triumvirate. He says:

"The time has come when this clique of traitors who have been instrumental in bringing about the present financial forebore will have to be dragged into the light of day. If they would even now relax their grip on the reins of power, it would be quite possible to force a great laborers bill as well as a great land purchase amending bill triumphantly through Parliament. The three-nationalists parties but either laborers or farmers but nationalists can affect anything they must first face their duty, however disgraceful and ignominious it may be, and stewardship from the highest pinnacle of success to the verge of ruin, and who have nothing better to offer the country than the same old lies and trickery. Giant

Greater London today contains 30 per cent more people than the whole of Canada and 40 per cent more than Australia from British New Guinea to Tasmania. The inhabitants of Norway and Switzerland combined come to little more than three-quarters of London's great family. Each year the capital receives an increase equal to

the total population of Germany.

They could have discovered no plan, for London is still growing and spreading outward and upward with cumulative rapidity. Each year it sinks in fresh villages, each year its central streets mount higher and higher. The new volume of "London Statistics," a ponderous volume of 654 pages published by the London county council, gives a mass of figures almost overwhelming.

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The disease is variously known as erysipelas (although it has nothing in common with human erysipelas, except the reddening of the skin), swine typhus and St. Anthony's fire.

It is also prevalent at the present time in Germany, the Board of Health reporting that the loss from it last year would amount to over \$1,000,000. Whether it was imported from Germany or it had its origin here cannot be determined by experts at the present time.

In anticipation of an agreement large crowds assembled around the building in which the meetings had been held to witness the departure of the delegates. The Norwegians emerged immediately upon the conclusion of the session and were on their way to Christiania a few minutes after the announcement was made of the outcome of the negotiations. The Swedish delegates remained within some time, but when they did allow themselves they received an ovation and were escorted to their hotel by the crowd, which sang the Swedish national anthem. They left at midnight for Stockholm.

The delegates refused to discuss the terms of the agreement, simply saying that they would give it next week.

An agreement had been anticipated for some days, as both sides had been adopting conciliatory attitudes.

**History of Negotiations.**

The negotiations which are now concluded were peculiar in nature. On one side the delegates were four Swedish ministers, who at the time of the Riksdag decision, were leading members of the committee which framed the Swedish conditions of dissolution. On the other side the delegates were men who led Norway in its revolution of June 7, but who were not satisfied by any decision of the Storthing. On the contrary, their every act was looked upon with suspicion by men more radical.

When Sweden's conditions were made known many voices in Norway were raised against acceding to them. Premier Michelsen was more conservative and seeing the consequences to Norway of a breach with Sweden, was willing to enter into an agreement so long as it was honorable to Norway and preserved as much as possible its national pride. M. Berner, president of the Norwegian Storthing, and M. Loveland, the Norwegian foreign minister, were perhaps, not so willing, but they followed Premier Michelsen.

**Points of Difference.**

The purpose of the Swedish delegates was to make an agreement preserving the good feeling between the two peoples. From this viewpoint, of course, Sweden was compelled to insist on the demolition of the frontier fortifications which Norway, notwithstanding the close connections of the countries, had erected against Sweden's entirely unfortified frontier. The first purpose of the Swedish delegates had to hurt as little as possible the feelings of Norway and the Swedish delegates throughout the proceedings have tried to find a way in which the fortress located farthest from the frontier could be made less threatening, while the others they contended should be demolished. It is believed this point was successfully carried.

The Swedish delegates were also anxious

to preserve free and untrammeled the intercourse between the two countries and they therefore proposed that certain agreements be made regarding transit and waterways which were equal in benefit to both and which would prevent one country from interfering with the other. It is believed that these matters also were settled to the satisfaction of both sides.

**State of Laplanders.**

Finally Sweden did not consider that it could leave unprotected the interests of the poor nomadic Laplanders who for their very existence depend on the use of pastures in both countries at different seasons for their reindeer. The Norwegians held out against the granting of this right, which had been established for centuries, but it is thought they at last gave in. That Sweden never objected to arbitration is shown by the Riksdag's decision, in which arbitration was first mentioned and which agreed perfectly with Sweden's expressed desire for peace.

**Some Vital Statistics.**

In Shoreditch out of every 1,000 children born 171 die before they are a year old.

In Hampstead, out of the same number only eighty-eight die. This one fact gives the different conditions of health in east and west more vividly than a mass of detailed comparisons. In the county of London the deaths average one in each seven minutes, day and night, all the year around.

London is conspicuously behind most of the leading foreign capitals in freedom from the leading epidemic diseases.

Our death rate from these is twice as high as that of most of the great European capitals.

St. Petersburg, however, leaves London behind, doubling our average.

It is notable that Shoreditch, which has unhappily pre-eminence for its infant death rate, is one of the two leading epidemic centers of London. Poplar is the other.

There are more than five times as many deaths proportionately from epidemics in Shoreditch than there are in

Turkish baths.

The most ominous features of the returns are the disproportionate deaths of young children in various districts, the growth of lunacy, the increase of pauperism, the people is multiplying. In recent years London has taken over its own tramways, it now owns its own water supply, public steamers run on the Thames, electric supply is more and more drifting into the hands of the borough councils and the total of public baths, libraries, wash houses and parks is ever growing. One borough, Camberwell, now boasts of its own municipal Turkish baths.

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Turkish baths.

This is the first occasion on which the War office has provided funds to cover the traveling expenses of volunteers proceeding to royal review.

**RICE CROP OF JAPAN RUINED**

Rainy Weather Makes Harvest of More Than Quarter of Crop Impossible.

TOKIO, Sept. 23.—(Special Cablegram to the Bee.)—The rice crop of Japan has been almost totally ruined by incessant rains. Less than a quarter of a crop will be gathered. This is a very serious calamity for Japan, as a large proportion of its inhabitants gain their livelihood from its cultivation. Even with a good crop Japan is obliged to import more and more rice each year to supply the ever-increasing demand. Last year, for example, the rice harvest was one of unprecedented abundance, being 21 per cent above the average. The crop realized \$60,000,000 bushels. Nevertheless the rice import was considerably, though at the expense of other services, the administration of the sum and the conduct of the review being placed at once in the hands of the general officer commanding.

The Army Council has done all in its power to make the Scottish volunteers pay from homes to place of Review.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(Special Cablegram to the Bee.)—Owing to the discussion that has been raised and the heart burnings caused in military circles, the War office has finally issued the following official explanation of its attitude toward the conveyance of Scottish volunteers to Edinburgh for the king's review:

"We do not order or in any way promote the movement, but on being informed that his majesty was pleased to review the Scottish volunteers made every effort to meet the wishes of the king.

The volunteers were, however, against making a grant of money toward the conveyance of troops to the place of review, and no money had been voted for the purpose.

The local authorities, on being informed that the king desired a special consideration and eventually made every effort to make a special arrangement for the movement, were, however, against making a grant of money toward the conveyance of troops to the place of review, and no money had been voted for the purpose.

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