

The New Ruler of Sweden and His Family

King Gustave V., His Ancestry, His Relations With His People and the Popular Queen Victoria.

THE new king of Sweden, who has taken the title of Gustave V., is a great-grandson of a boy who ran away from his home in Pau, France, to go to sea, but got caught in the maelstrom of the French revolution and became a skillful general, minister of war and marshal of France under Napoleon and finally king of Sweden and Norway. His original name was Jean Baptiste Jules Bernadotte. Anybody who has read that once popular book, J. T. Headley's "Napoleon and His Marshals," will remember that Bernadotte galloped all through its pages, now here, now there, at Wagram, at Austerlitz, always showing high skill and gallantry.

Napoleon, who disliked Bernadotte, preferred to have him fight for rather than against him. Accordingly in reward for the marshal's brilliant services at Austerlitz he made Bernadotte Prince of Pontecorvo, a little Italian



KING GUSTAVE V. of Sweden.

The New Crown Prince and His Bride, an English Princess. The Widow of King Oscar, Queen Sophie.

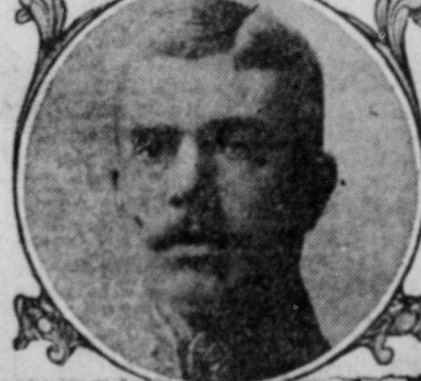
father's standard. This difficult position the crown prince bore with much patience. Having reached a mature age before being called to the throne, he has proved his inherent good qualities and his devotion to Sweden. Gustave served several times as regent during the illness or absence of his father and therefore is not without administrative experience.

Gustave Adolph, the new crown prince, is a popular young man of twenty-five who married the pretty Princess Margaret of Connaught a year ago. Thus England supplies, if events take the natural course, the next queen of Sweden.

Future Bernadotte rulers of the Swedish people must maintain a high standard to measure up to their prede-



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cessors of that house. Of the four Bernadotte kings who have completed their reigns not one has betrayed his trust, not one has failed to appreciate his high responsibilities, his duty to the people. Old Marshal Bernadotte, as Charles XIV., though a famous general, turned his attention to the internal improvement and development of Sweden and Norway, the united kingdoms which he ruled. His son Oscar, a studious man, with a leaning toward literature, followed his example. Oscar's eldest son, who reigned thirteen years as Charles XV., left no son to succeed him, but he left a legacy of wise and helpful administration. His brother, Oscar II., whose reign of thirty-five years was the longest of any Bernadotte ruler, became known as the most able monarch in Europe.

The widow of Oscar, now the dowager Queen Sophie, was a princess of Nassau. She was married to Crown Prince Oscar in 1857. For fifty years this royal couple lived together as happily as they might have lived had the king been merely Oscar Bernadotte, citizen of provincial France.

Political Economy. Pa—Well? Tommy—Does an inheritance tax punish a man for being dead or his heir for being alive?—Harper's Weekly.

Minnesota's Wonderful Climate. A sickly lady who was visiting a Minnesota health resort on the advice of her physician was seated at the table next to a ruddy faced, robust looking young man. "Have you improved much since you came here?" the lady asked. "Wonderfully, ma'am," replied the young man. "And you were in very bad health when you came?" she persisted. "Why, when I first came here I was probably the weakest person you ever saw. I had practically no use of my limbs nor the use of a single faculty." "Dear, dear! And you lived?" "I certainly did, ma'am, although I was absolutely dependent upon others for everything, being without power to help myself, but I commenced to gain immediately upon my arrival and haven't experienced a serious setback since." "Wonderful, wonderful!" murmured the lady. "I trust you found kind friends here, sir?" "Indeed I did, ma'am. It is to them and to the pure air of Minnesota that I owe my life. My father's family were with me, but unfortunately my mother was prostrated with a severe illness during the time of my greatest weakness." "How sad! Surely, sir, you must have been greatly reduced in flesh when you arrived here." "Yes, ma'am. They tell me that I only weighed nine pounds at the time of my birth here."—Everybody's.

A Bright Boy. "Now, boys, what is the axis of the earth?" "The axis of the earth," said Johnny, "is an imaginary line which passes from one pole to another, and on it the earth revolves." "Very good, Johnny," said the teacher. "Could you hang clothes on that line?" "Yes, sir." "Oh, indeed, and what sort of clothes, may I ask?" "Imaginary clothes, sir."

Stale Bait. "I abominate bachelors," said Joseph Jefferson to a group of Yale juniors. "The older they grow the more conceited they grow. I took one down a peg, though, the other day. He was talking about this woman he had known and that woman he had known, and all these women, it seemed, had married." "Why, you, I said, 'are in danger of getting left. Why don't you, too, get married before it is too late?'" "Oh," said the bachelor, with a chuckle, "there are still plenty of good fish in the sea." "But the bait," said I—"isn't there danger of the bait becoming stale?"

Where She Had Him. A colored girl asked the drug clerk for "10 cents' worth of plaster." "What plaster?" he asked. "Flesh callah," she said. "Whereupon the clerk proffered a box of black court plaster. The girl opened the box with a deliberation that was ominous, but her face was unruined as she noted the color of the contents and said: "I ast for flesh callah an' you done give me skin callah."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Pals of the President. Colonel Harry Hall of Pittsburg was in London riding on top of a bus. He asked the driver several questions, and then the driver said, "You have not one of us, sir?" "No," Hall replied; "I am an American."

"America is a fine place, sir. I lived there once." "Where?" "Why, sir, I lived in Washington. I was coachman for Sir Frederick W. Bruce when 'e was minister there, sir. We was most familiar with the hold Grant, sir, when he were president—most familiar." "How was that?" inquired the astonished Hall. "Why, sir, my marster was 'is petticlest friend—most petticlest. Many's the night I have driven 'im to the White House and sat there, 'im on the inside an' 'me hon the houtside, for 'ours at a time."



QUEEN VICTORIA OF SWEDEN.

town. Later the Swedish diet elected Gustave crown prince in 1872. Bernadotte's election was extremely unpopular. Bernadotte's French emperor, who Bernadotte's former marshal cordially hated. These are the facts upon which they are in direct opposition to the popular supposition that Napoleon made Bernadotte on the Swedish throne.

Gustave V., therefore, is but three generations from a humble French citizen. However, by marriage of Bernadotte princes during those generations with royal princesses the new ruler has several strains of kingly blood in his veins. It is said that he is the first of the Bernadottes to be accepted or cordial terms by the aristocracy of Sweden, this proud element having scorned old Jules Bernadotte and his son and grandsons because of their plebeian extraction. Gustave is assumed by the aristocracy to have a preponderance of truly royal blood.

By the elevation of Gustave to the throne a daughter of one of Europe's proudest families becomes queen of Sweden. Gustave's wife is Victoria, daughter of the Grand Duke of Baden and granddaughter of old Emperor William I. of Germany. Queen Vic-

toria is a first cousin of the present German emperor. She is described as an extremely clever woman, fond of painting and sketching and talented as a writer. She is also an excellent cook, in which fact she is said to take much pride. The new queen has endeared herself to the people of Sweden by her consideration for the poor.

King Gustave is forty-nine years old, a year older than Emperor William, whom he greatly admires and whose military bent he is said to emulate. When Gustave was a youth he was poetic and dreamy. This is not to be wondered at, since his father, the venerable King Oscar, who has just died, was the author of many meritorious poems. To cure him of his dreamy tendencies Gustave was sent into the country, where he became an enthusiastic hunter. He is still exceedingly fond of the chase. Another thing young Gustave did in the country—he fell in love with a pretty girl, the daughter of a rural pastor. He wanted to marry her, but reasons of state caused him in 1881 to wed the Princess Victoria. He is very tall, as was his father. He is of a taciturn disposition in public, but is said to be quite genial and affable among his personal



KING OSCAR'S WIDOW, QUEEN SOPHIE.

friends and associates. Gustave is much more popular than he was in his youth. His reserved manner was mistaken for haughtiness. As crown prince Gustave was constantly under comparison with his father, King Oscar, who was the most democratic and perhaps the best beloved monarch in Europe. No matter what Gustave did or omitted doing, the people insisted upon estimating him according to his

ican mainland and creating competition between Filipino and American labor. Japan in return for commercial privileges in the Philippines would agree to prevent immigration of Japanese laborers into this country.

Baron Kaneko was mentioned as successor to Ambassador Aoki. He had an important part in the negotiations by which peace was arranged between Russia and Japan. He has been much in the United States and is a graduate of Harvard university.

After he had become one of Japan's most distinguished statesmen Harvard conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of laws. World's Work relates that at a dinner given in his honor President Elliot said to the baron: "Harvard university has conferred on you its highest honor. We can do no more, but I understand there is a son in your family. We claim him as a future recipient of the degree conferred upon you. I trust he will come to us and be a worthy successor of his father."

"He will come," replied the baron. Returning to Japan, he told the Baroness Kaneko about the incident, and she told the child. The idea that he was to go to Harvard and receive a degree made a great impression on the boy, and whenever he was naughty his mother would say, "Remember, if you are not good you will not receive the Harvard degree." That always brought him to time.

When Baron Kaneko was preparing to come to the peace conference at Portsmouth his son came and asked: "Where are you going, papa?" "To the United States," said the sire. "Then," said the child, "I must go with you and get that Harvard degree."

BARON KANEKO'S CAREER.

His Harvard Degree and His Little Son's Expectations.

Baron Kentaro Kaneko, who is said to be in favor of a treaty between Japan and the United States giving free trade between the Philippine Islands and the mikado's empire, is reputed to be a very close student of the affairs of the United States, as well as of



BARON KENTARO KANEKO.

those of his own country. According to the proposal discussed, the United States would give the Philippines a market for their products in Japan and thus avoid the necessity of entirely demolishing the tariff wall now existing between the Philippines and the Amer-

It's Second Choice. "Well, Harry," said the lady visitor, "don't you think you have a chance to be president of the United States?" "Oh, I don't know," answered Harry carelessly. "Maybe I'll try for it after I get too old to be a pitcher."

A Rising Diplomat. A curious person espied the son of a new neighbor one morning in a doctor's office.

"Good morning," he said. "Little boy, what is your name?" "Same as dad's," was the quick reply.

"Of course, I know, little boy, but what is your dad's name, dear?" "Same as mine, sir."

"I mean what do they say when they call you to breakfast?" "They don't never call me. I allus gets there first. See?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

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