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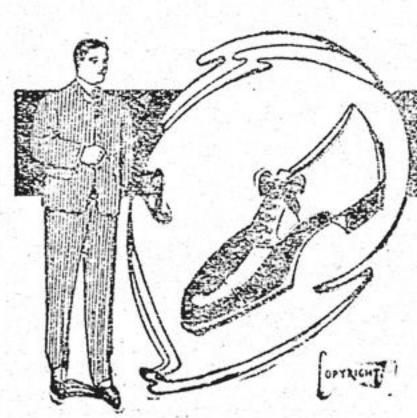
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PROPOSAL OF SWEDEN

Council of State Asks Authority to Approach Storthing.

President of Riksdag Desires Record of Honest Desires of Sweden, While Council of State Would Negotiate With Norway to Establish Basis of Disssolution Mutually Agreeable-Storthing to King and Sweden.

Stockholm, Sweden, June 21 .- The sessions of both chambers of the Riksdag were opened yesterday. There was no undue excitement in either chambers or in the precincts, but the large crowds gathered in front of the Parliament buildings, showed the keen public interest taken in the outcome of the session.

During the proceedings in the lower House, President Swarthing made a speech, in which he said that the hope of Sweden in regard to the union had vanished, and Norway's negation of the union had been accomplished in such a manner that it would be very difficult to make any attempts to reopen the negotiations. He hoped that as a result of the proceedings the present Riksdag would record the honest desires of Sweden.

The Council of State adopted a proposition which will be presented to the Riksdag at its opening this morning. According to the best information, the main points are that Sweden refuses to recognize the one-sided dissolution of the union by the Storthing, but the Government asks the Riksdag for authority to enter into negotiations with Norway in order to establish the basis for a dissolution on which both countries can mutually agree, and the amicable relations of the two countries be maintained.

PEACEFUL SEPARATION.

Desire of Storthing and People of Norway-Address to King, the Riksdag and People of Sweden.

Christiania, Norway, June 21.-The address to King Oscar, the Riksdag and the Swedish people generally adopted by the Storthing Monday in reply to the long letter which the King sent, June 13, to the President of the Storthing, M. Berner, is of a conciliatory character. But at the same time it indicates the unalterable determination of the Storthing to adhere to the action taken in dissolving the union with Sweden. The text is as follows:

"Your Majesty: Norway's Storthing respectfully begs to address Your Majesty, and through Your Majesty Sweden's Riksdag and Sweden's people, as follows:

"What has been happening recently in Norway is the inevitable result of a combination of late political events and cannot be altered, and as it is certain that neither of the two peoples is desirous of returning to the former condition of union, the Storthing is of the opinion that it ought not to reconsider the various questions of the constitution and public law that have been brought up in Your Majesty's note to the Storthing's President in connection with the resolutions adopted, and on which the Storthing and the Government have already expressed themselves in detail. The Storthing recognizes fully Your Majesty's difficult position and never for a moment has doubted that Your Majesty's decisions are in accordance with what Your Majesty has regarded as the rights and duties of the Crown.

Sweden's Honor Not Assailed. "At the same time the Storthing is desirous of addressing an appeal to Your Majesty, the Riksdag and the people of Sweden with the object of contributing to the peaceful carrying through of the dissolution of the union and the safeguarding of the friendship and concord of the two peoples of the peninsula. The Storthing has seen from expressions of opinion in Sweden that the resolution which the Storthing felt it to be its duty to the fatherland to adopt, declaring that the union of the two kingdoms be dissolved, has in form and action be considered mortifying to Sweden. That has never been its intention. What has happened, and had to happen in Norway was merely the inevitable maintenance of Norway's constitutional rights. The Norwegian people never intended to assail Sweden's honor. As Your Majesty, in council, May 26, declared you were unable to sanction the Storthing's unanimous resolution for the establishment of a separate Norwegian Consular service, and as no Norwegian Government could be obtained by Your Majesty, the constitutional state of Norway was so far disjointed that the union could no longer be maintained. Upon Norway's Storthing was therefore imposed the necessity of procuring, without delay, a Government for the country. Every other course was closed, all the more so, as Your Majesty's Swedish Government had on April 25 already explicitly declined to enter into new negotiations, with the dissolution of the union as an alternative in the event that it was found impossible to arrive at an agreement in regard to a new form of

Full of Friendship and Sympathy.

"The Storthing has already stated that the Norwegian people do not feel any bitterness or animosity against Your Majesty or the Swedish people. The statements to the contrary which possibly were uttered on occasions have wholly and solely been grounded on dissatisfaction at Norway's position in the union, and as that source of bitterness and animosity would disappear with the dissolution of the union, its effects also would vanish. Ninety years of co-operation in material and intellectual labors have awakened in the Norwegian people feelings of sincere friendship and sympathy for the Swedish people. These feelings will, with Norway no longer occupying a position offensive to her national independence, once more grow apace, and ensure the entrance of a mutual understanding between the peoples.

Will Meet Every Reasonable Wish. "In the belief that the Swedish people share these views, the Storthing suggests to Sweden's constitutional authorities that they enter upon the negotiations requisite for a final settlement on the dissolution of the union with the recognition of Norway': new status and her rights as a sovereign State. The Storthing is itself prepared to meet every fair and reasonable wish that may be put forward to safeguard the kingdom's independence and integrity. Constitutionally the two peoples will henceforward be separate, but at the same time the Storthing is fully convinced that this will lead to the development of a good and trustful relationship for the defence of their mutual interests.

"If the future settlement can be attained without prejudice and bitterness the Storthing is convinced that what has happened will prove for the lasting welfare of the northern peoples. For the sake of the north, the Storthing addresses this appeal to the people which, by its magnanimity and chivalry, has attained for itself such an eminent place among nations, and with which the Norwegian people desire most sincerely to maintain good relations."

BRITAIN OFFERED NO ADVICE.

Reply to Russian Charges Regarding Japan Agreeing to Armistice.

St. Petersburg, June 21.-The Novoe Vremya yesterday printed a despatch from London, in which its correspondent declared he was in possession of information to the effect that the British are advising Japan against the conclusion of an armistice.

Britain Offered No Advice. London, June 21.-The Associated Press is assured that the British Government has not given Japan any advice as to what course to pursue, regarding an armistice, as alleged by The Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg.

British Cruisers After Them. The recent movements of British cruisers in the Far East are taken to mean that the Admiralty has again undertaken to notify the Russian cruisers of Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's instructions that there is to be no further sinking of neutral ships. At any rate ship owners are much relieved. Travel by Canada.

Tokio, June 21 .- It is thought to be possible to complete the details, appoint the plenipotentiaries and organize a staff of assistants in time for them to sail on the steamer Empress of India, June 30, from Yokohama for Vancouver, B. C., a voyage of about two weeks. It is expected that the party will number a dozen.

Russia Accepis Date. St. Petersburg, June 21.-Russia, the Associated Press is officially informed, finds no objection to August 1, as suggested by Japan for the date of meeting of the plenipotentiaries, and instructions will be sent to Ambassador Cassini to accept it.

Linevitch Too Rash; Must Fight. Tokio, June 21.-Official despatches and private advices from Field Marshal Oyama's headquarters on the Manchurian frontier indicate that the Japanese leader is closing the crescent in which his army was disposed 24 hours ago. and that when the horns of the crescent meet, a large part of Gen. Linevitch's command will be caught in a trap. Marquis Oyama, having been drawn into action by the Russian commander, is pushing his flanks forward so rapidly that it will be in assible for all of Linevitch's forces on the Kirin-Kuanchengtsu line to retreat northwestward. Gen. Linevitch, having thrown down the gage in his eagerness to strengthen the arguments of the war party in St. Petersburg, now is confronted with the alternative of accepting a general engagement or of seeing his slower divisions between the Japanese right and left surrounded and either captured or annihilated.

NO WEDDING BELLS.

Edward Hohner of Berlin Fails to Pre-

sent Himself For Marriage. Berlin, June 21 .- At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Miss Mary Ueberschlag of Berlin was to have become the bride of Edward Hohner, a Waterloo young man, but there was no wedding, for the bridegroom failed to put in an appearance, and an all-day search failed to locate him.

The bride and bridesmaid were ready at the appointed time.

Hohner's tailor, however, reports that the called for his wedding suit at 6.30 yesterday morning.