

# The Far North.

### Interesting News from Sweden, Norway and Denmark

**SWEDEN.**  
A new church will be built in Hellestad, not far from Linköping.  
The oldest of Swedish clergymen is Rev. Nyman, of Tegene, who was born in 1784.  
The city of Lule and Olofen, Norway, will probably soon be connected by a railroad.  
Influenza is raging epidemically in Linköping. The public schools have been closed.  
The new royal theater, which is now being built in Stockholm, will be one of the finest in Europe.  
The large mercantile firm of S. and P. Lamm, of Stockholm, has been forced to make an assignment.  
The Crown Prince Itzmar Regiment will have a new building in Malmo. The lot alone costs \$200,000 crowns.  
Several buildings at Vittoria, not far from Orebzo, were burned to the ground. Twenty-seven cattle were roasted to death.  
Olaf Alfred Beckman, one of the most prominent lawyers of Stockholm, died at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.  
It is a peculiar fact that Stockholm, which has only 250,000 inhabitants, has a larger number of telephones than any other city in the world, not even London excepted.  
A new bishop will be elected in the Linköping diocese. The most prominent bishop of that diocese was Rev. Jacob Axel Lindholm, who lived in the beginning of this century.  
Cassell Asplund, of Lulea, has sold the giant iron mines of Rudvassara and Silboflokkio and the silver mines of Alkavarsa and Vallat to Count T. A. Possé. The price is not known.  
O. Anderson, member of the lower house of the riksdag, has introduced a bill making confinement in jail for minor offenses conditional, that is, the offender shall not be incarcerated at once but only after the lapse of a certain period of time, provided he commits a second crime during that period. If, however, he behaves well during that period he shall not be imprisoned at all.  
Captain E. Schenström delivered a peculiar lecture before the students of the Upsala university. Its first part was devoted to a sweeping criticism of the social, moral and economical evils throughout the civilized world. Toward the close the speaker proposed that the students of Sweden rise in the dignity of their splendid manhood, trample old habits and prejudices under their feet and lead a healthy, natural life in every respect. As an entering wedge he would start a society whose members should pledge to be chaste and frugal in their habits and not to indulge in strong drinks gambling etc. The proposition was received with intense applause, and a committee was immediately appointed to draft a constitution for a society, which it was proposed to call "Sweden Great Once More."

**NORWAY.**  
A new large Lutheran church will be built in Bergen.  
Krogsh, the author and artist, is writing a new book.  
The weather was very unfavorable when the "Viking" was towed from Sandvick to Christiania, and at times it looked as if it would be crushed by ice. At Christiania, it was moored near "Piper's" wharf, where it has been on exhibition, the admission being 50 cts.  
The union question will evidently soon be brought up for discussion in the storting. The officials of the national government and the speakers of the two houses have had joint meetings, and the other day the liberal members of the storting held a caucus, the results are as yet unknown.  
The new "centre" or moderate party finds it difficult to formulate a platform on which a large number of intelligent people can stand. The last best in attempts at platform making is the following plan: "Thoroughly convinced that any Norwegian government in the future negotiations with Sweden relating to the union will maintain that Norway has the same rights as Sweden—we are of the opinion that it is now time for negotiations." Several members have already left the organization representing the "centre," on the ground that any party which is convinced that any party will do what ought to be done, thereby declares that there is no reason for its existence.

**DENMARK.**  
The "Pinevald steamer Helek" has been ready to leave for America for over a month. This steamer is to carry the exhibits of Denmark to New York, but it cannot get away on account of the ice. Several thousand passengers are also waiting for a chance to cross the ocean.  
In commenting on the attempt of the conservatives to exclude the reports of the "Politiken" from the sessions of the Riksdag, that paper says: "Danish politics consists very largely in a fight against the liberal press. The press of Europe—even the conservative papers—has sided with the "Politiken" in this ridiculous case."  
The recommendation has been made that ex-presidents be senators of the United States at large for life. Why should they? They already sit nearby as much for as a good deal more fun out of being presidents of humane, scientific and social societies. One of our presidents showed his true greatness by accepting the office of justice of the peace among his neighbors after his term in the White House was ended.

## CHINESE HIGHBINDERS.

### They Cause the San Franciscans Considerable Worry.

### METHODS OF HEATHEN ASSASSINS.

### What the Police of the Golden Gate City are Doing to Suppress the Conflict.

The frequent murders committed by Chinese upon their fellow-countrymen in San Francisco are causing considerable agitation among the people of the Pacific coast metropolis.

There is one phase of the war being waged between the rival highbinder societies in Chinatown which threatens a danger more far-reaching and far more serious in its effect on the city, the state and the nation than the death of half a dozen Chinese, more or less, or the striking of a local turbulence which the police find it no easy task to control, says the *Chronicle*.

The events of the last week must have emphasized in the minds of every newspaper reader the fact that any chance prohibition through the Chinese quarter of San Francisco has to run no small risk of his life. Prudent residents of the city keep away from Chinatown unless they have business there, but not a day nor a night goes by that one or more parties of strangers do not make the tour of the Mongol quarter for the sake of "seeing the sights." Suppose, for the sake of the argument, that some prominent stranger, thus sightseeing in Chinatown, should fall a victim to the stray bullet of a murderous highbinder, what would be the result to the city? Surely an effort would be made to lessen the responsibility for such an occurrence on the municipal authorities who permitted an accident like that to occur. Suppose, again, that the stranger who might thus be shot was the accredited representative of a foreign government. Who shall say what international complications would follow?

In direct evidence of the reasonableness of the suggestion, it need only be said that the very talk here suggested was run in Chinatown last week. It so happened that Cosimo Barroso, the Brazil and World's Fair commissioner, and special envoy from Brazil for the study of the Chinese question in this city, was escorted to Chinatown by a police officer detailed by Chief Crowley, and that the development of a serious phase of the highbinder war made it necessary for the commissioner to abandon his trip.

It was detective Gleason who was securing Mr. Barroso, and they had penetrated into the Chinese quarters as far as Jackson and Duport streets when detective Cui signaled Gleason from a dark doorway, and said: "You had better take your friend out of here, particularly as we are watching for a highbinder duel that is scheduled for hereabouts, and he might see more of Chinatown than he wants to." The distinguished visitor at once manifested his desire to get out of the reach of any such dan-

ger, and the continuance of the official escort was temporarily postponed as usual.

The Police sometimes receive information of projected highbinder conflicts, as in the case referred to, but no one knows when two murderous highbinders may not begin firing upon each in broad daylight and in streets which are crowded with passers-by. In the case of the murder in the case of the murderer that arrested in connection with the present war the police have a lively hope of securing convictions, since there were a number of white witnesses to the shooting. The very presence of those witnesses is in further confirmation of the danger that threatens the public safety. Two Chinese men met on the sidewalk. One draws a revolver and fires at the other. In this case fire bullets are loosed in the body of the highbinder who had no pistol, but the records of the police are full of instances where a general fusillade has taken place in the streets, and not a few white people have felt the force of the stray bullet thus scattered abroad.

At least three police officers have been killed by highbinders during the last few years. The death of Officer Gogard and Officer Nelson will be recalled to the memory of all, and it will also be remembered that Officer Gilman, a brother of the present president of police of the same name, also met his death at the hands of a highbinder whom he sought to rescue from the hands of a lot of boys. Two of these officers were wounded, and the other, though perhaps not killed intentionally, was not the victim of a stray bullet exactly, but there have been several deaths of police officers, and a great illustration of the danger under special consideration.

About ten years ago a merchant met his death by a stray rifle ball, and down on the corner of Front and Jackson. It was proven beyond a doubt that the bullet came from a highbinder rifle fired up on the higher part of Washington street in Chinatown. A more recent instance was the killing of Kebleher, two years ago, at the corner of Duport and Jackson streets, by Chin Yung, who, after several trials, is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin. It was claimed that Kebleher, taking it as accidental, though it was contended in court that the highbinder was guilty of murderous intent.

Another danger which threatens the peace of the general community must have been forcibly suggested by the foregoing facts. Only last week a party of the toughest element of whites came within the range of a highbinder's bullet and the police were of of an small in stemming the tide of violence that would sweep through Chinatown. It is possible that the cooler counsel of the better class of people would prevail against the proposition of public vengeance in the case of the death of a single citizen from such a cause, but a second fatality in quick succession would surely result in a riot. San Franciscans are a law-abiding people, but their tolerance against the Chinese is of a long standing. We are watching for a highbinder murder or worse, that it would take only a few stones in the way of highbinder murders of whites to break the back of public patience.

As regards the number of murders openly committed the present highbinder war beats the record. Three Chinese killed and another badly wounded within eight days is a little better, or worse, than has previously been accomplished, but there have been more bitter battles than any that have yet taken place this time. About ten

years ago when two other gangs were at war with each other there were a number of pitched battles engaged in on the streets in which a great many Chinese took part on both sides, but it is not known that anybody was killed.

There is undoubtedly a small amount of comparatively innocent detentions of Chinatown who are in fear of their own lives on account of highbinders, and the history of the societies warrants them in their fear. Three years and a half ago, in September, 1889, Fung Wing, a Chinese girl 19 years of age, was killed on Duport street because she failed to pay tribute to the gangs. She was going home from a restaurant with a companion when an unknown highbinder came out of a doorway, shot her twice and then made good his escape. It transpired that she had been persecuted by highbinder agents to pay tribute, but she had backed up her refusal with the force of the police and had been killed in revenge for her obstinacy.

Two years later, in November, 1891, the body of a murdered Chinese was found in a clothes basket in Hill Street alley. There was no evidence forthcoming that he was a highbinder, and it was supposed that he was murdered simply because he had become possessed of some dangerous information. On the very day following this discovery another Chinese was known to have been killed by another Chinese. Two Chinese societies are at war again, but the body did not fall into the hands of the police. At about the same time As Loy, a Chinese quiver at Astoria, was killed by highbinders, and Chief Crowley traced the authority for the crime to a San Francisco house. There was also a highbinder war in Los Angeles in 1887, and several murders resulted in sentences. In the same year John Gibbs, a white man, was hounded by a Chinese bullet man in Chinatown alley as he carried his mail.

The crime herein before referred to are by no means all that are attributable to the highbinders. A book may be written about their murderous operations. The police have from time to time arrested highbinder conspirators when they have expected to do so. On one occasion a Chinese arrested for a trivial offense was found clothed in a coat of mail, and a number of concealed weapons which, being translated, afforded some very important information. On another occasion a suspicious looking Chinese was arrested while making a highbinder bulletin board at a street corner, and on his person was found a copy of highbinder rules, which proved to be very useful to the authorities. As a rule, however, the clever highbinder carries nothing compromising on his person. It is only innocents who are thus caught napping.

The different societies have a regular system of spies. They have innocent looking pickets stationed at given points, no guard against surprise, and it is this system which has put the copine on their guard against the alien trade, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

It has frequently been remarked that the highbinders seem to prefer the pistol as a means of assassination. The explanation of this is that the highbinder is theatrical beyond anything. The quick sticking of a throat by a stark cut-throat is easy to do, but if he makes a great noise and is seen by a big crowd witnessing an enemy in the street he is made highbinder. If he escapes he is a hero. If he is caught he is a martyr. And it may be stated just here that there have been developed some really bold instances of martyrdom in a small way during the last few days in

Chinatown. The police have been exercising the privilege of stopping and searching every Chinese they came to interfere with. In this way dozens of the heathen have been searched, and it is almost impossible to see the individuals with which they submit to the operation. If nothing be found on them the biggest policeman in the party usually holds the holder of at arm's length and bids him to follow with a terrible kick on the posterior, as a warning against misdoing and as a reminder of the majesty of the law, but the heathen makes not a movement in retaliation, says not a word, and betrays no emotion of any sort whatever, though he will probably be unable to get down for hours.

These vigorous measures have been resorted to on the part of the police as part of their policy of letting the Chinese know that there is to be no trifling with them, and Chief Crowley is inclined to believe that this policy has already had some good effect. He also entertains the hope that the present outbreak is now practically suppressed, notwithstanding the fact that the Hop Sing Yuccas have killed one more man than the ivory tong. The officers have so hazarded the highbinders by breaking up their meetings and arresting many of the "chatters," and are being singly or in pairs in "deadly houses." The "chatters" are the main support of the highbinders, and their arrest, and the spread all over Chinatown in two and three days.

The police officers are being constantly blamed for not securing convictions. It is not their fault. They try hard enough, but the very people who who condemn them for neglect of duty in not securing a conviction will acquit the most villainous looking highbinder, no matter what evidence the police may submit if the Chinese only manage to get in a little educating testimony, and they can always do that. Even if one be considered by our courts as a new trial by some technicality of the law. This makes them bold, and they don't fear the law. As one Chinese said once: "China law number one, English law number two, Heaven law go to hell." That was the strongest way in which he could express his contempt for our institutions. But highbinders are not only gamblers and bandits. Fully four-fifths of the gangs in private houses long to highbinder societies. They are both for protection and to be "bad," and in many cases they make themselves as well liked by those employed that a strong pull is made to keep them from conviction when they are caught in a crime.

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