

# STOCKHOLM HAVING GAY AND BUSY TIME

Most Cosmopolitan City in the World—Champagne Drank Nightly and Money Spent Freely—Where Men From All Climes Congregate Together.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 2 (by mail).—This is the New Elorado. This is the New Paris. Some call it "the Venice of the north," but it is just Stockholm, today the most cosmopolitan city in the world, with a character entirely its own.

Enough champagne is drunk here nightly to float a battleship. Enough money is spent daily to ransom a king. The drinkers are the peoples of all nations and the spenders are not confined to any race nor any clime.

Incidentally the American legation here is one of the busiest doing business anywhere under the Star Spangled Banner. Minister Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, needs keep up a full head of steam day and night to clear the work pouring into his office. The affairs of Austria, Germany, Turkey, Bulgaria, Russia and Roumania are cleared through the legation at Stockholm. It is here that much of the work of exchanging prisoners between Russia and Germany is conducted. It is here, too, that Russian money for the relief of prisoners in Germany is handled and vice versa. In a few months Germany has turned over to the legation over 50,000,000 roubles for German prisoners in Russia.

Then there are the letters to open, read and answer. As many as 132 letters came from Germany in one day asking for information about prisoners in Russia. Other letters came from Swedes in America, or Americans of Swedish origin asking for information. One man wrote that he had heard that Swedish women were powerfully beautiful and asked the minister to find him a wife to bring to America.

## Minister Morris Popular.

Of course the minister representing the belligerent countries are not particularly chummy with one another. If the British minister wishes to say something to the German minister, for example, it is obvious that he does not call on him and whisper it tenderly into his ear. He requests the American minister to do the thing for him and the same rule holds good as between most of the other diplomats.

One hears good things about Minister Morris. They say that despite his exceedingly delicate position as diplomatic representative and go-between for so many enemy powers, he has the confidence and the esteem of them all.

As the countries at war do not like to have commercial travellers, or any other kind of travellers, passing in and out of their territory, Sweden, at the doorway of Russia, Germany, England, Austria and France, has been made headquarters for business men from all over the world, the United States, Canada, Argentina, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Brazil, Chile, China, and all the rest. And Stockholm is headquarters for everybody with anything to sell, be it a new invention for killing folks or a patent food calculated to contain nourishment for an entire regiment in one pill box. The idea here in Stockholm is if a business man tries to sell to Russia and Russia doesn't buy he is not barred from calling on Germany that same afternoon and offering it to her. If she doesn't buy, the agent may continue his rounds without prejudice to himself or his wares. This he could scarcely do anywhere else, even in the United States or Argentina, despite the fact they are neutrals, too, for he is practically on the field and in direct communication with even the Germans, who can week-end here and get back to Berlin to report in very few hours.

There is Hustle Everywhere. Big business is done here. The great jewelry establishments—as many and as fine almost as one finds in New York, Chicago, Buenos Ayres or London—are selling as never before and at advanced prices. Millions seem to be made daily, and the whole city reflects the glow of yellow calms.

The place seems happy, the happiest I've seen anywhere since the war began, happier even than New York. There is hustle everywhere, but despite it folks here seem to have the art of elegant living down to almost as fine a point as they have in Paris. So as the sun goes down lights blaze in restaurants such as Broadway never dreamed of and corks begin to fly.

Sleek men in wide expanses of shirt front, beautiful women, manicured and coiffed and dolled up; busy waiters, radiant within large tips in prospect; subdued lights the color of canteloupe or old gold and pink; the tinkle of fountains; flowers; growing palms; seductive perfumes; bank notes of large denominations; laughter; eyes with side-long glances. This is Stockholm.

## Strange Death of Horse

Greek Physician Tells of the Excesses of King of Greece

Sackville Tribune. A peculiar chain of events led to the death of a horse on Saturday night or Sunday morning. The affair began somewhere in Sackville presumably, on Saturday night when two gentlemen obtained somewhere, a quantity of these fluids they started in the direction of Middle Sackville.

A short distance out that road, the horse, finding himself growing weak, lay down. The men in the team climbed out and managed to arouse some of the neighbours, who, upon arriving at the scene, found the horse in the situation mentioned and the men reclined beside him in the road. Horse and men were revived, the former was lifted to his feet and the

## PIE. RENDELL'S LETTER

This letter was received by Mr. Joseph Rendell of Port Rexton, from his son, E. Rendell.

Race Course, Ayre, Scotland, Oct. 13, 1916

My Dear Father: Your kind and welcome letter came to hand yesterday. Was more than glad to hear from you all and to know you are well, as for myself, I am much the same as I have been all the time, that's one good thing. I haven't had an hour's sickness since I joined the regiment, so you see that is one advantage I have.

Well, father, by your letter you seem to say you had a trying summer of it. I can partly guess how you felt over it, but I am glad to hear you got a saving voyage. I didn't worry about fish much this summer and another thing I didn't have sore hands. You said you weren't aboard the mail boat this summer. I wrote two letters to you, one before leaving St. John's, and the other over here, too bad you didn't get them. That is the reason why I didn't get any answer from you. I have written a wonderful lot of letters home to you, I don't know if you get them or not. Anyway if you do get them, they don't be answered, or I don't receive yours. The one I received from home yesterday was the first one for over a month. I expect a lot of our mail went down on the Stephano when she was lost; the submarines must be very handy on Newfoundland for her to be sunk over there, but you don't know where they are in this war. There will be ships going after this war and won't know where they are gone, with the mines floating around the ocean.

trio started on their journey again. Not very much further, the horse apparently went down again, this time to stay, for he was found in the morning, stiff and cold. Meanwhile, the men made their way to some nearby shelter, and put up for the night.

Say, father, how is things in St. John's? I suppose they are very dear now this war is on, and not much fish, but I suppose people get enough to keep the wolf from the door, and I suppose there won't be much money spent in liquor after the New Year. This is a wonderful place for drink in this country, but it is not so dear buying as it is in Newfoundland. You can see old women drunk on the streets and men as well. It is great sport to see an old woman drunk and raving with us. I thought it awful strange to see a woman in a bar first when I came over here, but now it's common, but you must not think that I go very often because I don't, it's only a very scattered time I go there when I meet up with a good chum to go in and have a "wet," Bannister and a fellow by the name of Bragg; he knows you all quite well. Well, we get around together; it's Israel Bannister I mean. Tell John he is smart and enjoying himself grand.

You spoke about you would like to hear talk of me getting something like stripes. I am in to something now far better ahead of stripes, if I get through with it. It's a job that I won't have much trouble to get when I come home, like Maroon operator or something else, and that's where I will ring in to when I get a job like that. I think I wrote and told you all about it on a past letter, hope you got it. I sent for some money too, £4, hope to get it in short. Now, father, don't worry about me being away over here. I am just as safe as I would be home, only you know I got to put up with the ups and downs. You ought to feel proud to have a son fighting for you. I must say you, because it's our homes we are fighting for. Say me to all my uncles on the room, tell them I will be home yet to have another spark at the old engine. I must cut this letter short or else it will be over weight. I will say the rest later. Don't work too hard this winter in the woods, you're not the only one without any help. Hope you will pardon me for my disobedience. I remain,

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## Great Britain to Be at Best in 1917

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(New York Times cable).—Arthur Henderson, secretary of the board of education, was speaker at Northampton last evening at the first of a series of meetings to be held by the members of the government.

Alluding to the question of peace terms, Mr. Henderson said he knew something of the unofficial overtures that had been made, but the terms offered, though most generous to the Teutons, were utterly unacceptable to the allies. There was not a shred of evidence, he said, that Germany was prepared "to accept terms upon which a lasting peace could be built."

"In the summer of 1917," he continued, "the man power and munition power of Great Britain will be at the highest. The choice now, as at the commencement of war, is between honor and infamy. The enemy are endeavoring to win by terror what they cannot win by arms."

Henderson went on to eulogize the studies made by this country, both by provisions of men and production of munitions.

"But I say emphatically," he added, "we have not done enough. There is an imperative and immediate duty if we are to be victorious."

"We must organize as we never have yet been organized. We have seen in the last days that Germany is not asleep. Germany has gone a step further than we. Are we going to accept that challenge? There is nothing we need so much in this country as the entire organization of its manhood and womanhood to be placed at the service of the nation for the winning of the war. That can only be accomplished smoothly and speedily with the co-operation of organized labor. The trades union leaders should be used for that purpose, not in an advisory, but in an executive capacity. I fully believe if the great work of organizing the whole you did it."

manhood and womanhood of the country were entrusted to the leaders of organized labor in co-operation with other experts appointed by the government, we should secure within the next few months a volume of effort which would give us certain expectation of victory.

"The message I give to organized workers is, let the government and people act together; let employer and employee act together; let men and women, rich and poor, stand united for one supreme effort, and the result will be the victory and lasting peace we all have at heart. I hope parliament is going to deal more strenuously with this question, but I think we must call upon the nation to organize itself on the lines I indicated."

Amid cheers, Mr. Henderson asked his audience to let him take back a message of encouragement to Premier Asquith, for, he added, "I say this fearlessly, that there is no statesman who possesses the same power to reconcile and unite divergent political interests than the prime minister does. I want to say also that Mr. Asquith, in my opinion, is the indispensable man to lead us successfully. It is possible to put other men into the saddle and they might go faster, but where they will go there is not the same certainty as there is when you are following a leader as tried and courageous as our present prime minister has proved himself to be. He is among the readiest I ever knew to take upon himself the blame for the faults and failings of other men, and specially of his own colleagues."

There never were such signs as now Mr. Henderson declared, that the Germans knew they were beaten.

Col. South was under the painful necessity of administering a sound thrashing to his son, Samuel. After he had completed his labors he said to his suffering victim: "Now, tell me why I punished you." "That's it," sobbed Sammy. "You nearly pounded the life out of me, I fully believe if the and now you don't even know why great work of organizing the whole you did it."