

Norway Calls Her Children Home

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Sept. 16.—A "Home to Norway" movement is sweeping over Norway at the present moment. The great emigration of Norwegians to the United States which during the past 50 years has drained the country of young laborers and girls from the farms, has never made itself felt so much as in the last two years, while Norway has been endeavouring to become more and more self-supporting, and more independent of foreign imports. Although since the outbreak of the war industries have grown in all parts of the country, this is not enough. Farming must be raised to a higher standard and more acreage devoted to the raising of grain crops.

The Norwegian governments is trying to assist the progress of farming by the granting of cheap loans to farmers and providing them with inexpensive lands for cultivation. Although the number of farmers has increased recently, difficulties have arisen owing to the lack of farm hands, many of whom still prefer to seek new homes in America, although wages for farm hands of both sexes are almost as high here as they are in the United States and better than

anywhere else in Europe. The press all over the country is devoting much attention to this subject and strong efforts are being made to change the current of migration and bring back from America to Norway at least some of the farm laborers and women engaged in agricultural pursuits who have in recent times left this country.

The idea of beginning a campaign in America with the object of making young Norwegians there acquainted with the promising prospects in their own country is rapidly spreading. One society with the title of New Land has been in existence some time with this purpose in view and also for providing land to be farmed by peasant youths desiring to start for themselves. Another scheme has been started by a big industrial man who needs thousands of men for his water-power enterprises with the view of inducing the various industries to appoint agents in America to hire Norwegians there for employment in Norway and to assist them to return to their native land.

Many Home From U. S.
The most recent government census shows that of the population of 2,500,000 some 20,000 are returned Norwegian Americans, 1,700 of whom were born in the United States. The majority of these people have taken up farming on their own account, using as their capital money they had saved while working for others in America.

The 'Ruins of London'

(Birmingham Post)
German prisoners, buoyed up by the airy imagination of the Wolf Bureau, are sadly disillusioned. It seems, when they find that London still stands where it did. Two or three days ago a wounded officer cheered by the prospect of seeing London largely in ruins. His first disillusion was at the terminus itself, which he had been told was a shapeless mass; and, as he passed through Trafalgar Square and towards the West End, and his British guard, in answer to repeated questionings, pointed to buildings after buildings, which the unvarnished Wolf had declared to be destroyed, his gloom grew deeper, and he seemed a stricken man. If a man of his education and position could have been so grievously deceived, what of the masses in central Germany, whose powers of belief in official intelligence are an important psychological factor in the war?

A new emigration law is under consideration which will provide for closer control of emigration agents and steamship lines and making it easier for emigrants to return to Norway by giving them dispensation from military service, if they have been away from Norway for a certain number of years and at the same time facilitating the restoration of their Norwegian citizenship.

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Ye boasted that ye were sailors, but ye had still much to learn, For 'tis only the brave and the free that great distinction can earn; Ye have need of the salt sea wind to cleanse your souls from the dross, To feel the pulse of the ocean, as the good ships pitch and toss.
When ye slew the Wrexham's captain, ye proved ye were none again, The face of a true born sailor is ne'er scarred by the brand of Cain, Nor his hands deep dived with the blood of innocent child and maid, Have ye one like brave Charles Fryatt to go to death undismayed?
Have ye one, who would not flatter to take on the risks he did, And bravely to do his duty mid assassins basely hid? Not one, for ye are not sailors, knowing the law of the sea, But a coward, of land-bred pirates—ye sea-wolves of Germany.
And to keep this in remembrance, lest time on our memory drag, No more shall a British sailor salute your once honored flag, The flag he swept from the ocean in open fight and free, While ye stooped to 'blackest baseness in the bowels of the sea."
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Bad Defeat For Bowser Government
VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 16.—The Bowser government was snowed under in Thursday's contest more completely than the early returns indicated.
At a late hour last night there was every reason to believe that not more than six conservatives were elected. All the cabinet ministers have been defeated, with the possible exception of Hon. W. R. Ross, who is leading by sixty votes with several places in the Peace River district yet to hear from. Hon. Mr. Bowser, the Conservative leader, himself went down to defeat, although some of his followers are hopeful that the soldiers' vote may save his seat. On the other hand, it is pointed out by Mr. Bowser's opponents, that the soldiers' vote may increase the majorities of the Liberal candidates.
Cowichan, Kaslo, Nelson, Prince George, Smithton and South Okanagan have gone Conservative. Lucas, the Conservative candidate in Yale, has been defeated, and late returns show that Captain W. W. Foster, Conservative, was beaten in the Islands constituency by Jackson, Liberal, by thirty-three votes.
British Columbia has delivered a stunning blow to a government which allowed graft to flourish and sacrificed interests of the province. It is further striking proof that the people of Canada are at last awake and determined to insist on honesty in public life.
Premier Bowser will presumably hold office until the official returns are made, about October 15. The soldiers' political vote will be counted on October 12, but on prohibition the soldiers will continue to vote until the end of the year. There is no reasonable chance, according to the figures available of the present majority in favour of prohibition being overcome. The majority for prohibition is from 7,000 to 9,000.
The New Government
From a semi-official source the fol-

Pitiable Conditions of Refugees
ATHENS, Sept. 16, via London, Sept. 15 (delayed).—The Margarete, the boat in which Baron von Schenk, head of the German propaganda in Greece, was sent to Kavala to be turned over to the Bulgarians, arrived this afternoon with 1,000 refugees who were in the most pitiable condition. They had been without food since Sunday, and were packed in the ship like sardines. The refugees said that a German aeroplane had dropped three bombs as the boat was leaving Kavala, which came within inches of striking the ship.
An eyewitness who described the entry of the Bulgarians into Kavala on Monday, said that three Greek regiments which had remained in the town were given until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to surrender as prisoners of war. At the expiration of this ultimatum they gave up their arms, after a slight resistance, and were taken up country.
The same man said that 3,000 Greek troops had been camped on Thasos Island in two camps. One camp offers to join the allies, and the men were shipped to Saloniki. The second contingent refused to desert the Greek army, and the refugees said, the French proposed to return them to Kavala.
Terrible conditions were described on the island of Thasos, where 7,000 refugees had fled from the invaders in rowboats and sailboats. They lacked every necessity of life, and great numbers of women and children were camped out in the open without food. The refugees said that indescribable disorder reigned in Kavala, where bandits were looting the houses, and all the Greeks who could were taking refuge in flight. They said only three or four Americans remained in the town, the remainder of the colony having gone to Thasos.
Hubby's "Comeback."
Wife—I don't understand why you men can spend whole evenings at the club.
Hub—Then you talk an awful lot about something you don't understand.

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