

ODIN FORGOT TO FILE HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: I appreciate Mr. Wallace's good joke about the Esterhazy lineage, but would suggest that Cousin Erwick forget the mythical Odin, around whom is woven fabulous folklore, and visualize the historical Odin, whose people fought with Mithridates against the Romans in the days of Pompey. Don't let myth makers obscure our vision of actual facts. Look up the information in real histories. The Norwegian history I have consists of thirty-five volumes. The latest edition of Historians' History of the World lists the rulers of Upsala and the early Kings of Denmark of the lineage of Odin. Then, read up details as given by Snorre Sturason and the sagas.

Of course the present King of Norway is of the Danish royal house, but he is, nevertheless, of the line of "Haraldr hin Haariagri," according to claims made by editors of reliable Norwegian newspapers, saying that is one of the reasons the people of Norway accepted him as King. The direct line of descent as counted from father to eldest son has been broken, but one need not be in the father to eldest son line. Women are just as respectable parts of the family tree, and much more sure, than men.

Robbins, Cal., Dec. 15, 1930. OLE J. SNEIDE.