

ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Lutherans, Largest Protestant Body in the World, Unite in Celebrating Today—Forty-two Million Followers.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Today the 42,000,000 Lutherans of the world will unite in celebrating the 420th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, more than any other man responsible for the reformation, of which Wycliffe had been the "morning star," the Protestant world today looks upon Luther as the "liberator of modern thought." While his direct following in the United States is not as large as that of Wesley, nor as strong as the Baptist bodies, taking the whole world no other Protestant body can compare with the great army which marches under the banner of Lutheranism. The Anglican church is second, with a membership of over 20,000,000.

Church One of Largest.

The Lutheran church in the United States now has nearly 2,500,000 communicants. In the 18 year period of religious activity recently reviewed by the census bureau, beginning with 1890, it was found that the Lutheran church was the only one of the four leading Protestant bodies which had a greater relative membership at the close of the period than it had at the beginning. The Baptists, the Methodists and the Presbyterians had a smaller percentage of the total church membership in the United States in 1906 than they had in 1890. Only the Lutherans were able to hold their relative position among the "big four" Protestant bodies. They advanced as much from their position in 1890 as the Baptists and Presbyterians went back. Scandinavian immigration was largely responsible for this growth, as southern Europe immigration is responsible for Catholic growth.

It is interesting to note that there are only three important Protestant denominations which held a larger percentage of the total church membership of the United States in 1906 than they held in 1890. These three are the Disciples of Christ, the Lutherans and the Protestant Episcopal church. The right for primacy in relative growth has been a close one between the Disciples and the Lutherans. Guaged by communicant membership the Disciples stand a little ahead of the Lutherans. In the 16 year period the Disciples had a growth in membership amounting to more than 51 per cent. Added to this is the growth of Christian Science, Spiritualism, and other like sects, which recruit their ranks from Protestant soil in far greater proportion than from Catholic soil. Only five Protestant bodies have been able to show as great a relative proportion of the total church membership of the United States at the close of the 16 year period as they showed in 1890, and of these only the Disciples, the Lutherans, and the Episcopalians advanced. The others merely held their own.

It is a strange coincidence that the two church bodies which show the greatest growth should show the opposite extremes of subdivision. The Disciples of Christ are divided into only two bodies, while the Lutherans are separated into 24 distinct and independent organizations. Furthermore, the Disciples represent the purely congregational form of government, while the Lutherans approximate the Presbyterian form of church polity. The third of the advancing bodies represents the third form of church government—the Episcopal form. Likewise, in doctrinal matters these three church bodies represent the three extremes of interpretation. It would appear, therefore, that



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their relative advantage can be ascribed neither to doctrine nor to system of government, but rather to the missionary zeal of those who constitute the several bodies. Neither do the statistics point out the advantage or the disadvantage of subdivision.

It is not only in the number of communicants that the Lutherans, Disciples and Protestant Episcopal churches take leadership of all Protestant bodies, but also in the increase of congregations, church buildings, and the value of church property.

Few Men in the Church.

The complaint of the Protestant world today is that there are too few men in the church. Less than 40 out of every 100 Protestant church members are men. But this complaint does not lie with such force against the Lutheran church as a whole. More than 46 out of each 100 of its members are men. No other Protestant denomination except the Quakers shows as great a proportion of male communicants as the Lutherans. The Baptists have less than 29 male communicants out of each 100 members, the Methodists less than 28, the Presbyterians less than 28, the Episcopalians less than 26, and the Reformed church less than 25. In the Catholic church the number of men is only a fraction of one per cent under the number of women.

History of Lutherans.

The Lutheran church in America dates from 1621, when a body of Lutherans came to New Amsterdam, now New York. They were without a pastor. The first Lutheran church to have a pastor was located at Wilmington, Del., in 1639. It was a Swedish Lutheran. Its second pastor translated Luther's shorter catechism into the language of the Indians, and commenced missionary work among them at about the same time John Eliot started his work in Massachusetts. The church was finally absorbed by the Protestant Episcopal church, and the "old Sweden" church still stands there under Episcopal care. The first German Lutherans settled at New York, but the Dutch refused to allow them to secure a pastor. Under English rule this was changed, and they secured their first minister, Jacob Fabricius, in 1664. To the Muhlenbergs, one of them a soldier statesman of the Revolutionary period, is due a large measure of credit for organizing the Lutheran church in America. Dr. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg organized the first synod of the American church. It is interesting to note that the present year is the first centennial of the building of the first English Lutheran church in America. It was many years before others were built in which English was exclusively used in the services.

The Lutherans now constitute the ranking Protestant body in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and the second most numerous Protestant denomination in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Nebraska. In each of these states the Catholic church is stronger than any Protestant church. Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois are the leading strongholds of Lutheranism so far as communicant membership is concerned, ranking in the order named.

History of Martin Luther.

When Martin Luther was a child there was little to indicate the vast history affecting consequences that were destined to grow out of his life upon the earth. His father was a poor miner. He says in his autobiographical sketches that his father often whipped him for "mere trifles" until the blood came. A glimpse of his early school life is given by the registered fact that he was whipped 15 times in a single day by his teacher. When he was 15 Martin was sent to the University of Erfurt, to study law. He took his A. M. degree at the age of 21, but he decided to abandon the legal profession. One day while examining the Vulgate Bible in the university library he discovered that certain of the gospels and the epistles were omitted from the lectionaries. This was the turning point in his career. He was the turning point in the Augustinian convent at Erfurt. Four hundred years ago, in 1509, Luther received his degree of Doctor of Theology, and in this year began the series of lectures which ended with the Reformation accomplished. For several years thereafter, however, he had no thought of leaving the Catholic church, of which he was a duly ordained priest. It was only after he concluded that John Tetzel, a Dominican friar, was corruptly selling indulgences that he was stirred to open rebellion against the power of the pope. His 95 theses against the sale of indulgences, nailed on the gate of the church at Wittenburg, was the beginning of his open fight on papal doctrines. Then followed the demands of the papal legate that he retract, the papal bull against him, his burning before the assembled multitude, and Luther became the hero of the hour in Germany.

After this the Diet of Worms was called by Charles V, and Luther made his celebrated declaration, when warned not to go to Worms, that he would go if there were as many devils as there were tiles on the housetops. On his return from Worms he was kidnapped by his friends and placed in the old castle of the Wartburg, where he stayed until his danger was past. He translated the Bible into his native tongue, and by the time he left the castle that had been his refuge, his next duty became the checking of the excesses of his followers. Luther stayed at Coburg while the famous diet sat at Augsburg, and so was present when the world famous Augsburg confession, the creed of the Reformation was adopted.

Few men have done so much to change the course of human events as Luther. And no body of religionists has ever honored the memory of the founder of the organization more than the Lutherans honor Luther. Wherever a Lutheran honor Luther. Wherever a Lutheran the thoughts of its worshippers turn to the life of the German miner's son who stood before kings and emperors and transformed the religious history of the world.

Tomorrow—The Canadian Tariff.

EXPERT RIFLEMAN IS ASSIGNED NEW POST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Fort Stevens, Or., Nov. 10.—Capt. Merwin C. Buckley, who succeeded Captain Moore, in charge of Signal Corps construction and fire central installation, at Fort Stevens, Or., has been relieved from the Signal Corps and assigned to the command of the Ninety-third company, C. A. C., the crack company of the post.

This company, under command of Lieutenant Canfield, made the highest score in the United States for full service mortar practice, two years ago. Last year, while falling a few points short of their former records, due to "subterranean errors," they were still near the head of the list. It is expected that this company will realize their former achievements, as he is an authority on mortar practice, and the war department has recently published an extensive treatise on subterranean mines, compiled by him. Captain Buckley, who is a descendant of a long line of military experts, traces his lineage back through the George Washington branch of the family to Colonel John Washington, a list of the early seven-

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A. J. Johnson's Wedding Journey Turned Into a Search Expedition.

(United Press Special Wire.) Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 10.—A. J. Johnson, a shoe salesman from Denver, is seeking his bride of three days, who disappeared from the train somewhere between Ogden and this city. The couple started to Salt Lake on their wedding tour. At Ogden Johnson retired to the smoking compartment of the coach. He returned to find his wife in conversation with a stranger, who he supposed, was some old acquaintance. Not wishing to disturb them, Johnson went back to the smoker and did not appear again until the train pulled into Salt Lake. The bride had vanished, likewise his baggage and the stranger. Johnson has sought the aid of the police. He put forward the theory that his bride, being near-sighted, had been deceived by a man who had impersonated him.

Lone Woman Robbed.

Husum, Wash., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Rosander Hendry, living alone on her ranch two miles north of here, was robbed of \$50 yesterday afternoon. Carl Griffith, a boy 15 years old, is charged with the theft.

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Scheme Is Launched to Irrigate Rich Land in Vicinity of Prineville.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Prineville, Or., Nov. 10.—F. S. Reider, representing the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon road land grant, has been conferring with local land holders in the McKay Flat country and will attempt to amalgamate the two interests already organized in the construction of canals from the Ochoco river to utilize flood water for irrigating the bench lands east and north of this city, and add other capital to make possible an irrigation scheme that will reclaim between 10,000 and 15,000 acres, within six miles of Prineville. If the plan proposed by Mr. Reider is put into execution, the canal that is being constructed by T. H. LaRocette, E. T. Slayton and J. S. Watkins from Ochoco creek at a point near Crane's bridge and extending several miles along the table lands onto the Johnson creek flats and McKay flat, will be taken over by the new corporation and enlarged, and in connection will be supplied by storage reservoirs that will preserve the flood waters of the spring months and deal them out when they are so badly needed later in the year. Because of the deep sandy character of the soil, the original promoters of the enterprise, who themselves owned more than 1000 acres of land on Johnson creek flat, figured that a thorough soaking of the land in April and early in May would insure crops that would increase the value of their lands 100 per cent and pay for the construction of the canal in a few years at most.

STEAMBOAT SERVICE OPENS TO ALBANY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Nov. 10.—The steamboat company of the Oregon City Transportation company made its first trip of the season Sunday, going as far as Corvallis. The recent rains have raised the river so that navigation is an easy matter over the sandbars between Salem and this city. The river stands at 2.1 feet. The company has placed its agents in the field in this city and Corvallis and intends running both its passenger and freight service on schedule time during the winter and spring as last year.

No Preservatives Used In Canned Fruits and Vegetables

We want you to know, Mrs. Housewife, that the talk about preservatives doesn't refer to canned fruits and vegetables.

Corn, peas, tomatoes, peaches and all vegetables and fruits are preserved by sterilization alone. That means by heat.

This is true of any brand, put up by any canner. For preservatives are unnecessary. To use them would be useless expense.

Vegetables and fruits for canning are taken fresh from the gardens and orchards. They are usually canned the very day they are picked.

They are cooked in the cleanest of kitchens—cooked just as you cook them yourself. And nothing whatever is added, save sometimes a savor of salt for vegetables or sugar for fruits.

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