

GROWTH OF CHURCH

Episcopalians Lead with Three Per Cent Gain.

THE JEWS NUMBER 7,500,000

Interesting Table of the Adherents of Different Religions—118,129,479 Have no Faith at All in Anything According to Data.

New York, Dec. 19.—Nearly all religious sects, as their figures of growth for last year are announced, show a larger percentage of increase than in previous years, says the Herald.

In several denominations the ratio of growth exceeds the usual ratio of increase in the population. This is notably the case in the Episcopal church, which last year gained 3 per cent on its membership of the previous year, while in the population growth is estimated at about 2 per cent. The Episcopal church has added 25,915 to its membership, making its present figures \$07,351.

In the Presbyterian church the increase in membership last year was at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent, the gain in members being 27,431 and the total number 1,094,908. Last year's gain was 2 1-5 per cent. The Southern Presbyterian church, a much smaller body than the northern, having but 239,888 members, gained 2 per cent last year. The ratio of gain by the Methodist membership is not so large as in the other bodies named, but was 1 4-5 per cent, or almost as much as the estimated ratio of population growth. For the previous year the Methodist ratio was only 1 per cent. The body has now 3,064,733 members, of which about 200,000 are connected with foreign conferences and missions.

It is stated in the Presbyterian handbook for 1905 that the religions of the world have 1,430,000,000 adherents, divided as follows:

Christianity	477,080,153
Confucianism	256,000,000
Hinduism	190,000,000
Mohammedanism	176,334,372
Buddhism	147,900,000
Taoism and Shintoism	57,000,000
Judaism	7,055,000
Various heathen faiths	118,129,479

LYMAN ABBOT'S VIEW.

Believe in a Different God With Hazy Identity.

New York, Dec. 19.—Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a sermon to Harvard students, has announced his belief in a religion founded, not on the Bible, but on science and the outcrochings of the human heart, says a World dispatch from Cambridge, Mass.

"I wonder," he said, "if you will understand me when I say that I no longer believe in a great first cause. My God is a great and ever present force, which is manifest in all the activities of men and all the workings of nature.

"I believe in a God who is in and through and of everything—not an absentee God, whom we have to reach through a Bible or some other outside aid, but a God who is closer to us than hands or feet. Science, literature and history tell us that there is one eternal energy, that the Bible no longer can be accepted as ultimate, that many of its laws were copied from other religions, that the 10 commandments did not spring spontaneously from Moses, but were, like all laws, a gradual growth, and that man is a creature not a creation.

"No thinking man will say there are many energies. The days of polytheism are past. There is only one energy. That energy has always been working. It is an intelligent energy. No scientist can deny it. It was working before Christ's time, even as it is now."

FOR TONIGHT'S FIGHT.

Britt and Nelson Are Reported in Fine Fettle.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Not until a few hours before the fight tomorrow night will Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson leave their respective training camps. All hard work, however, ceased yesterday, and the boxers, who are already at weight, did little today but "loosen up," and move around in a recreative way.

Nelson is a fraction under weight this afternoon and Britt only a fraction over, so the forfeit money on both sides is safe, as also the many bets that have been wagered on the contest.

In the betting Britt is favorite at varying odds. At sporting headquarters today the odds offered were 10 to 8, but tonight the Nelsonites are asking for 10 to 7, and it is believed these odds will prevail tomorrow and at the ringside. However, there are many who think that because of Nelson's fight with Corbett he may again "make a short ender come away a winner."

In interviews this afternoon both of the little men expressed the greatest confidence, and, whoever wins, the outcome is not likely to be met with excuses from either side.

FOR MILITIA.

New Munitions Soon to Be Provided For It.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Militiamen of the United States are to be provided with the most modern type of artillery and drilled in its use until they approach in proficiency the West Point graduates, according to Congressman J. A. T. Hull of Des Moines, Ia., who has stopped here on his way to Washington. Mr. Hull is chairman of the house committee on Military affairs.

"While a retrenchment will be made in the regular army," said Mr. Hull, "there is a disposition on the part of the house military committee to improve the equipment of the National guard, for it is upon that branch of the service that the nation must depend in the event of any war.

"The militia will have the highest type of field guns and be given instructions by capable artillery officers of the regular army."

ALL SHOT UP.

Tattered Survivor Finally Reaches City of Moscow.

Moscow, Dec. 1 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Kirinchenko probably the most thoroughly shot to pieces man who has survived the present war, arrived recently from Harbin where, after weeks in the hospital the doctors extracted 17 bullets from him, amputated one leg and discharged him as cured. He gave his experience as follows:

"It was at Liao Yang. On the evening of September 2, we had been ordered to attack some of the Japanese trenches. We had to cross a good piece of open ground under a heavy cross-fire and there were men falling every step from the time we broke cover to the minute we rushed the trenches at the point of the bayonet. Nothing happened to me until we were close to the Japanese lines when I got a bullet in my right foot that brought me down. From that time I was no more good except as a target, but I must say I drew a good deal of Japanese ammunition if that counted for anything.

"Our fellows went on and carried the Japanese trenches on the left in a hand to hand fight. But there was a long line of works on the right that we did not take and where they kept shooting. They were the people who did for me. I was on the ground with my teeth chattering. I made up my mind to get out and crawled along toward the trenches where our men had gone over the top. I had no more than started going until a bullet in my right shoulder rolled me over again. I got my gun in my left hand and kept on crawling. Then I got shot in the left leg, just above the knee. Then two or three bullets got me in the right leg. I dropped my gun and helped myself along with my left hand. But they must have thought I was having too easy a time of it for I got shot through the left shoulder and that brought me down flat. I kept on getting shot in my right leg, but all the feeling had gone out of it, so I did not mind that much. The last time I recollect getting hit was again in the left shoulder.

"It was dusk by the time I got the trenches and when I finally wriggled over the top I thought they were full of Japanese. But it happened what Japanese uniforms I saw were on corpses and the live people were talking Russian. The men took me to a station two miles away and the doctors did not think I was much good keeping. I had 13 bullets in my right leg and side and four scattered around other parts of me. But they tied me up and sent me on to Harbin and there they cut my leg off."

STUDENTS KILLED.

Walls of a College Collapse in a City in Brazil.

New York, Dec. 19.—A tornado has caused serious damage in the city and harbor of Rio Janeiro, Brazil, according to a Herald dispatch from that city. A wall of the College of San Vicente de Paul collapsed. One sister of charity and one pupil were killed and 10 pupils were wounded.

JAPAN THRILLS.

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two sailors. Lieutenant Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled, but his comrade ships, with Lieutenants Wataeabe and Mori commanding, protected and rescued her. All the other boats bravely facing the enemy's fire succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage.

"The result of their attacks is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect.

"The watch tower reporting on the following morning said that the Sevastopol had lowered at the bows considerably, facing toward south-south-east. Her condition is such that she does not change her position in the current. She is anchored close inshore in shallow water.

"It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. The skillful maneuvering and bravery of the officers and men inspires me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence."

SANCTIFIED SEUFERT

Alleged to be Full of Hot Air and Dried Prunes.

BIG DESTRUCTION OF SALMON

A Correspondent from The Dalles Makes Allegations Supported by Facts and Past Experience of Violation of Fishing Laws.

The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1904. Editor of the Morning Astorian:

Dear Sir: I have just read your editorial of the 9th instant, and to say that it was the truth in all respects would not half express my sentiments.

The Seuferts had five seines going most of the close season last fall, and either one of them destroyed more salmon spawn than would run half a dozen canneries. You can think back and see that since 1895, when Seufert commenced seining on the bars below Cello that not only bluebacks, but all other kinds of salmon, particularly the spring and summer run of fish, are almost a thing of the past.

One of his seines do more damage to the fishing industry than all or double the number of fish wheels now in existence on this river. Yes, by all means, try and have seining stopped above tide water, or at least after August 10 each year, when salmon come on the bars to spawn. I venture the assertion that if the spawning bars were protected as I suggest that the former runs of summer salmon would, in a few years, occur again without any artificial propagation, as was the case up to 1895, after which date Seufert and every one else who could find a bar, seined on it regardless of the consequences to the general result. There are parties in The Dalles who were engaged in building the portage on the Washington side, who informed me that they were eye-witnesses to Seufert's seines sweeping away countless tons of salmon spawn when first commencing each fall.

In my letter to you yesterday I forgot to call your attention to an editorial which appeared in the Morning Oregonian of December 12, last. It made mention of Mr. Seufert's harnessing the water on the falls of Cello which had been running to waste since the world began, and no one else but Mr. Seufert had thought of helping out the people, to the benefits that will now be derived from his philanthropic venture in this blessing to the whole state.

Mr. Seufert was letting off some of his hot air in the Imperial hotel while a reporter was reeling it up for his paper, where Mr. Seufert did not intend it to go. What a blessing Mr. Seufert is to this state, at the expense, invariably, of some one else!

ONE WHO KNOWS.

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"My niece's little baby boy, two years old, was so badly afflicted with eczema that he needed constant washing. It was all over his face and he scratched the sores constantly. Mornings his clothes would be stained with blood, and his face and hands would be covered. His family never could take him out, as his face was always full of large sores. They had medical treatment, and tried everything they heard of. She commenced using the Cuticura Remedies last spring and found that at last she had a wonderful healer. The sores left his face and he was entirely cured, and now his face is as smooth and rosy as though no sore had ever been there to mar it."

Mrs. L. J. ROOT, JERUSALEM, N. Y.

Feb. 12, 1898.

On March 7, 1903, five years later, Mrs. Root writes: "I received your note of kind inquiry and am pleased to inform you of the permanent cure of my little boy. He is now a healthy child with pink and white skin free from all blemish. It has been a marvellous cure and brought about in a short time after all other medical aid failed."

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