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SWEDEN'S GREAT KING.

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The Three Hundredth Anniversary of His Birth to Be Celebrated in All Parts of the World with Much Pomp and Circumstance.

[Special Letter.]

This being an era of hero worship it is not surprising that great preparations are being made in Sweden, Germany, England and other Protestant countries to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus, king of Sweden, which occurs December 9 of this year. This monarch,



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, KING OF SWEDEN.

familiarly known as the "Lion of the North," was without doubt one of the greatest soldiers and leaders in the history of the world, and has well earned the sobriquet of "defender of the faith," bestowed on him by the Protestant church.

Gustavus Adolphus was born at Stockholm December 9, 1594; and succeeded his father, Charles IX., November 8, 1611. Although but seventeen years of age when assuming the throne, the young king was not unprepared for the performance of his heavy duties. Since the tenth year of his life he had attended the royal cabinet councils, and the most famous generals had instructed him in the art of warfare. His accession found Sweden at war with Denmark, Poland and Russia. By diplomacy he detached Denmark from the tripartite alliance in 1613; then he invaded Russia and forced the czar to sue for peace in 1617; and finally inveigled Poland into making an advantageous truce for six years.

The thirty-years' war was in full blast when the victorious Swedish king returned from his foreign campaigns. In 1617 Ferdinand of Styria was crowned king of Bohemia, and immediately began his ill-advvised persecution of Protestants. Two years later, in spite of emphatic protests, Ferdinand was elected emperor of Germany, and secured the active support of Maximilian, duke of Bavaria, and the Holy League, a federation of Catholic princes and nobles. And then the great war, which began in 1618 and ended in 1648, was inaugurated in earnest. The Protestant army, which stood before the walls of Prague, was completely routed, November 8, 1620, by a Catholic army under the command of Tilly, a Bavarian general. Frederick, elector of the Palatinate and leader of the Protestant cause, was disheartened after this blow and sued for peace. In compliance with a request from Emperor Ferdinand he dissolved the remnants of his army. This foolish action gave Tilly an opportunity to invade the Palatinate, and at the diet of Regensburg, in 1623, poor Frederick was placed in ban, bereft of all his possessions, to which state it belongs at the present day. At this stage the disastrous war might have come to an end, but Ferdinand, not content with the humiliation of his enemies, was determined to restore Catholicism to its ante-reformation power. This led to the formation of a league among the princes of North Germany, under the leadership of the king of Denmark, Christian IV., the Danish king, sup-

ported by English and Dutch influences, entered German territory in 1625; but was defeated by Tilly, August 27, 1626. This general afterward carried the war into Denmark and forced Christian, in 1629, to withdraw from interference in German affairs.

The Protestant princes, humiliated by defeat and weakened by puerile jealousy, were ready to make peace on any terms; and the hostilities would have ceased, had not Emperor Ferdinand issued his famous "edict of restitution." This document was dated March 8, 1629, and ordered that all ecclesiastical estates secularized since 1552 should be returned to the Church of Rome. In spite of the protest of a number of Protestant princes and a majority of the rich free cities, the edict was carried out to the letter by an imperial army under Tilly, who devastated the already poverty-stricken country with a recklessness that would have put to shame a horde of Scythians. Protestantism seemed doomed. The elector of Saxony, most powerful of Lutheran princes, vacillated and tried to carry water on both shoulders. The other members of the league had neither money nor men. But in the

hour of greatest need appeared the Moses of the reformation, the man who was destined to lead the Protestant hosts out of the wilderness of defeat and misery. The arrogance of Austria had become unbearable. France smarted under countless insults, yet could not at that time take up arms against Ferdinand. In this emergency Cardinal Richelieu, premier of France and prince of the church, made overtures to the warrior king of Sweden who had just returned from victorious wars against Russia and Poland. Gustavus Adolphus, most zealous Protestant of his time, listened to the offers of Richelieu, and in June, 1630, landed in the island of Usedom. He drove the imperial garrisons from Pomerania and Mecklenburg, reinstated the expelled princes, and formed alliances with France and other countries.

Meanwhile Tilly invested and took the rich city of Magdeburg, at the same time committing such atrocities that public opinion compelled the elector of Saxony to support the Swedish king. On September 17, 1631, Gustavus Adolphus met Tilly at Breitenfeld, near Leipzig, and defeated the imperial forces in a murderous battle. On April 15, 1632, Tilly was defeated again in the battle on the Lech, and on May 17 the Swedish king made his triumphant entry into Munich, the capital of Bavaria. In less than two years the man from the north had most completely humiliated the arrogant Ferdinand who now turned to Wallenstein, one of the most unique characters in history, for superior aid. Wallenstein, duke of Friedland, was one of the greatest men of his age. Immensely wealthy and inordinately ambitious, he proposed to Ferdinand to raise an army of 50,000 men at his own expense. He conquered northern Germany and devastated a portion of Saxony. His army he considered his own and defied emperor and state. Ferdinand, dull as he was in other things, did not fail to see that Wallenstein's power was growing from day to day, and concluded, in September, 1630, to dismiss the duke and his army. Wallenstein took his degradation with poor grace. Instead of dismissing his army, he kept the best regiments intact and stationed them on his vast estates in Moravia and Bohemia. After Tilly's defeat the duke of Friedland's hour came. The emperor made the humblest approaches and consented to



AXEL OKENSTJERNA.

the most humiliating conditions imposed by his vassal. Wallenstein agreed to raise a new army, but reserved the right to appoint his own officers and the rights of confiscation, amnesty and pardon. After having created this imperium in imperio, the duke started to besiege the city of Nuremberg, in which Gustavus was entrenched. His plan was to starve the Saxons into capitulation, but by a clever movement the king outwitted his cruel opponent and marched into Saxony, and Gustavus followed. The two armies met at Lutzen, November 16, 1632. A fierce battle was fought which ended in a Protestant victory, but also in the death of the heroic Swedish king.

Wallenstein retreated into Bohemia after his defeat and opened negotiations with Sweden, the Saxon princes and Cardinal Richelieu. His plan was to compel Emperor Ferdinand to make a peace which would secure for him the crown of Bohemia. He might have been successful had not one of his generals given away his secret and formed a conspiracy, as a result of which the duke was assassinated February 25, 1634, at Eger, by Col. Butler, one of his former lieutenants.

The battle at Lutzen gave religious liberty to continental Europe. After Gustavus' death the Thirty Years' war became of a political character. France took an active part in the hostilities, which were brought to a close October 24, 1648, by the peace of Westphalia, from which day dates the independence of Switzerland and Holland. By the same treaty France secured Alsace, which it lost again in 1871.

Much of Sweden's success during the Thirty Years' war was due to Count Axel Okenstjerna, the famous chancellor of Gustavus Adolphus. He conducted the war after his king's death and later was chosen head of the league against Emperor Ferdinand. In 1636 he returned to Stockholm as chief of the government during the minority of Princess Christina, the heir presumptive. He died at the age of seventy-one, August 28, 1654. According to Wallenstein, Okenstjerna was the brains of the Protestant campaign. The remains of Gustavus Adolphus lie in the old church of Rodderholme, in Stockholm. Great preparations are now being made in the Swedish capital to make the three hundredth anniversary of his birth an epoch-making event. In Germany monuments to his memory will be unveiled in several places; and in the United States thousands of churches will do honor to the "Lion of the North"—the monarch who not only defeated proud Austria, but in the midst of carnage thought of founding a Swedish colony on American soil. This idea was carried out by Okenstjerna in 1638, when the first Swedish settlers established homes near Philadelphia, and Wilmington, Del. G. W. WEPPELST.

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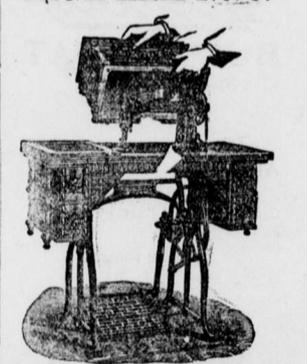
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