

# REBELS SEIZE TWO FORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Non-Payment of Army Is Revolt Cause — British Plane Shot Down — Uneasiness Felt for Europeans — Fuel Food Low.

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 19.—(AP) Rebels were reported today to have seized two forts overlooking Kabul, capital of Afghanistan. They were awaiting reinforcements to press their attack. Large quantities of arms and ammunition were understood to be in the two forts seized.

A British airplane was shot thru the radiator and made a forced landing near Kabul. The plane had been attempting to establish communication with the British legation with a view to the evacuation of British and Indian women and children, if necessary. The pilot sent a telegram saying they were "safe and well."

The trouble that King Amanullah of Afghanistan is having in suppressing revolts was said in newspaper dispatches today to be due to his failure to pay his army numbering 35,000 men.

A dispatch from Lahore said that the army had not been paid for some time and that some soldiers had deserted to join the rebels, who were arrayed against King Amanullah chiefly because of his introduction of western ideas such as decreeing that women should go unveiled.

The Daily Mail also said that the chief hope of the king lay in the approach of winter weather and heavy snows since the revolting tribesmen have no equipment for campaigning under such conditions.

The position of Europeans in Afghanistan was understood to be causing considerable uneasiness although so far as could be learned there was no feeling among the rebels against any foreign legation. A Lahore dispatch said that Europeans in Kabul were experiencing considerable discomfort because of severe winter weather. Firewood is always extremely expensive there and the supply of canned provisions, on which Europeans largely depend, is not large.

# FIRST CONTEST FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING HERE

The first outdoor Christmas lighting contest to be attempted in southern Oregon is to be held in Medford December 22 to January 2, inclusive. The contest sponsored by the advertising committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, is a line with a national program adopted by many of the leading cities of the United States.

Several attractive prizes have been offered by local merchants for the most effective displays in Medford this year and it is expected that some very effective decorations will result. Already there have been a number of displays installed by enterprising Medford citizens and more are being added from day to day.

It is interesting to note that this beautiful Yuletide custom originated in Washington, D. C., some years ago. In the year 1923 a beautiful evergreen tree, out of the woods of Vermont, was sent to Washington and set up in Sherman Square. This tree was a gift from Middlebury college to the president of the United States. The tree was decorated and wired with hundreds of tiny electric lights, and on Christmas eve President Coolidge, with appropriate ceremonies, switched on the lights of the first national Christmas tree.

The following year a beautiful tree was planted in Sherman Plaza behind the White House and a permanent underground electric service installed so that each year the same living tree can be decorated and illuminated, a perfect symbol of national good-will.

The national example was quickly followed by many states and communities.

For some years now a number of citizens have been decorating their homes on the outside, and these homes have been gay and memorable spots of color on the Christmas scene. This year there will be many more homes sending out their message of "Merry Christmas" by means of strings of colored lights festooned about their lawns and houses. And a new joy in the holiday season will result from these wondrous displays.

It is anticipated that by next Christmas outdoor lighting programs will be established in practically every progressive community in southern Oregon, creating not only a beautiful civic Yuletide spirit but also attracting much favorable attention from outside visitors.

## Obituary

**BURGESS**—Henry Clay Burgess passed away at the Community hospital Tuesday, December 18, from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy, after an illness of 13 days, aged 89 years, 1 month and 26 days. Born in Indiana, October 22, 1848. His parents moved to Eagle Lake, Minn., when he was a young child, residing in Minnesota for 40 years. He was married to Ellen M. French in 1871 and to this union were born four sons and two daughters. His wife, Ellen M., passed away in July, 1927. Deceased is survived today by his six children, Arthur C. Burgess, Medford, Ore.; Frank O. Burgess, Sidney, Neb.; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Wolf and Mrs. W. F. Quisenberry of Medford, and Robert O. Burgess of Los Angeles, Cal. He was general manager of the north-west territory for the Simer Manufacturing Co. of New York for 25 years. He had also resided in Missouri for seven years at Brookfield, coming to Oregon in 1909, residing here since that year. He was a life member of the Masonic fraternity of Mukato, Minn. He was a life-long Republican, active in all political affairs, being at one time chairman of the state Republican committee of Minnesota. He was a kindly and hospitable gentleman, and loved by a host of friends, who will be grieved by his passing, besides his children. He also leaves eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Services at the grave in charge of Medford Lodge 103, A. F. & A. M. interment in Medford cemetery.

## FRANK SIMPSON PRIZE WINNER IN FIDDLER CONTEST

Frank Simpson of Prospect won the first prize of \$15 in the finals of the old fiddlers' contest held Monday night and last night at Walker's dance hall, under the direction of Charles Skeeters, Gene Stowell and Ray Muck, who sponsor the weekly old-fashioned dances held every Tuesday night. Andy Simpson of Dead Indian trail and O. G. Ayres of Ashland tied for the second prize of \$10, and were each given half of the amount. The third prize of \$5 was won by Everett Boon of Talent. Each of the other ten or more contestants were given a cash remuneration of one dollar.

That the dance and contest were successful from both a social and financial standpoint, was stated by Gene Stowell this morning, who expressed appreciation for the subscription given by local business men toward the old fiddlers' contest prize fund. He also said that the dance committee had been given great credit for the manner in which the affair was conducted. The old-fashioned dances will be held as usual every Tuesday night, with a dance on both Christmas and New Year's nights.

## MRS. COOLIDGE LEAVES FOR MOTHER'S BEDSIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP) Mrs. Coolidge left here today to visit her mother, Mrs. Lemna Goodhue, who is ill at Northampton, Mass. She intends to return for the week end.

## STATE LIBRARIAN RESIGNS HER JOB

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP) After 25 years of service as state librarian for Oregon, Cornelia Marvin handed her resignation to the board in control last night. As she read her report tears came to her eyes. Her resignation was accepted by the board with regret. Mrs. Marvin has made no statement as to her future plans, and has not denied rumors that she will marry Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor, after the first of the year.

"The library must have more space," said Mrs. Marvin, who has been head of the institution since its creation by the legislature. "If the funds are not forthcoming, then it should be merged with either the University of Oregon or the Oregon State College library."

## News of the Minute

**Christmas Program First Baptist Church.**  
Thursday evening, December 20, 7:30.

"The Announcer"—Lewis Thurman.  
"Welcome"—Kathryn Mead and primary helpers.  
"Christ's Welcome"—Dorothy Hopkins.  
Solo, "Mother's Christmas Song"—Helen Judy.  
"A First Appearance"—Muriel Platt.  
"Mother's Helper"—Frank Rinaud.  
Exercises, "Ring the Bells"—Junior girls.  
"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"—Peggy Reter.  
Exercise, "Because"—Betty Daugherty, Alice Dingsley, Kathleen O'Neil.  
Song, "It's Christmas"—Primary department.  
"The Christ Child"—Lea Etta Evans.  
"A Present for Daddy"—Walter Wadlinger.  
Song, "We Wish a Merry Christmas"—Junior department.  
"Christmas"—Florence Green.  
Song, "Ring Out Christmas Bells"—Primary girls.  
"A Short Selection"—Virginia Lovel.  
"Very Trying"—Harry Thurman.  
Exercise "What the Christmas Spirits Found"—Mary Norris, Mary Bright, Violet Judy and primary and junior kiddies.  
"Good Night"—Vella Gossett.

**Christian Church Christmas Program.**  
The Christmas program to be given at the Christian church Friday evening, will be given by the departments of the Sunday school. A miscellaneous program will be given after which the members of the high school class will pantomime "The First Christmas." This will be followed by "White Gifts for the King" which will be given for charitable purposes. The church will be decorated for the occasion, and a large crowd is expected. Everyone is urged to come, as they will be sure to enjoy the evening's program.

## PORTLAND NEGRO BEATS CLEGHORN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP) George Dixon, Portland, negro middleweight contender, had no trouble winning from Walter Clegghorn here last night in their 16-round main event, in spite of two former decisions in Clegghorn's favor in previous encounters. Sam Warren, St. Johns, technically stopped Dynamite Murphy of Condon, four seconds before the close of their six-round semi-final, when the referee stopped the match. Eddie Graham, Salem's 125-pounder, won from Johnny Tomas, Filipino, four rounds.

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