

CROESUS OF INDIA PLANS FOR SILVER JUBILEE OF REIGN

Ruler of Vast Domain Is Rated World's Richest But Bars Extravagance In Celebrating Regime.

BOMBAY. — (UP) — Extravagant preparations are being forward throughout the 22,028 square miles of India's largest state for a week-long silver jubilee celebrating the rule of the world's richest man, the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Nearly \$250,000 is being collected for the celebration beginning February 24, 1936, but the Nizam—richer than Croesus but living in Spartan simplicity—is insistent that there be no wasteful extravagance.

A proclamation, or "firman," issued under his seal directed that the bulk of the money collected from his 14,000,000 subjects and business concerns be spent on works of public welfare such as tuberculosis sanitariums, model villages and child welfare centers.

The mammoth jubilee, worthy of the powerful potentate whose wealth is placed at more than \$600,000,000, originally was planned for December but postponed for state reasons.

Potentate to Lead
The public demonstration will include a picturesque procession from the palace, led by the Nizam himself, to his Durbar hall in which state officials, nobles and rich merchants will participate.

There will be a display by the Nizam's military forces, a jubilee rally by the Hyderabad state Boy Scouts, an exhibition of home industries and sports events.

Chief among the sports contests will be the all-India tennis tournament attracting players from all parts of the nation.

Brilliant Lighting Planned
Throughout the festival the Nizam's palace, his secretariat and other public buildings will be brilliantly lighted and the capital will be gaily with streamers and banners and brightly-painted arches.

The week from February 24 to March 1 will be a holiday throughout the state and the populace, mostly Hindus, will stage village ceremonial.

An important official oration is said that, although the preparations may seem extravagant, a comparatively small amount will be spent on show displays.

Although the Nizam's fortune is colossal and his annual income is estimated at nine crores, or about \$3,750,000, he is virtually a prisoner in his own land.

Cannot Leave India
Ancient custom, originating in 1539 when a descendant of the Golconda dynasty founded Hyderabad, decrees that he shall not leave Indian shores. Actually he never leaves the capital of his state, even during the oppressive heat of summer.

Of his \$3,750,000 annual income about \$13,125,000 is revenue from his far-reaching lands. The yearly revenue from his private property—lands, gardens, textile mills, spinning factories and securities—is said to be about \$7,500,000.

Yet, despite all this, he lives in a manner which would be described by other monarchs as frugal.

He owns six beautiful palaces yet he prefers to dwell in the smallest. He has a fleet of 50 limousines, yet he travels about in an old touring car purchased in 1927.

Prefers Secluded Life
The Nizam's full name is Nawab Sir Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur G. C. S. I. Seventh Nizam of Hyderabad—prefers to live in seclusion and most of his thoughts have been concerned with the welfare of his people.

Since his accession to the throne 26 years ago the potentate is believed to have added steadily to his already great treasure hoards left by his ancestors. Apart from gold and silver bullion, of which he is reputed to hold the largest stock in India and perhaps in all the world, he is possessor of great quantities of priceless jewelry.

One of the most highly treasured



CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Young Steve and Chipper examine the story books IGA grocermen will distribute as premiums to thousands of youngsters throughout the country during the holiday shopping season. More than a half million copies of the Three Bears, Noah's Ark, Puss in Boots and the Three Little Kittens will be distributed to delight children on Christmas morning—as they have done for many generations past.

M. E. CHURCH WILL ENJOY EXTENSIVE SUNDAY PROGRAM

Carrying out its plan for observing every season with carefully prepared services, the Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Main and Laurel, is preparing an extensive program for next Sunday.

The Sunday school meeting at 9:45 a. m. has been somewhat depleted by the recent epidemic, but last Sunday morning showed a marked increase. Several changes in the teaching staff and addition of new teachers on the first Sunday of the new year are contemplated to meet the increasing needs of the organization.

In observing Christmas Sunday, a carefully planned program of music and teaching will be offered by the Sunday school.

At 11 o'clock the morning worship will be under way. An interesting and valuable service has been prepared by Rev. Joseph Knotts, pastor, and Don Huckabee, choir director.

The special music will be the presentation of Wooler's "Praise the Lord, Oh My Soul," by the church choir, an organization of many voices. The Christmas solo will be sung by C. A. Meeker. They will offer the well-known composition of Lepoit, "The Newborn King." Rev. Knotts is bringing a sermon on the theme "The Prince of Peace."

One of the important features of the period will be the presentation of money Christmas gifts to the church. This was done last year with most gratifying results and proved to be very popular with the congregation. At this same time will be made one of the most important and hopeful announcements that the Methodist church will have heard in a number of years. The announcement will have a direct bearing on

CCC CAMP WIMER TO HAVE HOLIDAY UNTIL DEC. 29TH

Fall term night school work and time on the Wimer work project will be suspended at the same time for the 148 Oregon members of company 954, Camp Wimer, so that all members who wish may spend the holidays at home.

More than 300 certificates of completion will be issued to Wimer men for courses completed during the last term of leisure-time school. The leisure-time school at Wimer included 38 courses offered in various subjects. Every man in the company carried at least one course and the average of the company was about three courses to a man. Besides formal instruction in night classes, CCC men received instruction on the job designed to make skilled workmen of them; weekly lectures designed to guide them in social relations and their duties as good citizens; lectures on the news of the day designed to interpret to them economic conditions and the march of nations; and educational moving pictures presented as visual instruction.

The Wimer night school gives no credits toward graduation diploma or degree. Members who voluntarily take the courses, have their grades recorded in their permanent records so that prospective employers may see how members spent their time while in the CCC.

Few of the faculty who teach in Wimer night school have had any training as teachers. All of them are volunteers, except the head

the progress of the repurchasing of the church. Sunday evening at 6:30 the young people's organizations will hold attractive services in the church parlors. Both of these groups—the high school league and the college league—are showing an excellent increase in efficiency and attendance.

The 7:30 evening program promises to be one of great interest. The choir will present in musical-dramatic form the story of the birth of Christ. Costuming and lighting have been given careful preparation by those in charge and indications are that this presentation will be something long to be remembered. Solos by Mary Ann Gates, Olaf Severson, Eleanor Pottenberger and Jeannette Trill will be combined with choir numbers and effective staging. This service will begin promptly at 7:30 with the dramatic presentation and will close with the white gifts for the King offering, a presenting of gifts of foodstuffs wrapped in white and brought to the altar by the audience.

Final observance of the Christmas season by the Methodist Episcopal church will take place Monday evening at 7:30 when the Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas program and party. Each department of the church school has prepared numbers for the evening and will present them before the crowd attending. This also appears as an excellent program of entertainment and worship.

An invitation is extended to every person in Medford who is without a definite church affiliation to join in the observance of the birthday of the Lord and Savior by attending these services.

Weather.
Northern California: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; unsettled extreme south portion tonight; not quite so cold interior of central portion tonight; moderate easterly wind off the coast.
Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday, with local valley fogs; little change in temperature; moderate easterly wind off the coast.
The Kiel canal connects the North sea and the Baltic.

THE GRANGE

Live Oak Grange held an interesting meeting December 16, with a record attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Brooker of Phoenix were present, also Mr. and Mrs. Dover, who have been away for some time. Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Dover gave interesting and inspiring talks on topics of interest to all Grangers. After the meeting, progressive games were played, Mrs. Whipple winning high prize and Louise Brooker low. The serving committee consisting of Millie Walker, Mrs. Hall, Nora Wait, Rollin Stiel and Otto Furman, served delicious refreshments at a beautifully decorated table. An exchange of Christmas gifts was enjoyed. On New Year's day a basket dinner will be held at the Community hall at noon. Friday, January 3, the H. E. club will meet at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Leta Miller. All ladies are requested to bring place material and accessories to work with. New ideas are especially solicited.

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Rogue River

ROGUE RIVER, Dec. 20.—(Sp.)—The Rogue River Townsend club met in the Community hall Tuesday night with Vice-President C. H. LaCrosse in charge of the meeting. Floyd Dover and wife, who were the Rogue River delegates to the Chicago convention, were present and Mr. Dover gave a very interesting talk on their trip and the convention. The regular business attended to, a short program closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday night, January 7. Everyone welcome. A good program is promised. Also another talk by Mr. Dover and the election of officers for the new year.

Burwell O'Kelly, our genial butcher, is receiving congratulations this week. He has just slipped over to Klamath Falls Saturday and been married. The bride was Miss Josephine Palmer of that city. They will make their home in Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Magnuson and Mrs. Carrie Hargadine, who have spent the past two months at the Whipple home, returned Monday to their home in Santa Monica, Cal.

Mrs. Sam Sandry, Mrs. Lora Carter and daughter Charlotte, Mrs. Wallace LeMoine, Mrs. Carrie Hargadine and Mrs. Jim Whipple were among Medford shoppers Saturday from Rogue River.

Edward Carter left recently for Seattle, where he will attend the diesel engine school for the next four months. Frank R. Jackson met with a very bad accident Saturday night. As he was driving along the Evans creek road, near the James Milton place, his car was hit by a hit-and-run driver and forced from the road over a bank. Mr. Jackson received a very badly cut head and bruises. The car was also badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd K. Dover returned to their home here Friday, having been gone since October 22 on a trip east to the Townsend convention. Mr. Dover gave talks all along the way.

Thursday night, December 12, the school gave a program at the Community hall. This program is an annual affair, and is called stunt night. Many amusing stunts were given and

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many musical numbers, all enjoyed by the audience.
Mrs. Jane Smack is reported as very ill at her home here and her many friends are anxious for her recovery.

Oilie Easterling and Vic Milburn of Ashland were calling on Rogue River friends Saturday. They visited the Magnuson, Whipple and C. E. Sama families.

There have been reports that the ruler has directed an army of servants to weigh his gold and silver and place a value on his hoards. If such an estimate were to be made it would take many months, or even years.

His exalted highness attends the humdrum routine of official duties with an utter lack of ceremony and aid in the simplest attire, despite the world's interest in his wealth.

When called upon by the visit of dignitaries to his state, however, the Nizam can put on a display of Oriental splendor not to be outdone by any other Indian prince.

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