

SVEN HEDIN'S 'DESERT XMAS' IS EXPLAINED

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van, and here we established in turn huts and tents our winter quarters.

Following explorations in different directions I was prepared on Dec. 20 to leave camp and attack the desert. The few fishermen who lived in huts on the shore considered my name. They assured me that neither man nor camel would return from such a jaunt.

On the morning of Dec. 21 the wind was to be found neither a blade of grass nor water. We would die of thirst and imperishable silence would be our cover or remains.

Upon the left bank of the river the land is stepped into plateaus of varying heights. In the belts of forest appear here and there. On the right are seen rolling sand dunes of various heights, some as high as 35 meters. They are the Takli-Makar's outermost sentinels against the desert, stepping up on their tops looking westward one sees nothing but a vast sea of yellow sand. The dunes are of various heights, some as high as 35 meters. They are the Takli-Makar's outermost sentinels against the desert, stepping up on their tops looking westward one sees nothing but a vast sea of yellow sand.

A single sign of life—neither a wind-driven leaf nor a grass spear—the faint digging in the sand, seeking the slightest possibility of discovering water. But already at a couple of centimeters I have detected a kind of benched sand. Without doubt here existed in the dim past a vast inland sea in the heart of Asia.

In front of us now appeared what seemed to be golden cupolas, and terraces like ruins of Chinese walled fortifications. As we reached them we saw they were shore formations of a forgotten sea which had been continuously changed in their fantastic forms by the winds thru the eons of the past.

No one knows what this desert means in its loom; but we do know that unless we find more water within a certain number of days the camels will die. There is a thin trail of water from dune ridge to ridge, and as I go I hope against hope that some tiny oasis will appear—kept alive since that time when the winds under East Turkistan, and under its shifting dunes brought death to all living things in its path. But nothing appears but these endless giant dunes of sand extending to the horizon.



Sven Hedin

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OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS IS TOLD BY CLERGY

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Rotarians Aid Santa at Kiddies' Party



Children at party.

The Rotarians of the Rotary Club, gathered at the community home Sunday afternoon to enjoy the joys of entertainment in addition to a turkey dinner.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES LIST OF 41 SENIORS

The tentative list of January graduates of the Birmingham High School was approved by the school board.

BITS OF B'HAM

One of the 12 boys enlisted in the navy in the past week at the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit, was Harold Ross, Astwell, 114 West Brown Street.

George C. Otis of 32205 Birmingham Road, an honor student in the University of Michigan, has been awarded a scholarship by the corporation.

CHRISTMAS SALE

Useful Gifts For Everyone Here's your chance to get Christmas Presents for the whole family and pay on long, easy terms to suit your needs.

Mrs. Claus Writes Inside News On Santa

Dear Boys and Girls I must write to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your thoughtful letters to my husband, Mr. Santa Claus.

Santa is leaving Thursday night, you know on his round of calls, and I'm sure that you are looking forward to him from your children of parents to come to your homes.

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