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LIVE STOCK MARKETS AT KANSAS CITY

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Kansas City, Dec. 20, 1905.
Receipts of cattle thus far this week are 33,700; last week, 42,400; last year, 18,000. Monday's market was slow but about steady for beef steers; all other grades strong to ten cents higher. On Tuesday trade off beef steers ruled strong to ten cents higher; cows and heifers firm; stockers and feeders steady. Receipts today were 9,500. Beef steers were active and firm; cows and heifers uneven but generally unchanged; stockers and feeders weak with stock calves nearly impossible to move at any price, especially ordinary grades. The following table gives prices now ruling:

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| Extra prime corned steers..... | \$5.00 to \$5.40 |
| Good..... | 4.40 to 5.00 |
| Ordinary..... | 3.60 to 4.40 |
| Choice corned heifers..... | 4.00 to 4.75 |
| Good..... | 3.25 to 3.75 |
| Medium..... | 2.50 to 3.25 |
| Cannons..... | 2.25 to 4.00 |
| Good..... | 2.75 to 3.25 |
| Medium..... | 2.25 to 2.75 |
| Choice steers..... | 1.50 to 2.50 |
| Choice fed bulls..... | 3.75 to 4.00 |
| Good..... | 3.25 to 3.75 |
| Holstein bulls..... | 2.50 to 3.25 |
| Veal calves..... | 1.75 to 2.50 |
| Good to choice native or western stockers..... | 3.00 to 4.00 |
| Fair..... | 3.00 to 3.40 |
| Common..... | 2.40 to 3.00 |
| Good to choice heavy native feeders..... | 3.60 to 4.00 |
| Fair..... | 3.00 to 3.60 |
| Good to choice heavy branded horned feeders..... | 3.25 to 3.50 |
| Fair..... | 3.00 to 3.25 |
| Common..... | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Good to choice stock heifers..... | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Fair..... | 2.25 to 2.50 |
| Good to choice stock calves/steers..... | 3.75 to 4.50 |
| Fair..... | 3.00 to 3.75 |
| Good to choice stock calves/heifers..... | 3.00 to 4.00 |
| Fair..... | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| Choice wintered grass steers..... | 4.00 to 4.40 |
| Good..... | 3.75 to 4.00 |
| Fair..... | 3.40 to 3.75 |
| Choice grass cows..... | 2.75 to 3.25 |
| Good..... | 2.50 to 2.75 |
| Common..... | 1.50 to 2.50 |

Receipts of hogs thus far this week are 31,500; last week, 37,800; last year, 30,200. Monday's market opened strong but closed weak to five cents lower; Tuesday was firm and today while heavies sold steady to five cents higher, light weights had a weaker tendency. Bulk of sales were from \$4.75 to \$5.00; top \$5.10.

Receipts of sheep thus far this week are 15,200; last week, 19,600; last year, 10,800. Monday's market was steady and active; Tuesday steady for best other ten to twenty cents lower and today the market was dull at weak to ten cents lower prices. We quote: choice lambs \$7.15 to \$7.35; choice light yearlings, \$6.25 to \$6.40; choice heavy yearlings, \$5.90 to \$6.00; choice wethers, \$5.50 to \$5.65; choice ewes, \$5.00 to \$5.15.

Christmas Day in The Navy

By H. W. Ferrin

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HERE is one feature of civilization which always follows the flag around the world. That is the spirit of Christmas. Whenever the 25th of December finds an American warship that place is on Santa Claus' map, though to get there he may have to shed his furs and change his reindeers for a team of porpoises. The seafaring man is sentimental to a degree, and no one of his fellow citizens celebrates the Yuletide with more enthusiasm than the man behind the gun.

Lying in one of Uncle Sam's navy yards or anchored in the sheltering

tongue, pickled beets, celery, mashed potatoes, green peas, cider, mince pies, assorted cakes, oranges, apples, bananas, nuts, raisins, candy, coffee, cigars and cigarettes.

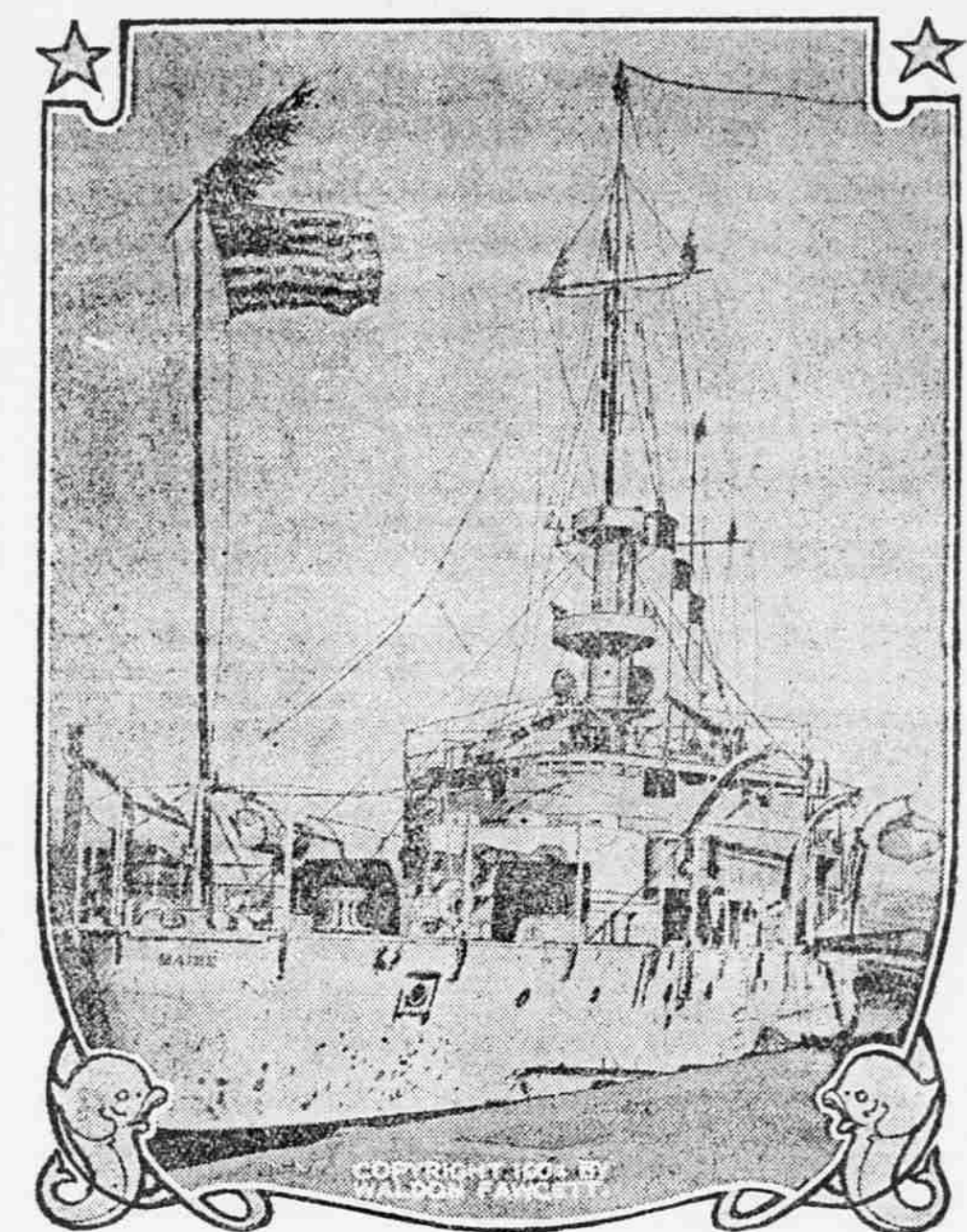
The Texas was at the New York navy yard, to be sure, but her relatives in the navy who passed the day in foreign ports probably fared quite as well, though their crews may have had to substitute some other bird for the turkey. The tars of foreign fleets

be washed out in honor of the day. The plea is usually effective.

The distribution of Christmas mail, following the athletic programme, takes the place of the distribution of gifts at home. The farther from "God's country" the ship happens to be the greater the interest in this ceremony. Much of the mail may have been posted by dear ones at home many weeks before Christmas, but the letters and packages bear the inscription, "Not to be opened before Christmas," and the officers see that the injunction is not disregarded. Often the seals of sacks known to contain Christmas mail are not broken until the time comes for its distribution, that the recipient may derive the greater pleasure from their treasures by enjoying them in common.

The officers have their dinner in the evening. The day has very likely been a lonesome one in the wardroom, for if the ship is on a home station all the officers who can get away and who have families spend the day ashore. At night, however, they return, bringing their "sweethearts and wives" with them. The naval regulations, ordinarily ignoring the very existence of women, permits them to dine aboard ship on Christmas day, and few "navy women" fail to take advantage of such a privilege. A good part of every officer's December pay is exhausted in the interests of Yuletide cheer and no guest has ever hesitated to pronounce the wardroom's Christmas banquet an unqualified success. Still, it sometimes happens that the enlisted men have a better dinner than their superiors, for the able seaman is an early bird, and where supplies are limited he may corner the market before his officers know what has happened. The crew of a man-of-war on the Asiatic station some years ago bought up all the turkeys in Hongkong and Canton and the officers of the ship would have been put to it to find a substitute had not the sailors taken pity on them and given up some of their spoils.

The day's celebration ends with a concert by the ship's band or a minstrel show, with sailors and marines in burnt cork performing all manner of "stunts" and cracking many an excellent joke at the expense of the officers, who always take the jests in good part. International complications furnish plenty of themes for clever witticisms and sketches, in which the men often show much dramatic abil-



BATTLESHIP MAINE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS.

harbor of some home port, where proximity to shore insures an abundance of the usual accessories, Christmas on board a man-of-war is not essentially different from the holiday of the land-lubber. It is on the foreign stations, and especially those in tropic seas, that Jacky has to exercise his well known ingenuity to create a Christmas atmosphere. On many a battleship and cruiser have bamboos done duty as Christmas trees, banana leaves as holly and cacti as table decorations. Many a Chinese pheasant or other heathen bird has masqueraded at the Christmas dinner as a North American turkey.

The navy's Christmas really begins at noon Dec. 24. After that hour discipline is relaxed and all hands are piped to the work of preparing for the morrow's festivities. The sun must not rise on masts or yardarms naked of Christmas greens, and all night the cook's galley fires are hot—a special concession from the "old man"—baking pies and cakes innumerable.

On Christmas morning the usual routine is omitted. During the forenoon religious services are held on vessels on which there are chaplains. Otherwise the sailor man is left to his own devices until noon. Then comes the event of the day—the Christmas din-

welcome an American warship to an anchorage alongside on Christmas day, for they know what Yankee hospitality means. Seldom does a crew of an American vessel on service beyond the seas sit down to its Christmas dinner alone. While he may not be so generous as to call in the lame, the halt and the blind, man-of-war's men from more than one imperial battleship or royal cruiser have occasion to remember with infinite regret the grub of the Yankee sailor.

After dinner general leave is granted and in home ports many of the sailors go ashore to visit relatives and friends. Most of the men, however, and on a foreign station practically all, remain on board for the sports to which the afternoon is devoted. Rowing is the most common feature of these contests, and where two or more vessels are gathered together there are highly exciting races for the championship of the fleet. On deck, boxing, wrestling and fencing vie for favor with sack races, three legged races and athletic games which involve quick work in going aloft and getting down again. Frequently the programme ends with a pie eating contest, which never loses popularity with either participants or spectators. With their hands tied behind them, the pie eaters



GIFTS FOR THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

ity. Last year the Panama incident was very creditably "worked up" on one battleship. This year the Russian and the Jap will have to take their turns as targets for the minstrel's merry jugs.

"The Star Spangled Banner," the marine amen, puts the official benediction on the celebration, and, with "taps" sounding in their ears, officers and men curl up in their bunks and hammocks to dream of their maternal grandmothers and the other specters which plum pudding evokes.

A Large Christmas Pie.

One of the largest Christmas gifts and altogether the largest pie on record was one sent by the Earl of Lonsdale to King George III, of England. The pie weighed 576 pounds, and it contained 9 geese, 2 ducks, 4 fowls (the kind not stated in the records), 6 pigeons, 6 wild ducks, 3 teal, 2 starlings, 12 partridges, 15 woodcock, 2 guinea fowls, 3 snipe, 6 plovers, 3 water hens, 1 wild goose, 1 curlew, 40 yellow hammers, 15 sparrows, 15 chaffinches, 2 larks, 4 thrushes, 12 fieldfares, 6 blackbirds, 20 rabbits, 1 leg of veal, 1 ham, 3 bushels of flour and 28 pounds of butter.

In the language of the nursery rhyme concerning the four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie, "wasn't that a pretty dish to set before the king?"

Christmas Gifts of Radium.

Last Christmas in London it was quite the thing to give Christmas gifts of radium. Of course only an infinitesimal particle of the precious substance was included in the present, and even then the gifts cost all the way from \$10 to \$50. An instrument called the splinthroscope, which consists of a small case about the size of that containing a finger ring, contained the radium particle, which was placed under a small lens like a microscope. By taking the contrivance into a darkened room and looking through the eyepiece one could see varying lights flashing.



JACKIES PREPARING THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

ner. Uncle Sam feeds his seagoing servants pretty well at all times, but at Christmas he spreads himself. Besides, the jackies generally have a few gold pieces saved up to put on the finishing touches, and the committee on comestibles is kept busy for days before the festival hunting all kinds of delicacies to their lairs. The result is a dinner which would make any man's mouth water on sea or land. One year on the Texas, for example, the menu of the forecastle Christmas feast consisted of oyster soup, roast turkey and cranberry sauce, boiled cold

kneel around a table, a pie in front of each face. The man who can get away with his pastry in the shortest time, using teeth and lips only, wins a prize of some sort, while the losers have the consolation of having had an extra pie.

At some time during the day the captain of the ship is likely to find himself confronted with a deputation of men representing those who have by infractions of discipline incurred demerit marks, carrying a pail of slacked lime and water and a whitewash brush, mutely pleading that their sins

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