HOW SANTA CLAUS COMES TO AN AMERICAN BATTLESHIP AT SEA; ADMIRAL EVANS WRITES STORY OF HIS MOST THRILLING XMAS DAY

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He made three times as much wa- skirting the coast of Labrador.

happy as a clam at high tide.

his Christmas holiday at sea for one on shore. It would be like a Mas."

Along with these gifts he is send.

BULLETS AS XMAS GIFTS.

they came fast and furious, were Christmas tree. selid shot and shell from the guns of the enemy. Even this didn't destroy our sense of humor.

them in the guns, "presented by," few shells hurled at the fort that his superior officer. day lacked this Christmas greeting.

Despite the excitement of the the mastheads of all the ships any man on board a trimmed with Christmas greens, their lives in going ashore to get some fair one who is "the girl. them, and you can bet the sentiment of the day was not lost.

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On Christmas morning, as I view, promptly, and be welcomed just as with pride from my deck the gran-deur of the ocean, I thank God that equator as he would be were we

Santa Claus has anticipated our Every old seadog will join me in 12,000-mile trip this year and furthis. The sea is his home; he loves nished in advance the pick of his it as the farmer loves his broad best. On board the supply vessels Apart from it he is restless when we sail from Hampton Roads and dissatisfied, but with a voyage will be thousands of packages con of weeks ahead of him he is as taining every imaginable sort of Christmas gift, from a whisky flask true sailor would exchange to a smoking jacket, each package his Christmas holiday at sea for one labeled "Don't open until Christ

ing thousands of yards of green with which to decorate the mastheads of the 16 battleships. Of 25 Christmases spent at sea, would be difficult to imagine a the one which rises before me most more beautiful and picturesque vividly is that of 1865, when the sight on Christmas morning than federal forces, assisted by the gunthese ships lined up, with the sailboat fleet, were trying to capture ors swarming the masts, putting up the Christmas trimmings with as That Christmas was a hummer, much zest as the small boy displays The only presents we received, and when he lights the candles on his

FOR THOSE IN LOVE.

Then comes the opening of the The boys would write on each Christmas packages. This is always solid shot or shell before placing a gala occasion. Not a man on board would dare ignore the inand add the name of whatever ves- structions any more than he would sel they happened to be on. Mighty think of disobeying the orders of invariable custom through years of All the gunners caught the spirit of faithful observance. Always a botthe grim jest, for the fighting line the of wine is broken in christening is no place for dyspeptics with long these tokens from the loved ones at

It's a popular saying that a sailor fierce combat, we managed to have has a sweetheart at every port, but Christmas day will confess that even though the sailors had to risk every sailor has, at some one port,

It is rejuvenating to an old salt to watch these sentimental young officers fondling their dainty pres- add though that the aids are about SANTA FOLLOWS FLEET. ents. But this is telling takes out the only homesick men on board. This year Santa Claus will follow of school, and if I hadn't been a jbut they soon fall into line and the fleet. He will show up just as lieutenant myself I wouldn't dare



EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF ADMIRAL EVANS, TAKEN IN HIS CABIN ON BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT, THE ADMIRAL HOLDING IN HIS FINGERS THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE TRANSMITTERS OVER WHICH HE WILL SEND A CHRISTMAS" TODAY TO ALL THE SHIPS OF HIS FLEET.

give away official secrets. I might soon fall into line and

become hardened philosophers. wo Christmases. We will get our West Indies, some time Christmas Delayed Christmas mail will us nearly two months later Christmas at Calloa, when the vessels are fast pproaching their own country on western side.

No nation provides more plenti-fully for the Christmas cheer of its ailors than does Uncle Sam. This year each of the battleship crews

have been in New York, for in for two weeks. stance, we would either have entertained parties of friends from ****** ashore, or have been the guests of *
friends. Usually we know at what * ATLANTIC FLEET WILL port we will be and notify members | of our families or friends where to |

A rare experience this year during the holiday week will be the crossing of the equator, which is * a large part of it, will surely * permissive of Neptune's antics of * visit Puget sound. This reas * initiation. The young officer as * surance has been given to *

ideal to me, for the water to the * Washington. seaman is what the land is to the * andsman. It is only natural for a | * * man to adapt himself to his environment.

It is not possible for any man to tand shadowless under the sun of Dec. 25, no matter on what part of the earth, and not realize that it is Christmas day.

The Lyric theater has gone back to burlesque. The patrons of the South End theater are now being offered "The Isle of Zaza," a mu-sical mixture, in which Posty's Oriental burlesquers are making their bow to the patrons of the house The Isle of Zaza" finishes out the

Moore Theater Opening. The sale of seats for the opening reek of the Moore theater, with The Alaskan" as the bill, contin es to be of a record breaking naare. The seats are on sale at Walling's Music store, on Second av.

Continued Attractions.

The Seattle-"Woodland."

The Lois-"London Assurance." The Coliseum-Sullivan & Consiline's greater vaudeville.

Pantages'—Varied vaudeville. The Star-Vaudeville, moving ctures and illustrated song.

Eden Musee-Vaudeville, orks, freaks and novelties. Washington state senators and number of divorce cases on a calcongressmen have asked for more endar before yesterday was several

ENJOYS RAIN.

M. J. Seabrook, general agent of the United Transit company on the Great Lakes, is in Seattle to spend This year we practically will have the holidays and incidentally make the acquaintance of local raillast Christmas mail at Trinidad, road and traffic people. Mr. Seabrook said today that he enjoyed the novelty of rainy weather on

COUNTY ROADS ARE BLOCKED

will be served a bounteous Christ-of the past few days a number of the county roads have become pudding, pumpkin ple and all the blocked at places with fallen trees, with greater celerity than ever be- revolvers and stilettos. rimmings which go with it. The and reports reaching the county in-men will be served at 12 o'clock in dicate that it will cost upwards of sases of 20, and each man will be \$5,000 to have the thoroughfares allowed one snifter as an appetizer in celebration of the occasion.

The efficers do not dine until 6

The efficers do not dine until 6 o'clock, and this year, as is custom tions of the county, and several of when spending a holiday at sea, the communities will have no comthey will be my guests. Should we munication with the outside world

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.well as the sailor is liable to get the contents of a tar bucket, or anything else that happens to be handy. It is the one time subordinates lose respect for rank.

The Christmas holiday at sea is the people of the state of the water to th

BRIEFS BY WIRE

Mrs. Neibel, formerly of Lexington, Ky., was operated upon a Aberdeen, Wash., and she now states that during her unconscious-ness she was freed from the hypnotic influence of J. E. Wagner. The woman left her home in he east, leaving a husband and ree children. She claims Wager held her in his power. She now return.

Burgiars stole the safe from a Vancouver, Wash, store, carried to a railroad track and took it

A baggage and passenger car on a C. & S. train was blown from the track near Denver yesterday by a tornado. Seven people were seriously injured.

An imperial edict has been issued in China giving a warning against

PUBLIC BUILDING FOR EVERETT

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25. Immediately after the holidays Sen ator Piles will introduce a bill viding an appropriation o \$400,000 for the purchase of a site and the The Grand—"The Lion and the erection of a public building at Evouse." omnibus bill will be authorized by the leaders this year, but if there The Third Avenue -"My Tom- is, Senator Piles will include at least two other Washington cities

Breaks Divorce Record. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—New York broke the divorce record yesterda; when it was announced that there were 180 such cases on the calendar in Justice Newberger's part of guns for the forts guarding Puget years ago, when a record of 105 sound.

SCOTS

Local Scotch societies are to join of fourteen instruments from Vann a grand celebration of Burns' couver has been secured as a fest-Day in the new Moore theater on January 29, the day nearest the poet's birthday that could be so cured at the new play house.

poet's birthday that could be se gram that will combine many in teresting features. Scotch singers The Caledonians and the Clan will give selections in the dialect.
McKenzie will participate in the Several committees are at work preentertainment. A bagpipe band paring for the celebration

INFERNAL MACHINE AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

package was found to contain an mailed in this city

(By United Press.)

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 25.—While distinct that the opening of the bundle ributing Christmas bundles in the would cause an explosion that South Erie postoffice yesterday aft | would have undoubtedly killed all ernoon, an eraloye became suspi persons near it and set fire to clous of a package, the end of everything in the vicinity. The which had been broken open, and package was addressed to Archie ipon making an investigation the Carr, 2208 Cherry st., and had been

RAILROAD BUILDING AT CORDOVA

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec, 25.—
Things around the railroad headquarters and out on the line are all ble on the 300 foot extension to the business. The work on the two big ocean dock. The company has pur-cuts near the railroad bridge is chased one of the engines of the nearing completion as fast as men Alaska Central railroad at Seward

A large two-story building 24x36 expected on one of the first boats for offices for the engineers and from that place, auditing department of the railroad. The payroll of the company now mpany is in course of erection. foots up to nearly 450 men. The building will be situated be A change in the train crew took tween the store and the messhouse, place during the week, with big and it is to be equipped with all "Bill" Simpson as engineer, Lou modern improvements. The frame McIntyre, conductor; McKinnon as of a new building 35x35, two sto- brakeman and Jack Reed as fireries, is up and in course of con- man. struction for the new hospital. When finished it will hold 50 pa- things are shaping themselves

A crew of men is installing a tel- tory manner.

easy. A big consignment of 1,300

registered packages arrived yes-

terday from Australia via Vancou

been distributed and delivered. The

along the line in a very satisfacfore, and no serious congestion oc-

Everything is on the move, and

and its shipment to this place is

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION

The worst part of the annual jer Chapter, Daughters ush of Christmas mail is now over, American Revolution, at the resiand the clerks and employes in dence of Mrs. Elinor Ingersoll the postoffice who have been work. Thomas, 1127 Thirty-fifth av., on ing to the limit for the past two Tuesday afternoon, December 31, at weeks are today taking things 2:30 o'clock.

"BLACK HAND" MEN ARRESTED

ver, B. C., and all except goods on which duty must be paid has PITTSBURG, Dec. 25 .- A score of detectives and policemen raided As a result of the heavy rains holiday press of mail was positive an alleged "Black Hand" organizated of the past few days a number of ly larger this year than last, but tion in 37 Slag Alley and arrested the entire consignment was moved 17 Italians. All were armed with

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