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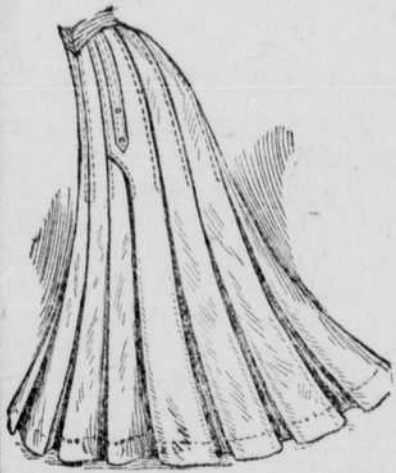
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From Across the Seas An Interesting Communication From Thurston McCoy

Through the kindness of Mrs. C. McCoy we are enabled to give our readers the following letters received by her from her son Thurston, who is on the U. S. S. Georgia, now in Japan.

U. S. S. Georgia.—My Dear Mother:—Just received a wire less telegram that a typhoon is passing over Cavite and coming this way, though it can do no harm to us in the inner harbor. I have been in three or four already.

We are coaling ship now, (Sunday) going to take on 1,500 tons. Won't get paid until we reach Yokohama. It is awfully hot here. No liberty to be granted on account of an epidemic of cholera, so it is very doubtful whether we will see the city or not. Am well and feeling fine, but am always thinking of the length of time still to be served on this enlistment and I will be one of the happiest men alive when the day comes to be discharged. Just think, it will soon be six years since I have been in Falls City. Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here. I expect to spend my Christmas this year around Ceylon and my next birthday in Morocco. I'll try and get the steward to bake a cake in my honor. My last birthday was passed in the St. of Magellan and the one previous in Washington, D. C.

The typhoon is on us and it is storming something great. It is so rough on the water that I can hardly write. I am getting so I rather like them now as they cool the air off considerably in this hot climate.

When we left Albany, West Australia we were wearing blue. Four days out put us in whites and from the time we struck the north part of the Indian ocean and got into the Java Sea, it has been severely hot. All the way up the coast of Borneo we sweltered in heat but the Philippines are the limit. Coming by Zamboanga, the largest city on the Island of Mindanao, we were given and returned salute. The only white people down there are a few soldiers and the Governor General. We are anchored in the vicinity of where Dewey was when he did his famous stunt and can see where the Spanish fleet was lying. I guess I will have to end this

letter as I am information-exhausted and you and Grandma will be tired reading it by this time. Now write often and keep well. From your loving son, J. T. McCoy.

U. S. S. Georgia, Oct. 24—Dear Mother—Well here I am in another foreign country. I add a new one to my list every two weeks. We leave tomorrow to go back to Manila and will put in over a month there.

I have been so busy since our arrival here that I haven't had a chance to do any writing whatever until this afternoon and then the mail closes at 7 p. m. today. You should receive this letter in about three weeks. I have not received much mail from the states since leaving. I wonder what is the matter. Have had a very fine time in Japan and everything is very interesting. We have had the best reception of them all in Japan. They are very polite and put themselves out to do the most trifling of things for us.

I wish you could see all of us riding in jin-rickshas. You get in a little two wheeled carriage and a Jap pulls you all day on a dog trot and everywhere for almost nothing. Some of the Japanese girls are very good looking and one thing nice there is no false modesty about any of them.

I'll have to shorten this letter to get some official work completed. Am enclosing itinerary of our return trip from Manila. Take good care of yourself and Grandma and say "hello" to my friends. I got your letter with the post card picture of the house, but can hardly make out any of the people are. Will close with love to you all. Am well and dappy. Write often and don't worry over me. Your loving son J. T. McCoy.

Obituary

Harry Cline was born May 1, 1886, died Nov. 12, 1908, aged 22 years, 6 months and 12 days.

He was ill for many weeks with typhoid fever and in the early morning he fell asleep to awaken in another world. The funeral services were conducted from the Maple Grove church by Rev. J. Lehrman. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, two infant children, and one sister. His many friends join in extending sympathy to the loved ones in their hour of trial and sorrow.

MARKET LETTER

From Our Regular Kansas City Stock Yards Correspondent

Kansas City Stock yards, Nov. 16. Smaller cattle receipts after Monday last week caused the market to turn upwards, and Wednesday was the high day this fall on nearly all kinds. Thursday there was a liberal run at all points, and prices declined slightly, and closed the week 15 to 25c below the high time. The run today is 18,000 here, and excessive at Chicago, market 10 to 20 lower on steers, other cattle, including cows and stockers and feeders, steady to 15 lower. The large volume of supplies since a week ago has put packers in shape to dominate things temporarily, but it is not believed that the run will continue heavy, and when receipts drop down, there will no doubt be another bulge in prices. Feeders in the corn belt are against long feeds, and few finished heaves are included, tops last week \$7.25 to \$7.30. Any incentive in the way of higher prices causes a rush to market by timid operators, as instanced in today's heavy supply at all points. Bulk of the fair to good fed steers bring \$5.50 to \$6.80, some steers last week fed on corn since pastures began to fail at \$5.25 to \$5.75, grass steers \$3.75 to \$5.50, grass cows \$3 to \$4.50, top fed cows \$5, heifers \$6, bulls \$2.40 to \$3.75, calves 25 to 50c below a week ago, \$3.50 to \$6.75. Stockers and feeders moved freely last week at 25 to 40c higher prices but closed with a reaction of 10 to 15c, market steady to 10 lower today, stockers \$3 to 4.40, feeders \$3.75 to \$4.75, good branded cattle \$3.80 to \$4.35. Hog receipts here last week aggregated 102,000 head, and the market declined 10 to 15c for the week. Run is 14,000 today, market 10 lower, top \$5.75, bulk \$5.25 to \$5.65. Quality is getting better each week, and weights a little heavier, but tendency is to finish them at as light a weight as possible. Considering the big receipts lately, the market is strong, 40 to 60c above a year ago, when receipts were only half as heavy as now.

Sheep and lambs are in light supply, 23,000 here last week, and 6,000 today, and prices are 25 to 40c above a week ago, though barely steady today with the high point reached Friday. Top lambs sold at \$6.10 today, yearlings worth up to \$5, wethers \$4.60, ewes \$4.25, whether the stuff is fed or fattened on grass, if well finished. Country grades are 30 to 50c higher than a week ago, feeding lambs up to \$5.15, yearling \$4 to \$4.50, wethers up to \$4.25, stock and breeding ewes \$2.75 to \$4.

Fire at Morrill

Fire was discovered in the Spurgin millinery store at Morrill Wednesday morning at two o'clock. The Misses Spurgin lived in the rear of the store. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. The row, four in all, of frame buildings from the post office to the Citizens State bank was burned. They were owned by Francis Schaffer and daughter, of Falls City, the Brown County Mutual Insurance, and E. B. McKim. The total loss was about \$7000 with an insurance of \$3,500. The brick building owned by Dr. Robinson was next to the burned buildings but only the up stairs of this was damaged. Dr. Robinson's office fixtures valued at \$400, were burned, no insurance. Dr. Chas Davis, dentist, lost his office fixtures, valued at \$350, with no insurance. The loss on the building was \$1,000 which is covered by insurance. The citizens bucket brigade turned out in full force and had the fire under control at four a. m.—Hiawatha World.

Corked 'Em Up

The crusade of the sheriff and his deputies waged against whiskey importation from Falls City and bootlegging in this city has corked 'em up in certain quarters and the inquiry is, what shall we do to be saved. The sheriff was accosted by a colored fellow with, "Say Mistah Seaming, what ah you all wanten for to do? Can't a pussen tote ah bottle uv whisky in his pocket?" "It looks that way now," said the sheriff, "and things seem to be getting worse every day." "Well sah, yuse ul never catch dis chile wif a bottle in he's pocket." That's right, said the sheriff and for the boy's information suggested that when the X-ray machine and stomach pump, which the county commissioners sent for arrives there will be something down when the fellows who go to Falls City and come home full. De Lord amassa said the colored boy as he broke for down street.—Hiawatha World.

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IN THE REALM OF THE CZAR

Russians Look Upon Christmas as the Most Sacred and Most Celebrated Holiday.

CHRISTMAS is the most sacred and most celebrated holiday in Russia. Contrary to the custom in nearly all other countries, Christmas there always comes on Sunday, and a continuous celebration is held until midnight on January 2.

The Russian believes in devout religious services in honor of the birth of Christ, and each day during the season each family, including all its members, attends church at least once. On Christmas morning the most important services take place. Each congregation marches solemnly to the nearest river, which is always frozen over, the ice being sometimes as much as three feet thick.

After a large hole has been chopped in the ice the priest dips his cross in the water and prayers are pronounced, after which the priest holds baptismal exercises. Having been blessed by the priest the water is considered to be holy and as fast as the people can file by the hole in the ice bottles of all sizes and descriptions are filled with the water.

This water is prized the most highly of anything in the home, and bottles of it are sometimes found a century or more old. Some fanatics secure large quantities of it and bathe in it at regular intervals during the year.

There is one custom which many Americans would cherish in their own Christmas celebration, and especially the young people. It is that of kissing, for on Christmas day every one steals a kiss from whomsoever he meets. In some cases, and among the older people, the hearty handshake is much used, but the younger element clings closely to the old style.

Santa Claus is unknown to Russian children, but the "Babushka," an old woman witch, carrying a long stick and attired in the usual witch costume, visits the homes in every village and city and distributes greetings and then comes at night and leaves the gifts for both old and young.

WORSHIP AT CROSS OF ICE

Scattered Christian Tribes in Turkey Celebrate Christmas with Impressive Ceremonies.

M OHAMMEDISM is the prevailing religion in Turkey and for that reason only the few scattered Christian tribes observe the birthday of Christ in any manner. The Mohammedan Turks have but two holidays in the entire year, those being "Car Bon Biram," the day of forgiveness, which is the Mohammedan New Year, and "Bairam," the anniversary of the date when Mohammed gave to his people his scripture. The Friday of the Christian is the Sabbath of the Mohammedan and is observed by him in the same manner as Sunday with the Christians.

The Christian Turks, who include the Bulgarians, Servians, Montenegrins and other smaller tribes, observe Christmas with impressive religious ceremonies.

Three days before Christmas the "Bladego" appoints a delegation of 100 men from each congregation, who go to the river and hew out immense cakes of ice, after which they construct a huge pyramid near by. A great cross measuring about 40 by 60 feet and cut from the bed of ice is set up against the pyramid, and the place of worship for Christmas day is completed. Early on Christmas morning all the people march to the pyramid, where the initial exercises are conducted by the "Bladego." A small crucifix used by him in the exercises is the prize of the younger men of the tribe, who dive into the ice-cold water after it as the "Bladego" throws it in. Many are drowned annually in this practice, but they all consider themselves fortunate to die while on such a mission.

From the pyramid the procession marches to the home of the priest, where bread is blessed and broken by the "Bladego" and all present partake of the food.

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