

cial reason for feeling in a festive mood during the merry Yuletide season. It brings him a double holiday. Not merely, you understand, the dual celebrations of Christmas and New Year's day, but another one besides. The explanation of surprise of red letter days in the admiral's calendar at this season of the year is found in the circumstance that the birthday anniversary of the hero of Manila bay occurred on December 26, the day

after Christmas. Moreover, the Admiral's friends make as much of the birthday anniversary as they do of the general holiday that just precedes it. The highest ranking officer of our naval service is quite in conceit with the idea of having

his birthday anniversary fall in the same week

ADMIRAL DEWEY and STAFF ADMIRAL DEWLY'S TAVORITE CORNER

as the holiday of gifts. If he had any say in the matter it is doubtful if he would change things, for he has found that far from being overshadowed by the more generally observed holiday, as many persons might expect, his holiday actually takes on an extra significance by reason of close proximity to the general holiday.

For one thing it affords Admiral Dewey exceptional opportunities to see old friends, and the admiral is a man of strong friendships. Ever since his return from the Philippines he has made his home at Washington-which is the common headquarters for retired as well as active officers of the service. And those officers who do not live there make it a rendezvous, particularly at holiday seasons, and thus it comes about that there were in the capital at Christmas . week an exceptional number of friends and acquaintances

UNIFORMS IN THE

Both the officers and the crews of the older navies used to dress pretty much as they pleased. In Nelson's time an attempt was made to get the officers arrayed with some sort of system, but the sailors wore whatever they could get hold of.

That the dominant colors in dress in the British navy (and resulting in the navies of other countries) were determined by a woman's influence is shown in English records. The Hon. John Forbes, admiral of the fleet, said:

"Adverting to the establishment of naval uniforms, I was summoned to attend the duke of Bedford and, being introduced into an apartment surrounded with various dresses, my opinion was asked as to the most appropriate. I said red and blue, as they were our national

"'No,' replied his grace, 'the king (George II.) has determined otherwise, for having seen my duchess riding in the park a few days ago in a habit of blue faced with white the dress took his majesty's fancy, who has appointed it for the uniform of the royal navy."

While wearing a uniform himself, Nelson was jealous in guarding against further encroachments on the sailor's prerogative in the matter of dress. About the time of the French revolution epaulets began to be worn in continental mavies; at first only on one shoulder, according the officer's rank. In 1783 Nelson, while in France, wrote to his father:

"Two noble English captains are here. They

wear fine epaulets, for which I think them great coxcombs. You may suppose I hold them a little cheap for putting on any part of a Frenchman's uniform."

It was only a few years after this, however, that Nelson himself was wearing an epaulet, not only on a single shoulder, but on both.

In the United States navy uniforms were prescribed from the outset-but with the very wise clause, inserted as a parenthesis, "if they can be procured." By a resolution of the continental board of admiralty captains were to have a coat of blue cloth with red lapels, slashed cuffs, a stand-up collar, flat yellow buttons, blue breeches and a red waistcoat with yellow lace.

Lieutenants were to have a blue coat, red lapels, round cuffs faced, a stand-up collar, yellow buttons, blue breeches and a plain red waistcoat. Midshipmen were to have a blue coat with lapels, round cuffs, faced with red, a standup collar, red at the buttons and button-holes, blue breeches and a red waistcoat.

Officers of the marines were to have a uniform consisting of a green coat faced with white, round cuffs, slashed sleeves and pockets with buttons around the cuffs, a silver epaulet on the left shoulder, skirts of the coat turned back (like the uniform of the continental soldier), buttons for the facings, white waistcoat and breeches edged with green, and black gaiters and garters. The marines were to wear green shirts.

But it is highly improbable that these pre-

of the admiral-officers who served with him in the Pacific and elsewhere. Of course they called upon him on his birthday and he met them at social functions during the

As for the admiral himself, he lives very quietly these days and he does not introduce many frills in his celebration of his birthday anniversary. On that day, as on every other, he devotes a good share of the late afternoon to a long carriage drive, probably handling the reins himself. Formerly the admiral indulged in a horseback ride as his daily outing, but with advancing years he has almost abandoned this strenuous exercise. In addition to his daily ride he is wont to walk more or less each day, walking to and from his office at the Navy Department Annex building and in this walk, on his birthday, he had as his companion his only son, regarding whom the public has heard so

The big event of the day, however, was the admiral's dinner party in the evening. The most prominent men in the nation gathered around the festive board and the president of the United States was a guest. The dinner was prepared by the admiral's famous Chinese cook, who has been with him ever since the stirring days at Manila bay, and who is famous for his appetizing dishes. The informal anniversary banquet-with its gorgeous birthday cake-was served in the dining room of the admiral's present home—the house to which he removed when the dwelling given to him by the nation, in gratitude for the victory of May 1, proved rather too small to enable him to entertain his friends as he desired to.

This dining room is a very imposing apartment, with green wall hangings, heavy carved furniture and a lofty ceiling studded with electric lights. On one of the long walls of this apartment there is arranged the admiral's famous collection of Fillpino weapons, including knives, spears, shields and other pieces of decided decorative value. Conspicuous on the opposite wall is a mounted moose head and an ingenious map of the world fashioned from hemp by Filipino weavers. Opening from this room is the breakfast room, which is used by the Deweys for all family and informal dinners.

In some respects the most interesting room in the admiral's home is the "blue room," a sort of combination "den," library and living room. The wall coverings, draperies, etc., are all of brocaded silk in the delicate robin's egg tint, and the upholstery is in harmony with this color scheme. Here are the admiral's reading and writing table and his "favorite corner," containing his lounging chair brought from the Orient and a collection of prized pictures, including original war sketches, autographed photos and other mementoes. Seated here the other day the admiral, who does not look within ten years of his seventy-three years, said: "I relish the little birthday celebrations I have enjoyed in recent years, all the more because as a boy my birthday anniversary never meant much to me. My relatives were wont to combine it with Christmas in so far as gift giving was concerned. I do not recall that, as a boy, I ever received a birthday present and I thought it pretty hard luck then.'

scribed uniforms were ever worn except in cases of great ceremony or where the officer was sitting for his portrait.

The facts in the case seem to be that John Paul Jones, Nicholas Biddle, John Barry and other nautical heroes of the revolution achieved their greatness in red or blue flannel shirts and in any other clothing that came handy; doubtlessly patched by the ship's tailor, not too neatly, with sail cloth, Ly the assistance of a marline spike and spun yarn.-Bluejacket.

Thirty Years

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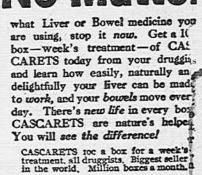
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