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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS <br> Observations of Passing Events.

| Chrishmas in a Strange Land. <br> 16, so as to reach the harbor of the Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the morning of December 24; that part of Uncle Sam's sailor boys will be allowed to spend Christmas cve ashore, and part Christmas day. They carry with them 40,000 prands of turkey, and an unusually elaborate Christmas menu has been repared. So, while we are eating our Christmas dinner our sailors will be enjoying an American repast of like nature; while we are at our usual Gristinas diversions, they will be engaged in American sports; but it will int be an American Christmas, for the atmosphere will be different. It fill not be home. They will know that, far away across the waters, a nother's heart is filling, in imagination, a vacant seat at the Christmas joard; that, when she serves each member present, she thinks of the son in a strange land; that when, on Christmas morn, the usual greetings are interchanged there's one for him-a silent one-from a father's heart. Jur boys are on no mission of war, but they serve their country faithfully tnd they deserve a silent greeting from us all on Christmas morn. <br> Almost at the very time Representative Clayton of Alabama, is agitati 1 g an anti-third-term bill, and about to introduce it, President Roosevelt The Matter of a Third Term. repeats the statement made on the night of his election, declaring that under no condition will he accept a third term; that he will continue to follow the precedent set oy Washington; that the spirit, if not the letter, of that precedent precludes him from another election. This determination on the part of the President comes as a thunder-bolt to the political world. Thousands of sonjectures had been made as to our President's action in case of pressure, and but few had given him credit for sincerity in declining re-nomination. Among this number Mr. Bryan was foremost, for he has said that doubt is nothing more than a reflection on Mr. Roosevelt. Since Mr. Roosevelt's second declaration, Democratic politicians, in their efforts to display ucumen, have expressed various opinions, many saying that this determination has been caused by the President's knowledge that he would fail of election. This is hardly true, for of all Americans, Roosevelt would be most certain of eleztion. He has the confidence of the people and would certainly get their votes. Then let us disregard the foolish comnents of politicians, and give Mr. Roosevelt credit for the sincerity of ordinary man, which would forbid his going back on his word As tor Ir. Clayton's anti-third-term resolution, its passage wound certainly we $\therefore$ harm and might do much good in the future. <br> Now that another year has rolled by and another Christmas is approaching, we are looking towar it that day of al A : , with the anticipation of a <br> The Jay of Christmas. <br> To us who are no longer childie: Cluy thas is not what it once <br> We nave long since |
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