

## Thanksgiving Dinner for the Soldiers and Sailors.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at a meeting held at the Union League Club House, appeal to the people of the North to join them in an effort to furnish to our gallant soldiers and sailors, a good Thanksgiving dinner. We desire that on the twenty-fourth day of November there shall be no soldiers in the Army of the Potomac, the James or the Shenandoah, and no sailor in the North Atlantic Squadron who does not receive tangible evidence that those for whom he is periling his life, remember him. It is hoped that the armies at the West will be in like manner cared for by those nearer to them than we. It is deemed impracticable to send to our more Southern post.

To enable us to carry out our own undertaking, we need the active coöperation of all loyal people in the North and East, and to them we confidently appeal. We ask primarily for donations of *cooked* poultry and other proper meats, as well as for mince pies and for fruit. If any person is so situated as to be unable to cook the poultry or meat, we will receive it uncooked. To those who are unable to send donations in kind, we appeal for generous contributions in money. Will not every wife who has a husband, every mother who has a son, every sister who has a brother, serving in the armies or navies of the Union, feel that this appeal is to her personally, and do her part to enable us to accomplish our undertaking? Will not all who feel that we have a country worth defending and preserving, do something to show those who are fighting our battles that they are remembered and honored?

We will undertake to send to the front all donations in kind that may reach us on or before Nov. 20, and to see that they are properly and equally distributed. They should be wrapped in white paper boxes, and addressed to Geo. W. Blunt, Getty's Building, Trinity-place, New-York. If uncooked, it should be so marked on the outside of the box, and a list of the contents should accompany the box. Poultry, properly cooked, will keep ten days. None should be sent which has been cooked prior to Nov. 14. Uncooked poultry or meat should reach us on or before Nov. 18, that it may be cooked here.

Contributions in money should be sent to THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Treasurer, No. 94 Maiden-lane, or to any member of the Committee.

The time is short, and we trust no one will wait to be personally solicited. Will not some person in every city and town of the North and East, volunteer, however, to canvass his own city or town?

The American, Adams, Harnden, United States, National, Kingsley, Hope and Long Island Express Companies, have generously offered to transmit to this city, free of charge, all boxes addressed as above, and it is not doubted that other express companies will do the same.

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The following letter from Commodore ROGERS is interesting in this connection.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.

DEAR BLUNT: It is proposed by the good gentlemen of this city to send a Thanksgiving dinner to the Army of the Potomac, and to the fleet in James River.

The thought is a grand one, not that the mere food is of so much value, though that is very important to the thousands of hungry men who will receive it, but the comfort of knowing that the people eating their Thanksgiving dinners at home, think not only of their friends in the army, but as well of those of that gallant body who have no friends and no ties of kindred to make them remembered. Sailors are cosmopolitan in their habits; they are acquainted in every port, and have a home nowhere. To the most of them no family ties are known. They have outlived, away from home, the offices of kindred. If now to these hermits on the blockade the committee could send a Thanksgiving dinner, the food would be far more valuable than its mere money's worth.

No Sanitary Commission extends its aid to them, no friends send to the greater part of them delicacies by Adams Express. They are shut off in a degree from intercourse with the rest of the world. It would be particularly grateful to these men to know that their course has raised up for them friends whom in days of peace they never knew; that though seemingly alone, warm sympathies are extended to them in their loneliness.

What I propose is, that every vessel of the blockading fleet on our coast have a Thanksgiving dinner sent. If it shall arrive after the regular Thanksgiving dinner, it will not be the less acceptable to men to whom any dinner, fresh from New-York, will be a matter of Thanksgiving. The means of doing this are always provided, so far as transportation is concerned, since supply steamers run regularly.

Yours, &c.

JOHN RODGERS.

Geo. W. BLUNT, Esq.