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men to bed down the stalls for the cattle and later on we all collected our few belongings and were all mustered outside the shipping office to sign on for the trip; and here they took a very minute description of every one, including the impress of the thumb. When these proceedings were terminated we went down to our quarter and a more desolate place could not be imagined Situated just over the screws and only the bare plating and rivets for the walls here was a room that had sleeping accommodation for about 24 men, but a man with any love for his dog would not keep him in such a kennel, but we were soon to learn that in the eves of some cattlemen did not rank anywhere so high as an intelligent dog.

As the men hired for the voyage had nothing to do with loading the cattle, we were free until they were all on board. This was about nine o'clock in the evening and the saloons on shor not closed, most of the men wished to go ashore and get full for the last time and the foreman asked the writer to stay on board to watch the luggage. observing that he had noticed that I was the only "T. T." and at the same time handing me a small hatchet with orders to threaten to brain any man who offered to take away any luggage and explaining that the men who were loading the cattle were a lot of thieves -and a more villainous looking lot of men it would be hard to find. Never shall I forget that night in that bunkhouse, without any heat, half frozen and sleepy, I gladly availed myself of a substitute and in the early hours of the morning I went ashore to find an all-night restaurant to get a breakfast and thawing out.

About 12 o'clock midday we were sailing down the river and this is a program of routine of work that we had to do. About 4.30 each morning we were awakened by the man who had been appointed as night watchman and he brought in a can full of some concoction called coffee without sugar or milk then we turned out for the days work. We were divided into groups of three or four and each group had upwards of 100 head to water in pails and then feed with hay. After this was done we had breakfast about eight o'clock, which was tea minus sugar or milk and a small cobble of bread for each one and a dish of stew minus meat; after breakfast, gangways were swept up and the day's supply of hay taken up out of the hold. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock and comprised soup (fairly good), potatoes (boiled in the dirty skins) and some meat. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we commenced feeding and watering and at 5 o'clock we had supper, tea without any dress ings, another small cobble of bread and stew with little or no meat and then after supper we again swept up. We were only allowed about ten pounds of butter and marmalade for twentythree men for a trip of eleven davs and when this ended we offered to buy some from the ship store, but this was refused us. Sundays dinner was varied by the addition of plum duff.



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After eleven days sailing we landed in port and the whole of the cattle were unloaded by a gang of men from the shore in a little over an hour and then the boat was finally tied up in dock about midnight and next morning we all went early ashore to enjoy a good meal. Later in the day we assembled at the shipping office and received the nominal five shillings as our pay for the trip

On the whole the work would be enjoyable if the men were treated as human beings and fed well, but things will never alter unless they are controlled by some Government authority. Others on the boat said they had made the trip before under another company and had better conditions. Much depends on the cook and steward in

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