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**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

DECEMBER 26, 1864

President Lincoln hosts a Christmas reception that Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles and others attend. A newspaper reports, "After Mr. Welles left the room a general officer...remarked that... [Welles] 'seemed to consider the capture of Savannah altogether a naval triumph.' To this Mr. Lincoln flashed forth one of his magnificent jokes, there being only this objection to its reproduction: that it was far too rich to be printed, and can only be passed from mouth to mouth in the circles of the innermost initiated."



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