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Sunday May 3<sup>d</sup> 1891

Light Easterly air all day, working along the ice to the N.W. through scattering ice spoke the "James Allen" at 4 P.M. four vessels in sight

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

Strong E.N.E. breeze, steering to the N.W. along the edge of the pack, saw two ships in the ice and soon after saw six sailing vessels in the ice, at 9 A.M. spoke the "A. Barker," "Gifford," "Master" clean, chased whales last night, also spoke Bk. "B. Billow," "Phaxton", had picked up a dead whale a few days ago, thirteen vessels in sight during the day.

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Light breeze all day from the North, nine vessels in sight all working up to the head of a large hole. "Omchinsky" in sight to the North. Forty or fifty miles.

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Calm & light N.E. fair, lying in a hole with the fleet broke out fore hole cooped Bread & flour, coiled a cork of tonline, and headed it up all ready for use, spoke Bk. "A. Hicks" Cook, Master, clean, saw "B. Billow" with boats down chasing, no success

Coast  
flour.

Bk. McKean

(A. Barker & B. Billow) J. Allen

in Behring Sea. Season of 1891

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1891

Light air from the N.E. all the fleet lying in a hole, saw Bk. "J. Allen" with boats down, no success, spoke Bk. John & Winthrop in charge of the Mate. "C. H. Tucker" reports the death of "Capt. Montross" some time previous, had sheathing on bow, started by the ice, had made temporary repairs.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Moderate breeze from N.E. at 5 A.M. saw a "Bowhead", lowered all boats, but did not see him again, later saw "B. Billow" take a whale & saw "A. Knowles" cutting, also saw "Rosario" chasing and "A. Barker" & John & Winthrop, no success, at dark spoke the "A. Barker," "Gifford" "Master" clean.

May 9<sup>th</sup>

Strong N.E. breeze, ship lying too in different holes, saw three "Bowheads" today, all going quick to the N.E. did not lower, spoke Bk. "John & Winthrop" at 4 P.M.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate breeze from N.E. with snow squalls, steering to the Eastward most all day through loose ice in company with a number of vessels, at 5 P.M. spoke the "B. Billow" fifteen vessels in sight, at dark.

Coast  
Beef.

(John & Winthrop)

("Bowhead")

("Bowheads")

(B. Billow)