

Journal on board In Port March 1871

Wednesday Mar. 1st
Fine weather with a light breeze. was sailing full and by at noon had a strong breeze and started N.E. saw green hills and hump-backs at San Pedro land was in sight the long looked for land Chilli no sail taken in

Thursday Mar. 2^d
Calme until noon then had a light southerly breeze which carried us nearly in the Bay of Talcahuano one sail astern of us probably bound in like ourselves. came at night

Friday Mar. 3^d
Hauled up cable this morning the first thing after making sail. had a light breeze from fire until eight then a calm until eleven then had a fine fair wind until we got to the mouth of the bay when it was ahead but we dropped anchor at about four o'clock. fished everything and had dinner on board at five then were six American whalers in and one American man-of-war the St. Mary

Saturday Mar. 4th
scrubbed ship in the morning. Preparations for painting and this completed our ship work but Port watch went ashore at night to star until 10 o'clock well pleased with Talcahuano or at least they were pleased with some thing if actions are anything to go by

Sunday Mar. 5th
Starboard watch ashore on liberty today and I go one have seen almost enough of Talcahuano nothing but drunkenness and debauchery. some poor miserable wretches put in the calaboose some of them our own ship's crew and for the price of a drink any one that would want to look it over more than an hour I could not fancy so here is the first day on shore for ten months and \$1.50

Bark Alfred Gibbs In Port March 1871

Monday March 6th
We were to be on board at daylight this morning but only three were there. it pleases me to say that I was one of them for my liberty will not now be stopped. hauled the ship further in towards the pier and crazy Dutchy was discharged so six of our crew have left us. Port watch ashore tonight

Tuesday March 7th
Red weather over here for our work consequently but little was done two men were caught last night and calabossed. Starboard watch ashore

Wednesday Mar. 8th
Raining the greater part of the day but a little painting was done and the sperm oil was hauled on deck and cooped. Port watch ashore

Thursday Mar. 9th
A real Massachusetts rain storm and cold and a good time for all cooks and stewards of course excepted there is work that must be done. yawning between showers

Friday March 10th
In the morning towed the stern net one to the Arnolda she is bound home direct. painted the remainder of the day Port watch ashore

Saturday Mar. 11th
Bundled the right whale bone and carried it on board the Arnolda. finished painting ship. Starboard watch on shore what there is left of us some have their liberty stopped and some have taken it altogether

Sunday March 12th
The most quiet day I have passed since leaving home. the Port watch was ashore all day on liberty and just at daylight and in the evening the band was playing on the pier and take it all round it was as good as the last days liberty