

Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 January 1872

Saturday Jan 6th

A strong breeze, one or two sails in sight. I would really like to know where we are but am totally unable to ascertain by any mental calculation and that is the only mode, Ahem!

Sunday Jan 7th

A pleasant day, with a good breeze, no sound was heard except the striking of four bells, the signal to relieve mastsheads and wheel and eight bells for the relief of watches, nothing in sight one sail excepted.

Monday Jan 8th

Today we have been busily engaged in setting sail - main top sail - nothing in sight that would make us any richer if we could have it.

Tuesday Jan 9th

A strong breeze nothing in sight.

Wednesday Jan 10th

So we have it storm and calm, good weather and bad, so it goes here and so it goes everywhere both at sea and on land, such is life, good weather today.

Thursday Jan 11th

A strong breeze nothing in sight save some land somewhere to the south of Talcahuano, no work for us, a little could be done just as well as not for a change, now scurrying has run out for awhile.

Friday Jan 12th

A gale of wind again, was hoisted under close reefed main top sail and fore stay sail, nothing in sight from deck and no men aloft.

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Saturday Jan 13th

The same kind of a gale to spin today a strong breeze, no mastsheads nothing in sight no work, no play nothing to eat.

Sunday Jan 14th

About the same kind of weather as the two preceding days only had men aloft looking out for square heads.

Monday Jan 15th

Pretty good weather for this coast, and this day, the weather has been good enough for any, but little good did it do us.

Tuesday Jan 16th

A gale of wind, we were under close reefed main top sail again, and no lookouts.

Wednesday Jan 17th

A Norther, well this is good for a change, rainy and wet of course, nothing in sight and did not have men aloft all day.

Thursday Jan 18th

Good weather, nothing in sight and all hands taking comfort.

Friday Jan 19th

Very pleasant or at least it seemed so after so much bad weather, nothing in sight.

Saturday Jan 20th

Strong breeze from the south, nothing in sight except two merchant ships, a little work today getting out water, flour and small stores, if we could only see or do something for excitement.

Sunday Jan 21st

Was under close reefed main top sail, a strong breeze from the south, nothing in sight.