

Journal on board

S.P.O. November 1872 In Port

Sunday Nov 10

The morning found us inside the bay of Talcahuano becalmed at eight we was moving but at a slow rate but at ten we dropped anchor and the starboard watch went on shore.

Monday Nov 11

A little washing on the outside of the ship was our day work and the larboard watch ashore at night not an American ship in here this one of course excepted.

Tuesday Nov 12

A North wind and a strong one not weather fit for work, but a watch ashore at night it is about as dull on shore here now as on board ship.

Wednesday Nov 13

A good breeze from the North yet but today we have done a big day's work took some shocks on shore and took on board about 80 bbls of Beef & Pork larboard water on shore tonight.

Thursday Nov 14

We had a strong breeze from the North today, a gale I suppose, no boat could go on shore with safety, so we have the day to ourselves - the starboard watch, at ten A.M. the Anna Rosa - whaler of this port dragged anchor and went ashore but was taken off by steamer Bio Bio of Valparaiso this court's liberty.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Friday Nov 15th

Good weather, and some work going on, setting up shooks and other jobs of a like character, preparatory to going out on another - probably six months - cruise.

Saturday Nov 16

After the watch came on board this morning and had breakfast, our work commenced - painting ship - I don't think it is quite so dull here as out to sea but I doubt whether we feel very much better, take one time with another.

Sunday Nov 17

A Nice looking crowd of us went on shore this morning on liberty, about half of the watch was going to Concepcion, and we all went for a walk before the train left at 11 p.m., a nice ramble we had and got back just in time for the train, a nice ride we had over the sandy country, and in about 15 minutes we were safely landed, but Concepcion unlike Talcahuano is very quiet on this day, and we did not enjoy ourselves very much, coming back we saw a great number of peons - working men - intoxicated by the way, this is the day and the principal way of enjoyment in this country, but little could I find in such beastly actions propensities or whatever it may be called, but the 'peons' are not the only ones that indulge.