

Journal on board

In Port November 1872

Monday Nov 18

However nice we may have looked yesterday, the majority did not look so well this morning, and some was not to be seen at all and it was sheer meanness, for nearly all had broken liberty, but for one was allowed to go again and the best men compelled to do the work of others.

Tuesday Nov 19th

The watch came on board this morning like men and worked as such starboard watch ashore at night.

Wednesday Nov 20

A fine day but no work nothing to do but sleep, as for me I don't fit very well doing nothing and surely no better at work, thoughts of home come over me which makes me feel bad.

Thursday Nov 21

Good, today we took water and at night went ashore the starboard watch, and got \$1.

Friday Nov 22

Today we took our wood and worked pretty sharp, and I don't care to go ashore to night even if I could. I hear we - the starboard watch will get liberty tomorrow but whether it is so or not I care but little, but don't think I will mind going.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Saturday Nov 23

Today we had our last liberty but had rather a dull time of it an out to Concepcionⁱⁿ which place there is nothing to be seen when it is open - and strolling around in Talcahuano, neither of them noted places of amusement, unless one could amuse himself in getting drunk, and many there are who try it, and afford amusement for others if not for themselves.

Sunday Nov 24

A very pleasant day, and quiet enough on board with one watch ashore on liberty.

Monday Nov 25

Now for two or three days we can lay around on deck without slipping, but it is but for a short time, we must soon try whaling again, the Mars came in today.

Tuesday Nov 26

Took a few potatoes on board today and that was about the extent of our day's labor, a boat steerer shipped in the place of one discharged ran away a day or two since and now such work has commenced I would not wonder if it was kept up for a week more, put watch ashore tonight.