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the rigging of the ship stood the gale nobly: When ^{in safety} ~~in safety~~ ashore I have sometimes felt a wish, perhaps a foolish one, to see a ship under bare poles as it is called, but I am cured of any such desire in future: ~~on board~~ this bark is low ~~in the~~ amidships: in moderately rough weather water comes in a little at the lee scupper; but all last night and especially about the end of the middle watch ~~the sea~~ ^{a blood red sea} was rushing continually back and forth from one side of the waist to the other making it difficult and dangerous to move except by clinging with both hands to the rigging if a man had slipped & fallen on the weather side it is probable that he would have been carried down to the lee side and washed overboard ~~in a~~ ⁱⁿ an instant. ~~At~~ We had taken ~~some half a dozen~~ ^{one pair} chickens aboard at the Western Id. ~~we~~ ^{one pair} left: at about three o'clock we struck the bell, called the watch, and went below the storm was then at its height and from that time it gradually abated till daylight: I and another pumped the ship out twice during this watch, we found but little water in her.

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Heavy snow on ^{but} the gale continues to abate. -
Our captain says it is as severe one
as he ever experienced - The waist boat was

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a large sp wh was raised early yesterday morning by our third mate, ~~if there~~ was rather a rough sea ^{on} but the boats were lowered and he was chased from about 10 am to 11 PM without success; 3^{or 4} other whales were raised in the afternoon and the boats kept in pursuit of them till near 7 PM but were unable to get fast: it came on to blow last evg and our captain judged it best to lay to. The weather off the mouth of the Rio Plata is very uncertain and ships are often dismasted here.

Sunday 30th
~~Saturday~~ 29th Nov 1856

Yesterday morning was fine and cloudless but about noon a souwesterly gale set in and ~~at~~ kept on increasing till ~~for~~ 10 Pm when it appeared to die away ~~and~~ ^{the sea was as before} blew quite as hard ^{as before} on the night of the 2nd inst. There was however no rain or lightning: the Captn had had the sails ^{mostly} taken in ^{during} the morning and at noon ~~at~~ none remained set but main spruce & close reefed maintopsail. The stay sail