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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1889

Onboard Bark California

Wednesday May 4th Lat 64.05 Long 177.26
 Begins with pleasant weather ship fast in
 the ice at four & one half P.M. surrounded
 the Pumps & found five feet of water
 in the hold rigged the pumps at 8 1/2 P.M.
 fixed the water in the hold found the
 ship making 6 inches per hour at 10 began
 to increase so ends pumping every hour

Thursday May 5th

Begins with strong breeze from
 SE start ship jammed between two large cakes
 of ice & I clanging up at two A.M. heard
 a crash found the ship making water every
 foot could hear it running in on Port
 side went abaft foremast & saw in lower
 hold called all hands got up steam
 broke out the hold & cut away the ice on
 side both pumps going & bailing with a
 big tub & hauling it by steam & rigging
 B. shores & stopped at some pumps which
 at 10 1/2 A.M. got out provisions on the
 ice employed in rigging shores in lower
 hold found that both sides were badly
 cracked in & timbers broke on Port side
 & rip in Starboard side that we can no
 longer pump every hour about half the time

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1889

Onboard Bark California

Friday May 6th Lat 64.06 Long 176.59 West
 Begins with fresh breeze from SE start
 ship in the ice not making quite so bad
 five thousand strokes in 20 hours

Saturday May 7th

Begins with fresh breeze
 & rain at 2 1/2 A.M. I jammed in on the ship again
 on Starboard side & started back more pumps
 gaining steady for six hours rigged more shore
 across in the hold & cut away more ice
 had signals of distress flying at noon
 stopped the back some three miles & three
 men from Bark Sea Breeze came to us
 across the ice about 6 miles latter part
 leaking about 5000 strokes

Sunday May 8th Lat 64.05 Long 176.05

This day begins with fine weather & light breeze
 from SE start the men started to go to their
 ship the Sea Breeze got about one third of the way
 & the ice opened & had to come back latter
 part wind hauled to north & began to snow
 & rain taughtened up the shores in the hold &
 cut away some more of the ice on Starboard
 side of ship at 3 P.M. saw the Bowhead look about the same