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bath deck it was soon extinguished part of the bath deck was torn open.

Jan 24th Dropped anchor in New York Harbor off the battery.

Jan 26th Steamed to the Navy Yard and moored ship alongside the Cob Dock. The following changes took place while we were laying alongside of the Cob Dock. Ensign Smith joined as Signal officer. Ensign A. D. Roosevelt joined. Paymaster Clark rejoined with Clerk and Yeoman and Paymaster Torbet with Clerk and Yeoman left the same day. Lieut. Commander Rowland detached.

March 15th Lieut. Commander B. H. Day joined March 28th and detached April 6th. Lieut. Commander J. G.

Watson joined April 6th. Private Guff. Watson (Feb 15th)

Gildea (March 15th) Afflick. Montigan. (March 29) Transferred to the Barracks. Private Boyden. Warbinder. (Feb 15th)

Harry (March 15th) Henderson. McPherson (March 29) joined from the Barracks.

March 15th Left the Navy Yard, went down to the battery and anchored off Castle Garden.

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April 4th The Spanish Steam Victoria went out to day.

April 6th Left for the lower bay at 11:30 A.M. with the Colorado and came to anchor off Staten Island

April 7th Saluted May Ship with 13 guns. Salut returned with 7 guns. Started for sea at 11 A.M. and returned the same evening to our old mooring. Colorado broke her Pivot gun carriage.

April 8th getting ready for sea Colorado got a new gun carriage.

April 9th All hands up anchor and steamed out to sea at 11 A.M. in company with the Colorado. we are in for a long cruise and shall very probably not see the United States for 3 years. I hope that time and a little more experience will effect a change in our immediate commands or else this will be a long cruise indeed. at any rate it is too late to mend matters now and so the second best thing will be to put on a cheerful face and make the best of it. our new Executive officer has not the best reputation either they say that the bible and the black list are his constant companions and that he is by far a better preacher than a sailor.