

Feb 14. U. S. mail came in.  
 " 22<sup>nd</sup> Washington's birth day dressed ship and fired  
 a national salute at meridian, as did also the Barracoe  
 the battery ashore and British mail steamer.

March 7<sup>th</sup> the Czars coronation day dressed ship fired  
 a national salute at meridian

March 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. mail arrived.

" 16<sup>th</sup> violent shock of earthquake felt ashore.

" 19<sup>th</sup> while overhauling the cable the sails being  
 loose and the ship drifted and the cable not being properly  
 secured we came near running into the Light and  
 lost starboard anchor and chain overboard. grappling  
 for it until dark without success.

March 31<sup>st</sup> recovered anchor and chain and were  
 occupied all day in getting it on board and stowing  
 away chain.

March 25<sup>th</sup> mate Jennings sent to the Idaho. Ship's Cook  
 J. Dunbar transferred to the Idaho and appointed  
 master at arms.

March 26<sup>th</sup> U. S. mail came in carpenter Murphy  
 ordered home he left in the America for San Fran-  
 cisco.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Commenced refitting ship.

" 20<sup>th</sup> W. G. Corvett Nymph came in.

" 23<sup>rd</sup> Colorado came in

" 24<sup>th</sup> minstrel entertainment and hop on board.

" 28<sup>th</sup> W. G. Corvett Hutha came in.

" 24<sup>th</sup> our racing cutter challenged the Colorado's  
 barge to race for the championship of the eastern  
 waters \$3000 aside challenge accepted to come off May 15<sup>th</sup>  
 straight 3 miles.

May 1<sup>st</sup> U. S. mail came in and brought us our future  
 Rear Admiral F. A. Jenkins. General Court martial  
 convened on board Idaho.

May 4<sup>th</sup> W. G. Corvett Hutha left for San Francisco and  
 took our mail with her. Nymph escorted her and  
 returned on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

May 10<sup>th</sup> on account of us being ordered to start for  
 Kobe before the 15<sup>th</sup> the appointed day for the race the  
 rival crews agreed to pull the race to day at 4 P. M.  
 the race to be a straight 3 miles from a point outside  
 the lighthouse passing the latter to port to the Idaho  
 stern for \$3000 aside and the game cook of the station