

referee Lieut Coltin R. N. adds were bet on the barge ashore but the result of the race proved what we all knew. the minnie coming in an easy winner in 31 ^{minutes} ³³ ^{seconds} beating the barge 1 minute the cheering and enthusiasm was great on board of our ship while on the Colorado there was not a whisper out of them. the game cock and bag of shiners was delivered on board and was received with three hearty cheers and a tiger. tom now takes his meals in the Alaska manger with his mate.

May 11th Admiral Rodgers and Jenkins and staff came on board and inspected the ship and crew in different exercises. Admiral Rodgers congratulated the ship's company and officers upon their efficient and satisfactory execution of all evolutions the inspection report conveying the highest praise upon officers and men.

May 13th Started for Kobe and Nagasaki (through the inland sea) Shanghai with a cargo of condemned arms and ammunition for the latter place to be sold to the Chinese.

May 16th arrived in Kobe and received a visit from Consul Gen F. H. Seward and lady.

May 17th Consul Paul Frank and lady came on board to visit. also filed for the inland sea.

May 20th left Kobe for Nagasaki shortly after midnight. the scenery going through the inland sea was most beautiful and grotesque. splendid islands all under cultivation and the hills all laid out in terraces and looking like small gardens. the country throughout is mountainous and well wooded. some of the mountains are cultivated to the very top looking like enormous pieces of patchwork of different colors.

May 21st target firing with big guns. passed Eimonasaki light house and went through the straits.

May 22nd arrived in Nagasaki at 2 P.M.

" 24th Queen of England birth day dressed ship and fired a salute of 21 guns.

May 25th H. B. S. ship iron duke came in. the annual regatta came off. here our 5th cutter pulled by the racing crew. won the prize for 10 oared boats. the P. & O. S. P. Co gig. pulled by four of our men won the prize for gigs.

May 30th Left Nagasaki at 11.50 A.M. for Shanghai.

June 3rd Dropped anchor outside of Woosung bar.
" 4th Went up to Shanghai. found the Saco.