At sea, we have had a fine run with a light breeze and smooth sea. About 6 O'clock we rounded Cape Flattery. Faced several sails bound south.

Weds. Dec. 24th.
Off New Inlet. We arrived last night about 11 O'clock, in the confusion on our arrival the Fenboott and Genesee collided but did not damage each other. A great deal.

Off New Inlet. This being Christmas I think of the Table at Home. Our carpenters went on board of the Fenboott to repair damages fine day.

Fri. Dec. 26th.
Off New Inlet. Thick and misty, about 8 O'clock we picked up a boat containing three refugees one of my acquaintances. I gave after taking them on board, we ran up the coast opposite where he lived and fired a gun, to let his people know that he was safe on board they shall of very hard times in Dixie.

Sat. Dec. 27th.
Off New Inlet. Cruised around as usual fine weather but very lonesome in the absence of news and we all have the Blues.
Roads for this station, we returned to our station about 5 O'clock P.M.

Thur. Jan. 2nd
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, about 6 bells. A sail was reported the "Daylight" from Beaufort, sent the other three men on board of her, about 4 bells. Another sail, ran out to her. A Schooner, Capt. Churchill, U.S.N. wanted volunteers, to go on an expedition, our captain would not consent for any of us to go except to our station about 4 P.M.

Sat. Jan. 4th
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual. The "Genese," arrived about 3½ O'clock from Beaufort about 6 bells. We ran close in shore and anchored for the night.

Sun. Jan. 5th
Off New Inlet, we cruised up coast about 2½ miles, made a sail stand for it the " Globetrotter" from Beaufort. At Ensign J. Finch's came passenger in her, he came on board and reported for duty, we received orders to get to Beaufort; we sailed immediately, about 5 O'clock. We took a Pilot and by 6½ O'clock we anchored in Beaufort harbor, we passed the "Montauk," a schooner, the Gun Boat "Chimney" and Transport "Thomas Leeborne," assisting to get her off. We found in stock the "Cassid.

"James Adger," and "Columbia"
Mon. Jan. 5th
At Beaufort, began to coal ship, very cold and strong winds from the westward. Arrived of the "Victoria" Tues. Jan. 6th
At Beaufort, coal ship, we began to take out the cargo of the little schooner, "J. E. Holley," and we are to send it north in another vessel. The "Columbia," sailed for New Inlet.

Thurs. Jan. 7th
At Beaufort, coaling until about 7 O'clock. When we finished both in good stores.

Thurs. Jan. 8th
At Beaufort, sailing in stores. Fine day. I spent a part of the day ashore.

Fri. Jan. 9th
At Beaufort, about 7½ O'clock. We lay, anchor and stood out for sea, about 8½ O'clock. We spoke the Rhode Island, "sent a boat to her, about 3 bells, spoke the "Bessie-Beoth," sent her mail, about 2 bells, spoke the "Columbia," sent her mail, came to anchor off New Inlet, about 6 bells P.M.

Sat. Jan. 10th
Off New Inlet, got under way, at 2 bells, cruised along the coast, about 1 bell, spoke the "Genese," about 2 bells. The Capt. of the "Daylight" came on board steaming...
and Blowing very hard and very rough.


Off New Inlet about 7 bells. We got under way ran down to the shoals, came to anchor, sent three of the Monticello's crew around to her by Motor schooner No. 1. These men had been on an expedition with Capt. Chesting to Lockwoods Folly Inlet, in which they captured 30 Thimblets. After engaging and driving off the Thimblets they intended to have burnt two schooners that were up there. But on account of the Thimblets having the advantage of ambushing their small force, we returned, and a loss of two men wounded. We set anchor about 5 bells. ran down to our station came to anchor for the night.

Mon. Jan. 15.

Off New Inlet cruised as usual. anchored about six bells. All day we could see a large number of Thimblets at work upon the Babies along the coast; we got under way about 9 bells. ran in close under the land. anchored for the night. About 8 bells we sent in a boat in charge of Capt. McGinty to put down some Babies in the channel. Boat returned about 2 A.M.

Tues Jan. 16.

Off New Inlet. Cruised about until 6 bells anchored. At 9 bells woke out in one of the Boats; we

Blew off steam to repair the leaks. We were obliged to break out the coal in one of the Boats in order to repair the leaks. All hand were hard at work all day laying out coal. sent in an A Boat in charge of Act. Ensign. McGinty to put down Babies about 7 bells. We saw signals answered them suspected from our boat.


At Anchor of New Inlet. about 9 1/2 bells. loaded about 3/4 of the Babies. about 5 bells a sail was hoisted. sent the Genesse in chase. At 12 1/2 bells. Fort Fisher fired a salute of 15 guns. About 2 bells we sent in an A Boat in charge of Act. Ensign. McGinty to put down some Babies and to see if the other Babies were in their places. the Mount Vernon conveyed the boat when in about two miles of the fort, they opened fire on the boat with shell and shot and done some very close shooting showed that they knew what we were doing. The Mount Vernon "replied the fire. The Genesse" returned from the chase reported the sail to be an outhere Schooner. Bound to Fort Raleigh from New York.


At Anchor of New Inlet. about 9 1/2 bells. loaded about 3/4 of the Babies and signal lights along the beach. sent out a Boat on picket duty about 9.
"Penobscot" got her masts disabled so that she was obliged to draw off. We kept up the fire for about 2 hours when we discovered the rebels in fire we hauled off, as we wanted to prevent the rebels from getting any of her. The rebels were replaying to us all the time from six rifled field pieces which they handled with much skill and accuracy, though they did not hit us once or many of shot fired too close to us to be at all agreeable. Just as we hauled off the "Genesee" came up, but our captain sent her and the "Penobscot" down to the inlet while we remained and stood off for the boys. Cannon was up.

The "Columbia" was a very fine iron stern brig. Brig Rigged, recently captained of Charleston, attempting to run the blockade, she was fired up as a Blockader. Carried a battery of 4 guns 24 lbs. Howitzers, and one 20 lb. Parrott Rifle. The howitzers were thrown overboard and the rifle splintered. So ends the cruise of the "Columbia" in ten days as a Blockader on the coast of North Carolina. The fault of her going ashore said to be in the leadman giving the wrong soundings.

Sun. Jan 18th.

Off Masonboro, we got under way about 9 bells.
2 bells, the "Geneva," shot us. About 6 bells, A Boat was reported coming off shore, with a flag of truce, sent out A Boat to receive the flag. Our Boat returned with the Boat in tow, containing the Refugees from Wilmington. The boat was one of the "Columbia's." About 9 bells, A sail was reported; we gave chase, and were soon alongside the schooner proved to be the "Time of and from "Hasan." To run the blockade we hold possession of her, and put a prize crew on board, and return to our anchorage about 10 bells, 8 M. M.


Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells. Cruised until 2 bells came to anchor about 4 bells, the "Geneva," shot us, she took our Mail, and the three Refugees, also, a boat. Master Blake Richardson, who have resigned on the account of ill health, we again got under way about 2 bells P.M. ran in shore, anchored for the night.


Off New Inlet, got under way, at 2 bells, cruised until 8 bells, about four bells, we had Inspection, and Master got under way about four bells P.M. ran in shore, and anchored for the night. Weather fine.

Mon. Jan. 26th.

Off New Inlet, got under way at 4 bells, cruised up the coast, about 10 bells, O'clock, head heavy firing from the S.S.W. came to anchor about 5 bells 30 M. M. About 7 bells, two Boats in charge of Mr. Ensign Small, and Mr. Glenney, went in to attempt to burn a brig, that is anchored under the Fort.

Tues. Jan. 27th.

Off New Inlet, about 4 bells, very foggy. About 6 bells Mr. Mr. Glenney, returned, and about 4 bells Mr. Small return. They got lost in the fog, they failed to accomplish their object about 6 bells we discovered a lead in the bottom of the Boiler, about 12 o'clock the Daylight Sail for Beaufort for repairs. About 4 bells P.M. we got under way ran in shore and in anchor for the night. Head of the departure of the Ionic.

Weds. Jan. 28th.

Off New Inlet, got under way, about 4 bells, ran out came to anchor about 2 bells, 2 vessels bearing O.E. about 6 bells, got under way ran in shore, anchored for the night.

Thurs. Jan. 29th.

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day. Fine weather, head of the sailing of the Expedition for Charleston, got under way about 2 bells.
ran in shore and anchored for the night.

Fri Jan 11th.

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, about 4 bells, made a steamer under the land, we beat to Beaufort, bore down and sent our respects from our Parrott when she about ship and stood for us. The U.S. Transport named "Guide" loaded with troops for Charleston, put them on their coast about 8 bells P.M. A sail was reported bore down and shipped her one of the Transports with troops for Port Royal return to our anchorage about 8 bells.

Sat Jan 12th.

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, about 4 bells, made several sails bound to the southward, sent the "Phoebe" in chase. A steamer in the river, flying the English colors, we anchored about 8 bells, about 8 bells, P.M. Fort Fisher, fired a salute of 21 guns. Mr. McGlew went in on Picket duty.

Sun Jan 13th.

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, about 4 bells, picked up our Boat, we came to anchor about 2 bells, at 10 o'clock we had an action and 8 bells P.M. ran in shore anchored for the night.

Mon Feb 3rd.

Off New Inlet, fine weather, we were about about 2 bells, and ran out and anchored about 2 bells, 8 bells, we ran in and anchored off Fort Fisher.

Tue Feb 4th.

Off New Inlet, very cold, the deck covered with ice, we got under way at 2 bells, cruised off shore, returned to our anchorage about 11 o'clock.

Wed Feb 5th.

Off New Inlet, very cold, at Anchor, there was a survey held on the Boilers to day, she was condemned and will proceed north for repairs last night while the "Penobscot," was lying at Anchor, she rode so heavily, that she could not board a Parrott Rifle from her forecastle, very rough indeed.

Thu Feb 5th.

Off New Inlet, raining and Blowing very hard, about 7 bells A sail reported, a government schooner loaded with Beaves (she showed signal of distress) bound for New Berne, she could not get an offering and came down before the wind, we took her in tow, about 4 bells P.M. the