

Mr. Purdee appears to be
champion at present, he has
already played three men
besides myself & beat them.
At present I stand best with
him, two games to his three.
This is the most uncomfortable
day we have had the vessel
rolls a good deal & it is a
regular Scotch mist.

We've been reading about
Chinese Gordon. Ther. Cody.
Mr. Fouser's chair is not found
at present. Our cabins have always
been wet & to day they were got
unbearable, so the carpenter came
& examined the place & found
a hole in a lead ^{plate} that I think
comes from the closets. They
(~~with~~ rather he) drove a nail
in & tied it up with some white
lead or putty.

Friday 13th

Lay in bed till 7.30.

Stayed down stairs nearly all
the morning. Lay in my berth &
read. Last night, Lehaufield (that
sleeps in our cabin), one of the stewards
was found in bed asleep when he
ought to have been on the watch.
We got locked up together a bit
which he deserved. I also had
to go before the Captain this
morning. Ther. 5 beds. Now at
4.30 P.M. Borrowed & have been
reading a novel, called Mothers by
Coulter, rather frivolous. Saw a
lot of surprises to day.

Saturday 14th

It is Valentines day & I had
almost forgotten it. The coldest
day we have had, not a bit of
sunshine all day. Heard to day
that some of the married women