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Dear Mr. MacMullen:

In reply to your letter in the May issue of SEA BREEZES, I am happy to be able to furnish you with some authentic information with respect to the British bark SENEGAL, which you state was never seen again after leaving San Diego for Puget Sound on April 15, 1894.

In the July 12, 1894 issue of the Portland MORNING OREGONIAN there appeared the following news item with respect to the disappearance of the vessel, and I quote the following:

"Last View of the SENEGAL

San Francisco, July 11 - The schooner MARY C. RUSS, Capt. Thompson, has arrived at San Diego. Capt. Thompson reports that March 18, latitude 30.12 N. 119.08 W. he was about two miles distant from the British bark SENEGAL. At the time there was a very hard gale from the northwest blowing. In the morning the SENEGAL was not to be seen. Capt. Thompson thinks that the SENEGAL'S ballast shifted, so that she turned over and sank. The SENEGAL is long overdue from San Diego to Tacoma."

There appears to be a discrepancy in dates. Capt. Thompson of the MARY C. RUSS reports that the SENEGAL was sighted on March 18, whereas according to the local legend she did not depart from San Diego until April 15. I would assume that the Captain's date of March 18 is correct, as reported by the MORNING OREGONIAN.

I trust you will find the foregoing information of interest, and will clear up the local legend as to the ultimate fate of the bark SENEGAL.

Very truly yours,

A. O. Anderson



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