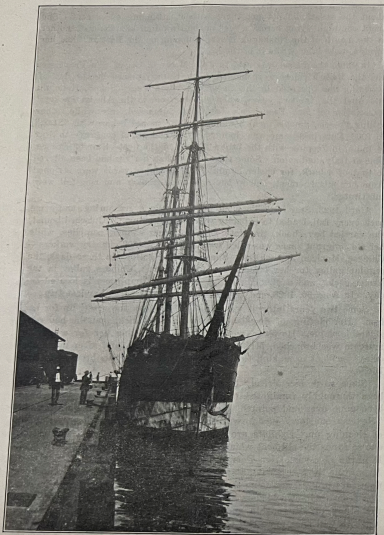




Star of India
Berthed at San Diego, California



HER LAST CREW

Left to right: Cross, Sobieski, Dort, Capt. Brunnick, Sloane, Blomme.

years carried the classification "double A-1, with a star," the highest given at Lloyd's. She is still considered one of the strongest iron vessels afloat. Following are her dimensions:

Gross tonnage, 1318; net tonnage, 1247; length, 205.5 feet; breadth, 35.2 feet; depth of hold, 23.4 feet. At present she is carrying only her anchorage ballast, some 360 tons, below the flooring in the lower hold. In her present light condition, she draws 12.5 feet forward, and 14.5 aft.

No story of Star of India would be complete without mentioning the part played by the navy and others in getting her to San Diego. She was towed, for an almost nominal sum, to a position off Long Beach, by the U. S. S. Tern, and brought in to San Diego, the navy having previously helped at San Francisco by donating the services of the tug Undaunted. To take the places of those of her last crew who went ashore at San Pedro, volunteers, including two chief petty officers from the U. S. S. Eagle 34, were sent up by a navy seaplane from the local air station. Capt. Walter A. Brunnick commanded her on her last voyage. Her present skipper is Capt. W. P. Cronan, U. S. N., retired, a member of the aquarium committee of the Zoological Society.

Several of the sails are still on board. Among them are a lower topsail and an inner jib, both of pure linen, and bearing the original stamp of the mill in the Isle of Man, where they were spun, more than half a century ago.