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THE PORT OF SAN DIEGO -- AS IT WAS

Late in September of 1542 Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho made the first white man's landfall at Point Loma and at length came to an anchor in what we now call San Diego Bay.

Times have changed since then, and so have names. That daring and accomplished Portuguese navigator, because he was sailing for the Viceroy of New Spain, has come down through history as Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. And the name of the port has changed, also; he called it San Miguel. Cabrilho sailed on to the north, probably getting as far as Cape Mendocino, and headed back south, to die a few months later from injuries received in landing through the surf on San Miguel Island. His chief pilot carried on, and was able to bring word back regarding what they had found.

The report achieved distinction as the Pacific Coast's earliest and one of its more fantastic example of pigeon-holing; it lay around in various people's desks for exactly sixty years. Then, in 1602, headquarters decided to do something about it, and the job of checking up on Cabrilho's voyage was assigned to ~~him~~/Sebastian Vizcaino -- an excellent sailorman but one, it would seem, who was not at all backward about spreading the fame of Sebastian Vizcaino. They included in his operations order a section about not changing any of the names which Cabrilho had given to the various bays and capes and ~~land~~ islands.

To this order, Vizcaino gave his own interpretation. When he got back home, there wasn't a one of Cabrilho's names left. Vizcaino explained this

