

## FROM THE MORGUE

### Classic Articles From Police Gazettes Gone By

One hundred sixteen years ago this month two Norwegian-American sailors, George Harbo and Frank Samuelsen, left New York harbor and 55 days later became the first people ever to row a boat across the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, something this sensational could only have been sponsored by the *National Police Gazette*. Richard K. Fox, the *Gazette's* owner, backed the boys in their journey and they named their rowboat the "Fox" in his honor. For information on a proposed monument to the trailblazing achievement of Harbo and Samuelsen go to [BronzeSea.org](http://BronzeSea.org). And see a model on page 4.

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**THEY ROWED TO HAVRE.**  
Remarkable Voyage of Two Hardy Sailors.

**LEFT NEW YORK ON JUNE 6.**  
They Had Only a Sextant and a Compass to Guide Them.

**THE FOX ONLY EIGHTEEN FEET LONG.**

The arrival in European waters on August 2 of Frank Samuelson and George Harbo, the two Norwegian oarsmen, who started on June 6 from New York to row the 18-foot box, Fox, to Havre, has given the marine experts of the world something to talk about, and in maritime circles the feat is regarded as the most remarkable event in the way of ocean navigation that ever transpired.

The performance of this astounding feat is calculated to excite wonder and comment all over the world. While there is possibly no great benefit to be derived from the result, yet viewed as an athletic accomplishment it will go down in the history of aquatic sports as unequalled and unparalleled. The physical hardships attendant upon such a journey are scarcely to be comprehended. Since the 6th of June last Harbo and Samuelson have been pulling away at the oars. It was certainly a battle royal; the indomitable pluck of man against the fierce elements of nature, with the triumph of the man as a result.

The continued lunge of the boat from the crest to the trough of the waves, the occasional upsetting, with an incidental somersault, the fierce storms of wind and rain, the appearance of a shark fin here and there, all combined to make the exploit extremely trying and dangerous, not to say anything of the pangs caused by thirst and hunger, the severe muscular strain caused by incessant rowing and the care necessary in steering and maintaining the boat in an upright position.

These dangers were all met and overcome and the two venturesome mariners are safe at their journey's end receiving the congratulations of their friends.

The success of the little boat in making the journey under the navigable conditions of only two pairs of lusty arms is all the more marvelous when we pause to consider how powerful steamships of great tonnage have frequently gone amiss, and the melancholy roll of derelicts, whose erratic wanderings are reported by the Hydrographic Office, show how many sailing ships have been beaten by its storms.

That its dangers are not imaginary and that marine disasters are not yet obsolete is proved every day. But one finds that hard of comprehension when reading of how two adventurers set out with the deliberate intention of bridging that stretch of water in a tiny boat, destitute of sail and propelled in

so elementary a way.

When the little cockleshell was pushed out from its Battery slip on the afternoon of June 6 in the wake of Captain James Moorhead's (manager of the *POLICE GAZETTE*) steam yacht, "Richard K. Fox," there were many to say it had gone to the port of missing craft. It is a short boat, eighteen feet in length, and only twelve inches of planking showed above the water's edge. Several freely commented on their indisposition to even cross the river in it, owing to its size and open build.

The boat was built under the supervision of Harbo, and the voyage was undertaken for such honor and lucre as might accrue from a successful accomplishment of it.

The boat is clinker built and of cedar, a double-ender with space forward used for water tanks, and over this a canvas cover is buttoned. Sixty gallons of water were carried in the tanks, and as the men expected to be out sixty days, that gave an allowance of one gallon per day.

Provisions for the same length of time were put on board. They consisted chiefly of canned goods, for there would have been difficulty in preserving any other sort.

A cornucopia shaped bit of canvas, to be used as a sea anchor when storms arose, a compass and a sextant-completed, with two pairs of oars, the equipment of the boat. The oars not in use were secured by stout lashings, for the boat would have been in a bad way if these were lost.

When leaving port the men expected to average fifty-four miles a day. Each man was to pull eighteen hours out of the twenty-four. Five hours were to be allowed for sleep and one for meals. Rest was to be had in daytime, the men taking turn and turn about.

To lessen the danger of collision the men decided to take a route a bit to the southward of the "steamship lanes." They were spoken but twice during the voyage.

Mr. Richard K. Fox, of the *POLICE GAZETTE*, after whom the little craft was named, will present Harbo and Samuelson with gold medals to commemorate the accomplishment of their marvelous trip.

## Police Gazette Horoscope for June

**Capricorn** (the goat) Dec 22-Jan 19  
"Ask, and Ye Shall Receive" is not only a verse from the Bible, but sometimes works with the warden or your supervisor! That raise or kitchen detail you have been dreaming of could be only a request away!

**Aquarius** (the water bearer) Jan 20-Feb 18  
Feel a little like a clock wound too tightly? Try to unwind with companions and take a few walks when given the chance. Oil and water seldom mix.

**Pisces** (the fish) Feb 19-Mar 20  
Listen for clanking sounds around the 10th and keep yourself well armed on the 3rd. The mailman could bring news you have been expecting for a long time.

**Aries** (the ram) Mar 21-Apr 19  
Beware anyone wearing an eye patch or drinking orange juice! Pick Up Sticks could lead to a windfall.

**Taurus** (the bull) Apr 20-May 20  
Eating corn and talking at the same time is not only bad manners but can invite unwanted attention from the authorities. Remember, bending the rules is safe as long as no one is within 14 feet.

**Gemini** (the twins) May 21-Jun 21  
Eight men out has more than baseball implications. Keep your savvy side alert and listen to any conversation you overhear on a Thursday evening.

**Cancer** (the crab) Jun 22-Jul 22  
A man in green will bring warning of a plot against someone you dislike. Feel free to  
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## NEW WORLD

### RECORDS

#### Fastest Time to Drink 6.75 Ounces of Mustard

Ashrita Furman, holder of the most Guinness records, took 20.80 seconds to achieve the feat.

#### Highest Beer Keg Toss (Female)

Heini Koivuniemi of Finland tossed a beer keg weighing 27 lbs. 2 oz. straight up to a height of 11 feet 4.22 inches.

#### Most Drink Cans Hit with a Flying Disk (Frisbee) in One Minute

Robert McLeod of Calgary, Canada, knocked down 28 cans in 60 seconds from a distance of 15 feet.

#### World's Most Expensive Hamburger

The Le Burger Extravagant, offered by Serendipity 3 restaurant in New York City, costs a record \$295.00. It's made from white truffle butter-infused Japanese Wagyu beef topped with James Montgomery cheddar cheese, black truffles, and a fried quail egg on a gold-dusted campagna roll spread with white truffle butter and topped with a blini, creme fraiche, and caviar.

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## DR. CAPRIO'S SEX CLINIC



DR. CAPRIO

This month's question:  
**Do women prefer to marry men who have had pre-marital relations?**

Many women prefer men who are experienced lovers. Men who are sexually sophisticated are less apt to suffer from major sex problems. Their understanding of the interrelationship between sex and love enables them to make their wives happy. They know instinctively what women require in order to experience sex-love happiness.

Who can estimate accurately the number of couples who have had pre-marital sexual experiences? Many sex-love affairs have culminated in happy marriages.

There need not exist a fear of pre-marital pregnancies among women if all unmarried males assumed the responsibility of knowing what to do to avoid such complications.

Pre-marital sex has both advantages and disadvantages, depending upon the maturity or immaturity of the individuals involved. The man who seduces a young girl and makes her pregnant because he was intoxicated or semi-intoxicated at the time—this is no argument against pre-marital intimacy. There have been millions of people who have enjoyed sexual intimacies of one kind or another before marriage without guilt or bad consequences.

Many wives regret having married virgin-husbands, especially if the husband manifests some form of sexual inadequacy, such as premature ejaculation, impotence reactions or sexual apathy.

The responsibility of deciding about pre-marital relations must naturally lie with the respective individuals. The decision is dependent upon individual circumstances.

Sexual disorders are more common among men who are uninformed and inexperienced. Every male has the right to prepare for marriage by learning what he needs to know concerning the prospective fulfillment of his sexual obligations in marriage.

Sexually well adjusted men make better husbands—and better parents!