

hours returned amid the curses of an  
captain who stomps like an old American  
on such occasions & all hands take good care  
to keep beyond his reach. the fact was pretty  
well proven that on this occasion our first &  
second mate were afraid to attack the fish  
so say the sailors. To day it is very  
pleasant with a light breeze. Cooper S.S.

Sunday June 20

Very little has transpired during the week past  
of interest. Whales were seen on both Monday  
& Tuesday last but no boats were lowered  
for them. a boat was lowered on Thursday  
morning in a dead calm to explore a  
mysterious object several miles distance  
it proved to be a piece of sunken wreck  
& not a day has passed without our  
seeing timber of some kind, since the  
late gale which tells us some ship was  
less successful in weathering the storm  
yesterday the boats went for black fish at  
4 1/2 & after pulling for 2 hours returned  
(as usual) without fish. The officers find  
much fault with the men. that the latter  
feel discouraged, & say they are cured when  
pulling their best, & thereafter shall do less  
I am very thankful my duty does not  
send me in a boat. This has been a most  
delightful day a very light breeze & a clear sky  
a boat lowered before noon for & returned with some  
timber. Lowered again at 3 1/2 P.M. for black fish  
but got none.

Monday Ev

I have seen more sport to day than since I  
left port. I went over the bow at 3 1/2 this  
morning & while there a monster black fish came  
up directly under me. it was the largest piece

of life I ever saw & as he "flashed" as he came  
up in my face, you can imagine I was somewhat  
frightened. It was a dead calm & as the sun  
like about the sea was found to be covered  
with them, in schools, as far as the eye could  
reach. I went to the mast head where I could  
watch their maneuvering when chased &  
it was rich & exciting sport. they would  
lay perfectly still, in schools of 30 or 40, till a  
boat was upon them, then down they go. I  
never saw so many fish, the sea was covered  
with spouts in every direction & the boats  
miles apart. the boats returned at 4 1/2 &  
we have only one small fish, will make  
about 2 barrels, he will be tried out in the  
morning. Whales were seen at 4 1/2 P.M.  
but no boats lowered.

Sunday June 27. 1859

This is a very cool day, with a light North wind  
a thick coat is quite comfortable. I hope we shall  
get in warmer weather soon. we are now  
cruising about in the track of European ships.  
saw three yesterday bound N & we is now in sight  
bound E, Lat 46.40 Long 38 W.

Monday Ev June 28.

Yesterday noon we were becalmed & our first  
officer gained the ship Cisero, 1100 tons, from N York  
June 16, bound to Liverpool. she was a beautiful  
iron packet. & sent me a few late papers, with  
an invitation for our Captain to take dinner with  
him at 4 P.M. but at that hour a breeze had  
sprung up & we were 15 miles apart.

At 4 1/2 whales were raised & at 5 1/2 the first  
& second officer lowered, after chasing an hour  
both boats got fast, & the third officer lowered  
to assist them. the whales proved to be killers  
which are a small but very dangerous whale &