

From Capt Fred K Klebingat
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Mr Karl Kortum
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Dear Karl.

Herewith some copies that may interest you, Also letter from Atanford I received three copies of History from him, that is all. I think he is extremely parsimonious. So I am not asking him anymore. I may be stingy on my side too.

As you note I have a whole package of Aderman photos just a grab bag It will take me some time to go through, and make notes. And I will send these onto you, as I get through with them.

Herewith also a copy of Boh's letter to me, with the notes on the Jabe L Stanford photo, that were given to him by Captain Muenchhausen Swede Man Donald. It took some ingenuity to dope that one out. Anybody that has handled lumber will tell you. that it takes quite a few men to dig out a piece of lumber out of the deckload, it should be a three by twelve at least. There is no sign in the photo, that anyone has done such a thing. And as the spanker halyard will be too short, he probably had a coil of rope handy and a man splicing it on with a long splice. And two thirds were passed overboard, Holy Moses, and that guy walked out on it" My God. he may be reckless but he certainly did not have wings Well tell you, no seamen in his right mind would ever listen to it. It is so ridiculous. If you want to try it, just take a board and hook on the halyard and try to pry it astern. It would take more men, the there were on board of the Jabe L Stanford to do it. And what was the skipper doing, while all this foolishness was going on endangering the men the man at the wheel, and a Mate that was trying hard to commit suicide. If this rig was ever accomplished. But if Bob wants to get a photo some thing like that, go on board the "G.A. Thayer" swing the spanker boom over a little to starboard, climb out on the spanker boom and take a snap Remember the Stanford had another mast and the masts were further apart At that I tell you, I never liked to go out on the spanker boom at sea It is dangerous enough Of course it has to be done bending the sail or reefing it

