

# STR. SUSIE ARRIVES

Covers Distance Up River Between St. Michael and Dawson in 13 1/2 Days.

FIRST STEAMER TO COME UP RIVER

Brings Nearly 400 Tons of Freight and 68 Passengers.

CAPT. DALSON TELLS OF TRIP

Bay at St. Michael Full of Steamers When He Left—This Season Fully 20 Days Late.

The steamer Susie, one of the crack boats of the Northern Navigation Company's fleet, is again in port, and enjoys the distinction of being the last to leave Dawson this spring for St. Michael, with the exception of the Barr, and is the first to arrive with freight, passengers and news from the lower river. The Susie this year is still in command of Capt. T. H. Dolson who has been master of the vessel ever since her first season on the river in '98, a veteran from the Mississippi and one of the most competent navigators on the Yukon. A. E. Todd is master and Sam Foster chief engineer.

The Susie on her down trip left Dawson with a heavy passenger list on the evening of June 25, arriving at Bering sea in five and a half days on July 1. The ice at the mouth of the river and well out in the bay was broken up to such an extent that navigation was possible and in endeavoring to reach St. Michael the Susie steamed entirely around the island with the exception of that portion separated from the main land by the narrow channel. The ice about the island, however, was still intact and it was found impossible at that time to effect a landing.

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ing. The channel, or as it is called St. Michael canal, was open but on account of shallow water the Susie did not dare venture into it. A return was made to a point 12 miles below the island and there the passengers were transferred to the City of Paris, a light draught vessel, which succeeded in landing them via the canal at the dock. The ice cleared from St. Michael by July 3 and the Susie arrived at her dock on the 4th. A week was spent taking on her cargo and she left for Dawson on the night of the 11th making the run up the river in about 13 1/2 days, considered excellent time. The Susie's cargo consisted of 400 tons of general merchandise, including quite a quantity of damaged goods, the result of the flood, taken on at Fortymile, 68 passengers, and 74 bags of mail, the latter being principally second-class matter from the States. In speaking of conditions along the river and at St. Michael, Capt. Dolson said:

"We had a very pleasant run down the river, but I was somewhat surprised to find the ice still hanging on at St. Michael when we reached there. The past winter, with the exception of a great deal of wind, has been no more severe than usual, but the season is two or three weeks later. At St. Michael the lowest temperature reached was but 33 below. Up to the time we left no boat had yet arrived from Nome excepting a small tug which forced its way through the floating ice, and we have no Nome passengers aboard excepting Judge Wood who was fortunate enough to catch the boat at the last moment. As we pulled out the bay was full of boats and you can expect steamers in from now on every few days. Both the Weare and Powers got out ahead of us, but we passed them when a few days out, the former at Tanana and the latter with two barges in tow some 30 miles below. We also passed the Gold Star about 10 miles above the Koyukuk but did not learn anything from her concerning the camps on the Koyukuk."

Capt. Dolson was asked if he had heard of any "unprecedented storms" having occurred in Bering sea or the North Pacific this season which had resulted disastrously to any of the shipping interests. When told of the frightful calamity which had occurred to "Black" Sullivan's barges (in the News office) the smile which spread over the old salt's countenance was more than expressive.

"I was in St. Michael a week," said he, "and never heard of any such blows as you speak of. There were a number of ocean vessels in at the time and if anything unusual had happened it is more than likely there would have been some talk about it. There can't be any storm on Bering sea as long as it is covered with ice. The North Pacific is a little choppy sometimes early in the season, but there has not been a vessel, barge, or any other thing wrecked as far as I know of. Even the old tubs which paddle about Nome have had no difficulty in keeping afloat."

Capt. Dolson expects to make two more trips with the Susie this season. Capt. Beadle, who is to command the new N. A. T. & T. boat, the Will H. Isom, was a guest on the Susie this trip inspecting the waters and bars of the mighty Yukon for the first time. Capt. Beadle is an old Mississippi navigator and will take command of his new boat at once upon his return to St. Michael. The Isom is a trifle smaller than the Susie but is more elaborately fitted up and it is said is the queen of the Yukon fleet.

Almost the entire up trip of the Susie was made on coal from the N. A. T. & T. mine at Cliff creek, but very little wood having been consumed. Chief Engineer Foster is highly pleased with the Cliff creek coal and considers it better and cheaper than wood. On the run from St. Michael to Dawson the Susie and other boats of her class will burn almost 1000 cords of wood in the two weeks required to reach here. In time coal will doubtless supplant wood altogether.

# EX-MAYOR W. D. WOOD, OF SEATTLE, RETURNS FROM NOME.

Prominent among the passengers on the Susie this morning was Judge W. D. Wood, president of the S. Y. T. Co. and ex mayor of Seattle. Judge Wood was in Dawson a few weeks ago winding up the affairs of his company and was a passenger on the Susie on her down trip to St. Michael. He has made the round trip in exactly one month, has spent a week of the time in Nome and is the only one of the Susie's 68 passengers who is from the city of the gilded beach.

"Nome seems quiet now," said Mr. Wood, "in comparison with last year, but the people are all in good spirits and look for better times than ever before now that much of the litigation in the camp has been adjudicated. The past winter was a very severe one, not so much on account of low temperature as the continuous high winds which made out door life almost unendurable. At the time I left the ice pack was still heavy in the bay and I had to take a row boat out from Nome in order to reach the little tug which carried me to St. Michael. The summer is fully three weeks late and will make the mining season quite short. On account of the scarcity of fuel but very little prospecting was done last winter. There were, however, some deep diggings located and these in the future will be extensively worked. Mr. Lane, the California millionaire who is heavily interested on the creek, is going to prove a great benefactor to the camp and has lately come out as a sort of philanthropist. He has just announced to the miners and

residents of Nome that from now on he will endeavor to furnish coal to all the year around at a uniform price of \$30 per ton. With the assurance of cheap fuel the deep ground located this winter can hereafter be worked continuously. The Lane hydraulic plant is being vigorously pushed, though it is doubtful if it will be completed this season in time to use it. Work on it last year was entirely suspended for a number of months on account of the litigation covering the Lane holdings. The scheme amounts to no less than the washing out of Anvil creek from its source to its mouth, benches as well as creek claims. The pumping plant will be located at Nome and will force water through a 24-inch hydraulic steel pipe to the head of the creek, a distance of ten miles. After the creek claims in which Lane is interested are exhausted to water will be diverted to the benches, many of which have been found to be of exceeding richness.

Lane has already bought up a great many of the benches and those which he does not own will be worked on a percentage. Probably the richest bench ground so far discovered is on Nikola gutch which joins Anvil creek at No. 10. It is a 20 acre claim and was not prospected until last spring. Since then it has yielded over \$100,000 and the most conservative estimate one can place on the total output of the claim could not be more than a million dollars. It is a remarkable piece of ground and there are other benches which as far as they have been developed show up almost equally as well.

No, I did not learn anything new concerning the Kougarak or Bluestone districts. The season there is even more backward than at Nome and as near as I can understand there was but very little prospecting done last winter in either district. The fuel question is the serious problem in that country as it is in Nome. Those interested in the Kougarak and Bluestone, however, are expecting good returns from their claims. There is quite an exodus to Teller City but Nome will always remain the principal supply point for all that country. In the past six months there has been considerable improvement in Nome, not the least being the grading and planking of Front street. Business is rather quiet and cheap prices generally prevail.

In regard to "unprecedented storms" and the reported wreck of Sullivan's barges, Mr. Wood stated he had heard nothing whatever of any unusual commotion among the ocean fleet. "I saw two of Sullivan's barges lying at St. Michael loaded and ready to proceed up the Yukon. The third one was also in port although I did not see it. The barges together with the Light, Lightning and Tyrrell were expected to leave for Dawson within a day or two after the departure of the Susie."

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# AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

Hunker, Bonanza and Eldorado Are Temporarily Withdrawn.

The order issued in the gold commissioner's office prohibiting the recording of claims on Hunker, Bonanza, Eldorado creeks and tributaries results from the issuing of the immense hydraulic concession and water right to the syndicate formed by Malcolm H. Orr Ewing, of Malvern, England; A. N. C. Treadgold, of London, and Walter Barwick of Toronto, by the Ottawa government and, which order in council was received in Dawson on the 16th inst. and published in full in the Nugget. The order issued in the gold commissioner's office is that all applications for grants for claims be received but that no grants be issued until further advice regarding the interpretation of the order is received from Ottawa. It is the opinion that the order is

# IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT

Met by Baseballers Last Night in Cricket Game.

A return game of cricket between the Gandolfo team and cricket team played last night ended in an overwhelming victory for the cricketers. The baseballers, elated by their former victory over the cricket team at the latter's own game thought that they had struck something easy and could repeat the operation as easy as before, but they were doomed to disappointment and a look of chagrin spread over their countenances at the end of the game when they looked at the score and saw 38 runs to their credit and 79 for their opponents. They are not altogether disheartened by their defeat and will give the cricketers another go in a short time. A return game between the two teams of baseball is to be played and the baseballers are determined to even up the score when they meet on the diamond.

# AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

Ex-Premier Coming.

Manager H. T. Willis of the Canadian Bank of Commerce received a telegram from his brother Mr. Frank Willis this morning stating that the latter is coming to Dawson this morning and will leave there for Dawson tomorrow. They are coming on a pleasure trip and will probably remain some time. Sir McKenzie Bowell is ex-premier of Canada.

# RECEIVED BY WIRE.

MRS. KRUGER IS DEAD

Wife of Ex-President of the Transvaal Dies at Pretoria July 20.

BOTH'S LETTER PLEASED KRUGER

Which Details Future Movements—Boers Still Confident.

CRISIS IN STRIKE IS NEAR.

David B. Hill Presidential Candidate—Terrible Kansas Weather—Capt. Healy on Top.

Paris, July 21, via Skagway, July 25.—A dispatch from Brussels says former President Kruger has just received a cable notifying him of the death of his wife which occurred yesterday in Pretoria.

Dr. Leyds, representative of the Transvaal, has been summoned in haste to Hague on account of the divulging of the Reitz-Steyn correspondence captured by General Broadwood.

It is said that within the past week Kruger has received a highly satisfactory letter from Botha in which a detail of future movements are given, everything going to show that the Boers in the field are as determined and confident as ever.

Crisis in Near. PPittsburg, July 21, via Skagway, July 25.—A crisis in the history of the present strike is near at hand and both sides are confident. Non-union mills are running on full time. Two big meetings of strikers were held yesterday, one endorsing the other condemning non-unionism.

Hill for President. New York, July 20, via Skagway, July 25.—The World says David Bennett Hill is out for the presidential nomination and that Bryan will do all in his power to defeat him.

Terrible Heat. Kansas City, July 20, via Skagway, July 25.—For 31 consecutive days the temperature has been above 90 degrees and most of the time 100. All the small streams in Kansas are dried up.

Captain Healy on Top. Seattle, July 21, via Skagway, July 25.—Capt. J. J. Healy has organized a company to develop the Yukutat Bay country, establish stores and operate a steamer line from Seattle. The capital of the company is \$250,000.

Electrical Storms. Grove City, Pa., July 19, via Skagway, July 25.—A fierce electrical storm today resulted in four deaths.

Hotel Arrivals. YUKON. J. B. Pierce, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. King, Quartz creek; Ole Olsen, Quartz; P. H. Carr, Sulphur; D. Glass, Eldorado; Louis Bonate, Gold Bottom; Chris Arnsdorf, Bonanza; J. T. Clayworth, Quartz; Walter McNichols, Last Chance; Wm. T. Smith, Caribou; Robert D. Smith, Caribou; F. C. Ward, city.

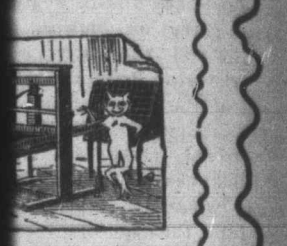
Police Court. In the police court this morning Magistrate McDonald fined Elizabeth Hean \$25 and costs for being intoxicated and using obscene language on Second street between Second and Third avenues yesterday afternoon.

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THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1901.

WILL THEY DO IT?

Thus far no denial has been made by the W. P. & Y. R. people of the report published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday to the effect that a special rate sheet is in existence and that something like half a dozen large shippers of Dawson benefited by it last year and will, therefore, demand and obtain the same benefit this year.

With four-bit meals and two-bit whisky there is no reason why the average Dawsonite should not eat, drink and be merry.

order the cancelled half and have it come via St. Michael. In fact it will have to do something of the kind to play even on its shipment over the W. P. & Y. R. It is pleasing to know that the freight was not general, otherwise there might have been a shortage of provisions in Dawson before next whip-poor-will season.

The only apparent reason the government could have in withdrawing from location unstaked or reverted claims on Hunker, Bonanza and Bear creeks must be that it feared some poor devil would get hold of a claim that contained gold sufficient to enable him to make a little better than wages in the operation of it.

Heap much salmon are now the cause of heap much smiles on the faces of the denizens of Moosehide. Verily, nature takes care of her own.

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Kansas City, July 15.—A portion of the drought-stricken Southwest has been relieved by rains during the past 24 hours. Great good has already resulted to the crops, and as there are prospects tonight of a further downfall, it is believed that thousands upon thousands of dollars will be saved to farmers in stock and crops. Nevertheless much greater quantities of rain must come before a lasting benefit is done.

The rains, which came at the end of a drought of from four to eight weeks duration covered southwestern Missouri and portions of Kansas, taking in the southeastern corner of the Sunflower state from Riley and Dixon counties down to the Oklahoma line.

The first break came last night, when fairly good rains fell in Barton and Green counties, Mo., and in Oklahoma border, in Kansas and Cowley and Chautauque counties and along the Union Pacific railway in Riley county.

The rains, while good, were not sufficient to put the burned crops out of danger. This morning a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Joplin Mo., and traveling west, covered portions of Montgomery, Butler and Sedgewick counties, Kansas. Around Joplin there was a heavy fall for ten minutes.

During this afternoon a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Eldorado and Wichita, Kan. At Coffeyville the people held a jubilee on the streets during the rain. Two counties west from Kansas City in Jefferson county, Kan., a full inch of rain fell this afternoon, while in Kansas City a temperature of 101 prevailed and hardly a cloud was visible.

In Kansas City today Mrs. Martha C. Mullet, wife of a prominent business man, died of heat prostration, and Edward B. Shillito, contracting agent of the Traders' Dispatch Fast Freight Line, was overcome and taken to his home in a critical condition.

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JIM MORRISON'S BIG MAN

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Provided Jeffries Does Not Agree to Meet the Buckeye From Ohio—Morrison is Confident.

The San Francisco Examiner of last Sunday contained the following story: "If Jim Jeffries does not accept Gus Ruhlin's challenge for a championship match it is probable that Madden will pit the Ohio man against Fred Russell, the heavy-fisted fighter who battered Sharkey in Denver a short time ago."

"James W. Morrison of Seattle, who represents Russell, is anxious to make the match and has wired that he is ready to post a \$5000 forfeit. He declares also that he wants to make a \$5000 side bet that his man can defeat Ruhlin. Morrison is the man who was arranging a fistic carnival for Dawson."

"Ruhlin will leave New York for San Francisco next Wednesday, and if Manager Gleason of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club has not induced Jeffries to sign for a fight when Ruhlin arrives, the latter intends to claim Jeffries' title of champion and meet all comers. This will give Russell a chance if he means business."

"The Twentieth Century Club finds Jeffries not at all anxious to defend his title, and although no definite answer to their offer has come from Jim, yet it is the general opinion about town that the champion will try to avoid a meeting."

Telegrams received in this city since the publication of the above go to show that the story emanated from the Twentieth Century Athletic Club of the Golden Gate city, and hence is one that is to be relied upon. Mr. Morrison, manager of Russell, is highly pleased over the prospects of an immediate match for his man with Ruhlin, and says he will be only too willing to put up a good substantial side bet on his boy's chances for victory.

Ruhlin, as will be noticed, is now on his way to the Pacific coast, where he will challenge Jeffries for a 20-round match to a decision for the championship of the world. If the latter ignores his challenge, according to the T. C. Club, he will give Russell the first chance and the Seattle boy's opportunity will have come.

There are many men in the city, including the Times sporting editor, who believe Russell will have his head badly damaged when he meets the Akron giant in the ring. But Morrison, who has followed the fighting game practically all his life, is of the opinion that the big boy will have better than a look-in with the Easterner and gives the following interview for his reason for so thinking:

"In the first place," he said, "it must be remembered that Fred is practically a novice. He has never had a

man to train him or to teach him the fine points of the game. The first battle he ever fought was with Kennedy at Prisco. It was a whirlwind and went the limit of 20 rounds. He went to Chicago and was defeated on points by that big negro Frank Childs in six rounds, but afterwards met Childs for six rounds and secured a draw with him, showing that he was not afraid and that he can improve with practice.

"He then goes out to Denver and beat Pete Everett, commonly known as the Mexican, twice in 30 rounds each. He is practically the only man who has ever got the best of the Mexican at that high altitude. He defeats Joe Choyanski and has Tom Sharkey all but put out when a lucky blow finished him."

"Now," he continued, "don't think for a moment that Russell will be a great, big, green boy when he meets Ruhlin. I believe I have a world-beater there and will see to it that he is in the finest kind of shape when he meets the Ohio man. If we can get the go, I will have one of the best boxers in the country train Russell for six or eight weeks, and teach him all the scientific points that are to be learned."

"He will be in great physical condition, too," continued Mr. Morrison, "and he is now working hard every day under my instructions. He is doing a good deal of road work for his wind, and every morning he goes up in the woods to a wild, secluded spot, where he is building a log cabin just for the strength it will give him. He selects some big trees and chops it down. He then cuts it into logs of about 20 feet, and with the aid of a partner, raises it into position. As a consequence he is taking off all superfluous flesh and putting on good hard muscle and you ought to see him."

"Why, nature is building that fellow up every day," enthusiastically exclaimed his manager. "He eats heartily, he is taking care of himself and, well, knock him all you want to, that's your privilege. You may rest assured, however, that I wouldn't go to the trouble of expending all this money on a man that is a dead one. Just remember that in the future, when Fred gets a crack at some of the big ones."

Mr. Morrison has not given up the hope that he will be able to pull off the match in Tacoma during the Elks' carnival. He says the Destiny promoters are working on the case over there and that he will definitely know within the course of a few days. In case, however, that that falls through with, he has assurances from the Prisco Athletic Club that they will bang up a purse for the contestants to box for, so the match is assured if Ruhlin will affix his signature to articles of agreement.—Seattle Times, July 13.

Suing for Salaries. North Yakima, July 15.—The county officers, including John J. Padkin, treasurer; attorney, W. B. Dudley, treasurer; G. L. Allen, clerk; E. E. Kelson, auditor; H. L. Tucker, sheriff, and P. H. Plumb, superintendent of schools, are filing an action against the county

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I was a competent civil engineer and just then out of employment. I was a man who could keep a secret. I was therefore naturally interested in the advertisement. It might possibly be some job which would get me into trouble with the law, but if I had only to decline to take hold of it after an interview, I was inclined to believe that some land or mine owner wanted a private and secret survey made for his own satisfaction, as is often the case. It is sometimes the case that where two neighbors quarrel one of them builds a house or barn on what he believes to be his line, but which is found to trespass by a few inches. I could see a dozen good reasons why the person should advertise as he did, and I hastened to answer him and post the letter. He gave his address as the office of the newspaper, but after four or five days I received a call from him in person. He gave me his name as James Bennett and his address as London and let me infer that he was a man of leisure.

I was not exactly pleased with Mr. Bennett's personal appearance. He was a tall, dark faced man of troubled countenance. His eyes had a furtive look, and he was nervous and ill at ease. Had I met him while traveling I should have been inclined to look upon him with suspicion. He told a straight enough story, however, though a rather queer one. Being left an orphan at the age of 12 years, he had been brought up by an uncle living in Hertford county. He had always been given to understand that he would be his uncle's heir, and he was sure that a will had been made to that effect, but three years previous to his call on me the uncle had passed away, no will had been found, and the property had gone to the next of kin. While the uncle was rich, he was also an eccentric. Being a single man and living almost alone he had been almost a hermit. The house he had occupied was a rambling old structure at best and now that it had been untenanted for several years was in a bad state. What Mr. Bennett had come to believe was that the will was concealed in the house. He had searched and searched without avail, and he wanted my assistance for a new search. There might be secret closets he had passed over. If I would give him my faithful services for three days, he would pay me £25. If the will was found, he would present me with £200 more. I was to say nothing of my quest, make my appearance at the old house on a certain date, and he would assist in the search.

I didn't like Bennett's personal appearance and actions, as I have said, but there was nothing out of the way with his story, and I was glad to accept his offer. It would be combining romance with business to come upon the hidden will and restore the ousted heir to his own. His caution to me to make my way alone from the nearest station without asking or answering questions might have seemed queer but for the fact that we would both be trespassers while making the search. I had not a single suspicion. I was to arrive by a train which would enable me after a walk of three miles to arrive at the old house at dark, and he would have provisions at hand and fix up the best lodgings he could. I was especially warned not to betray my destination to any one I happened to meet en route, and I was to bring no baggage.

All these things seemed all right to me at the time. I reached the station by the train named, but found the distance to the house to be five miles instead of two. This brought about my arrival quite a spell after dark, and Bennett was waiting for me a quarter of a mile up the road. The first question he asked was if any one had spoken to me, and when I assured him that even the people at the station did not know where I was bound for he was somewhat elated. I found he had provisions for a cold lunch, but nothing very appetizing, while we must sleep on the bare boards of the family sitting room. It was while eating supper that I noticed a wild, strange look in the man's face and began to doubt him. He was restless and distrustful and watched me in a furtive way, and it wasn't long before I felt that he had some sinister designs in luring me to the lonely old house. I put a bold face on the matter and demanded an explanation, and at that he started up and threw me to the floor. From his savage

manner I believed he was going to murder me outright, but after growling in his throat like a wolf he lifted me up and shoved me into closet and bolted the stout door on me. Of course I protested, argued and struggled, but without avail. I heard him laughing to himself after he had locked me in, but I did not hear him leave the house. Fifty times during the night I kicked on the door and called out, but I got no answer. Next morning, still failing to arouse him, I began to cut the door with my pocketknife. It was of oak and my task was a hard one. It was almost night when I reached up and slid back the bolt, and as soon as out I found the house deserted and lost no time in getting away myself.

I went straight to the police with my story, and who do you think the man proved to be? No more or less than a lunatic who had escaped from an asylum three months before. He was under another name, lived far from the address he had given me, and his mania was the fear of starvation. Before going to the asylum he had locked up two different people in tenantless houses to see how long they could live without food or drink, and my capture was a third experiment in that line. I bore him no ill will, of course, but insisted that he be returned to the asylum, and I believe he is living today. In that old house, far from help and a place never visited, he would have wrought my death by inches but for my pocketknife, and months or years might have passed before my corpse was ever found. M.-QUAD.

**Man's Crucial Hour.**  
The crucial hour of the day as regards its effect upon the man of the family is commonly thought to be associated with breakfast. Then a cheerful bearing and joyful demeanor on the part of the feminine kind of the family are thought to be most effective in putting the man of the house into the right sort of humor for the day. There are other views, however, on this subject, and one of them came from a woman whose experiences in her married life have been of a kind to encourage any wife.

She disagrees with the accepted view as to the potency of good humor in the morning. Her scheme is very different.

"The most important moment of the day to a man's peace of mind," she said, "is the ten minutes that follow his return from the work of the day. At that time one word may change his whole state of feeling.

"He comes home usually tired. Work or the vexations of business during the day have frequently brought him to a point of fatigue or nervousness at which a very little thing may decide what his mood will be for the rest of the evening. Of course the particular disposition of every man is going to tell here just as it does everything else. But my rule will hold good for the average man.

"The most important thing for the tactful woman to do is to wait until she sees some signs of his temper before she makes any decided move. Don't, above all things, tell him that the plumber has just sent in his a terrible bill for making that little alteration or say that stupid Mrs. Jones has been at the house all the afternoon talking about the new house her husband has bought and showing off her sables as if she was the only woman in New York that had them.

"Generally it is best to avoid such beginnings, although a woman's tact must always be called in to help her out if one of the children has just been taken down with the measles or the cook has been drunk all day and had to be sent away.

"Don't talk too much in the beginning on any subject. Conversation taken torrentially at the outset is likely to upset anybody who is a little tired after a day's work and waits quiet before adjusting his mind to the restful enjoyment of home.

"The woman who follows this advice is going to find her evenings pleasanter than if she jumps at the beginning into the heart of things, especially disagreeable things. A little tact during the first quarter of an hour after

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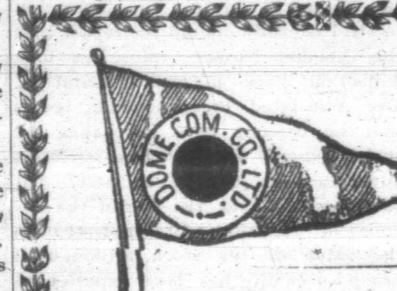
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