

# FREAKS OF TIDES AND LIFE IN ALASKA

A letter received from J. D. Jefferson on a recent boat gives some interesting facts about the recent high tide which struck Prince William Sound. Mr. Jefferson, who was formerly engaged in running a fox ranch at Bald Head Chris island, and has promised our readers some interesting articles on fox farming in the near future. Following is the letter printed in the Valdez Prospector.

"I never realized until the other day when the tide was so high what the term 'drifting with the tide' really meant, and it was some tide, 22 feet 3 inches from extreme high tide to extreme low, washed three of the lower front steps out leading up to the house from the water's edge (left five, but will have to take them down to make a good job of it), it came with such a rush and roar that the island was singing incessantly, and the drift that came in did some of the most uncanny things. For instance, about a month ago I cut a log in two on the easterly side of the island. It was too heavy to handle as one log, and started to tow the two in, one roped behind the other. In coming around the point I met a choppy sea and the line between the logs parted. I came on in with the one log, going back for the other in about half an hour. I could not find it, although I rowed clear around the island, and since that time I have kept looking for that log, not for the great value, but I felt peeved that I should lose it in the way that I did. Well, at the high tide here came that log drifting in, and from the wrong way, or opposite direction from where I left it. Another log that I had thought

of bringing in when I got to it, came drifting in. Just then I was too busy to tie it up, thinking, well it is safe and I'll get it later on. It didn't stop, but just made a tour of the lagoon, then went out and is now within 20 feet of where it was before it started on its journey. It is so high up now that it will be a long time before another tide is high enough to float it. I have four little friends that are pretty regular to their meals, two jay-birds and two magpies. How they talk and scold if there is any delay. The magpies are getting a little fresher though, for they want to come in and help get the dinner, and I never did like to be watched when I was trying to cook"

## WIFE RICHARD HARDING DAVIS WILL RETURN TO THE STAGE.

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. — Returning to the stage so that her daughter will have every comfort and advantage, Bessie McCoy Davis, widow of Richard Harding Davis, is the little daughter of ing part at the Century theatre tonight in "Miss 1917," a new production.

The reason which brings the "Yama Yama Girl" back to Broadway is the reason which took her away. Hope Harding Davis, the little daughter of Richard Harding Davis and the dancer. It is to make life smooth for Hope that Bessie McCoy, the Yama Yama Girl is returning to Broadway.

"Bessie McCoy is not going back on the stage," said Mrs. Davis. "It is Bessie McCoy Davis — a totally different person, who will appear under her own name, Bessie McCoy Davis. No one could be with Richard Harding Davis five minutes without becoming a better human being, and I had the luck to have him for five years. I know people who will see me dance will say, 'I wonder where she has kept poor little Hope.' So I want to say to them now, little Hope will be safely tucked away in her bed. She will

have a bath given to her by her own mother and will have eaten a supper which her own mother cooked.

"Mr. Davis used to say to me, 'I don't see why Hope has a nurse, Bessie, you do everything for her yourself.'" And so I do. And I shall keep on giving her her bath every night and morning and mashing up her vegetables and straining them and fixing her beef juice — oh, I shan't neglect the greatest business in the world just because I am going back on the stage.

"I am really going to be two persons — a sort of Jekyll-Hyde of the theatre. I'll put all the fire and move-

ment that are in me into my dances and then I'll go back to the apartment on Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Ninth street and I'll turn the key and be just a tiresome little mother who has gotten back to the center of her life—Hope Harding Davis.

Jafet Lindeberg, president of the Pioneer Mining Company, and his wife are among the Nomettes aboard the Victoria, who are going to California for the winter. Mr. Lindeberg reports that his company had a very successful season.

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*Velvet Joe*

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