Big Swells Upset Colonists, but Not Children, on Alaskan Trip

Aboard U.S.A.T. St. Mihel, Alaska

Allowance of latitude to Uncle Sam’s attic is a dandy business to many of the Wisconsin and Michigan pioneers. We’re taking the outer passage to Seward and as this is written we are passing along at 15 knots through swells 12 feet high. A smoother sea, however, is forecast by the captain.

Many are severely seasick, but were cheered Sunday night by a clear, brilliant sunset after a day of cold, rain and fog.

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