

BRAVERY OF CAPT. JARVIS.
Some Stories About the New Collector of Customs.

Captain David H. Jarvis of the Revenue Cutter Bear, who won distinction in 1898, by his intelligent daring in his command of the overland Government expedition to Point Barrow for the relief of imperiled whalers, says the Saturday Evening Post, has been selected by President Roosevelt as the proper man to untangle the complex condition of Federal affairs at Nome, Alaska; and to effect reform there, he has been appointed Collector of Customs for the District of Alaska.

Captain Jarvis is a remarkable man. He has more power personally over the natives of Alaska than has the United States Government. On his thousand-mile journey over the ice-wilderness, where he faced blizzards before which even hardened Aleuts and Eskimos recoiled, it became necessary to purchase three hundred reindeer as a food reserve for the ice-bound men in the far desolation of Point Barrow. Charlie Artissall, an Eskimo of prominence, declined to part with his herd though promised that the United States would liberally repay him, but he said that if Jarvis would take them on his own responsibility he was more than welcome to them. And the Eskimo's faith in Jarvis was such that he refused utterly to accept a written acknowledgment or receipt.

Frequently the civil authorities in Alaska, when unable to manage refractory natives, have called upon Captain Jarvis, who, without arms and without a guard, has been able to pacify and disperse the unruly men as if they were children.

"In his adventures in Alaska, whether on relief expeditions or in turning back plague-stricken vessels from northern ports, Captain Jarvis has not gone armed," said one of his colleagues. "His mastery over men is due altogether to his wonderful self-command and his moral force. Although beloved by the rough frontiersmen and feared by the outlaw element, Jarvis has none of the rough characteristics which might be supposed to win leadership among these classes. He is modest and reticent, never enters a bar, never makes any sort of burly demonstration, and is not a 'mixer.'"

"At one time a pirate cruising in Arctic waters, terrorized the coast. Jarvis, then a Lieutenant, was sent by Captain Healey, known far and wide as a grim commander, to effect the capture. It was believed that the pirate had taken refuge in a certain shelter, and Jarvis was sent there with instructions not to return without the sea-bandit. On entering the cove Jarvis learned from friendly natives that the pirate craft had gone a hundred miles down the coast. Undaunted and obedient to instructions, he followed. Ten days later he returned with the outlaw and his ship in charge. In emergencies of any sort he is cool and resourceful.

"On another occasion Jarvis was sent with a small boat and crew to carry provisions to stranded miners. The boat overturned in the surf, but Jarvis remained cool and managed to save his crew. A boat sent to his rescue perished with all on board. When the storm had somewhat abated, Jarvis put back to the revenue cutter. One of the ship's officers, viewing the struggling craft through a telescope, said to the grizzled Captain Healy: "Lieutenant Jarvis' boat is returning, sir, but the Lieutenant, I am sorry to report, is not on her."

"You're a liar!" thundered the Captain. "If the Lieutenant's boat is coming I'll bet a thousand dollars he's aboard!"

In appearance Captain Jarvis gives no hint of his rugged nature. He is boyish in build and almost shy in manner. But those who saw him, single-handed, march half a hundred cutthroats of Nome to his launch and embark with them for the Bear, say he was like a man transformed.

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FAVOR CUSHMAN'S BILL.

Miners Disapprove of Location by Power of Attorney.

At a mass meeting of the miners and other citizens held at Circle, resolutions were adopted strongly favoring the passage of Congressman Cushman's bill doing away with locations by power of attorney. Resolutions were also adopted asking the government to put the commissioners' offices on salary in place of making them depend solely on the fees, as the miners regard the commissioners' office as more important to their interests than any other. The commissioners are judges of the probate court, justices with jurisdiction in civil matters up to a thousand dollars, criminal jurisdiction in all cases of fine and jail imprisonment, and general recorders of instruments. Ninety-tenths of the business the miners are compelled to do is with the commissioner, and they desire the office to be placed on such a basis as will insure good men and their continuance in this office. The meeting was held in response to a communication from the miners of the Koyukuk, who had taken similar action, at a meeting in Coldfoot City.

This is certainly a move in the right direction, and should Congressman Cushman's bill pass, we believe it would meet with the approval of nearly every miner and prospector in Alaska. The resolutions asking that commissioners be put on salary is also right and proper, and should receive the attention of Congress.

We have a Chamber of Commerce a Fire Department, Tilikum Club, Social Club and various other societies in which to practice the noble art of "rag chewing," but these are not enough. By all means let us have a Territorial Club, and meet once a week or oftener, so that our silver-tongued "spielers" can have more opportunities to inflict their oratorical spasms on the public. We might have a keg of beer each meeting to lubricate our think tanks, and some of the A. B. smoker brand of cigars to deaden the pain caused by the flights of oratory. The people don't want a Territorial Government, but we do need a Territorial Club.

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