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**4 EXPLORERS MEET AFTER MANY YEARS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Four men met around a table in a ship's cabin here.

They had known each other for 26 years. Each had traveled thousands of miles at sea in order to see one of the others. Yet this was the first time the four had been together at the same time.

One of the men was the captain of the ship—the oldest captain in point of service in the coast guard.

One had lived in Alaska longer than any other white man.

One had lived farthest north of any white man.

And one had the longest Arctic record of any explorer, living or dead.

Meet on Cutter Bear

The ship was the picturesque coast guard cutter Bear, now tied up at its dock in the Oakland estuary. Claude S. Cochrane, its captain, had been in charge since 1896.

Charles D. Brower, manager of the Cape Smythe Whaling Co., had spent 42 years in Alaska, and Thomas Gordon, of the same company had lived three miles north of Point Barrow, where Brower had his headquarters.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the fourth member of the party, has done more to make Alaska known to the gen-

eral public in the last 20 years than any other explorer.

The four men sat around a baize covered table in the captain's cabin, looked at each other and were silent. If it hadn't been for the reporter and the photographer the silence probably would have continued.

"Alaska lonely?" growled Gordon.

"Why, I never was so lonely in my life as I've been right here in San Francisco."

"We think Alaska is overpopulated

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and spoiled. There's a white man every hundred miles up there now. We used to think when there was one every 400 miles it was plenty," volunteered Brower.

Stefansson smiled. "When I met these two boys, in 1908, they were complaining. They're still at it," he said.

"When I first went into Alaska on the Bear—that was in '96—I found Gordon and Brower there—fussing about the number of white men who were taking possession of the country." Captain Cochrane added his voice to the conversation.

Gordon looked solemn.

**They Admire Each Other**

"Brower was at it before I was," he said. "When I came ashore at Point Barrow I found Brower sitting in the trading station there. And the first thing he mentioned was the over-population of the district."

Stefansson glanced at Captain Cochrane with a whimsical expression on his face. They looked at each other with genuine admiration. Something else might have been said but the cabin boy entered just then to say that the car was waiting to take them to a luncheon engagement.

**COTTON CRISIS AVERTED; CROP ABOUT ALL IN**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A campaign wherein a warlike government enrolls its 18-year-men again, and drafts its field forces relentlessly from far-flung territories, is just now drawing to a close within the southern part of the United States.

The annual struggle to get the cotton picked—this year complicated by an immense crop—apparently will be successful again, but only because the United States employment service was able to throw into action at the crisis an army of upwards of 300,000 men and women.

**18 Million Bales Coming**

Returns are far from being all in yet, and Francis L. Jones, director of the service, will not be able to make his accounting of the situation for many weeks. But the emergency that bulked most seriously in the early fall days has unquestionably been met, though the forces assembled for the need had to be drawn from Porto Rico and Mexico.

The south this year will produce 18,000,000 bales of its best sung field crop.

Possibilities of trouble were foreseen long ago in Texas, where 6,000,000 of the bales will come from, and the state growers summoned Mr. Jones to conference. The farm labor office of the employment service is organized for sudden expansions and later collapses. Volunteers and local government employees in 42 states can be affiliated with it for emergency, going on the payroll at \$1 a year to give them authority to function. The organization was expanded with utmost swiftness, and recruiting offices for cotton pickers sprung into activity everywhere.

**Drafted Outside Help**

The Arizona growers, notwithstanding, found themselves almost entirely without pickers, and with the aid of the service, two separate shiploads of Porto Ricans were embarked and then shipped across country to the danger spot.

Cotton picking is something of a skilled occupation. The trained hand, working on a piece basis, takes down \$6 a day or even more, where the amateur gets a backache as his chief consideration.

Franz Werfel's latest play "Paul among the Jews," is scoring notable successes in a number of German cities.

Ireland's electricity consumption is described as among the lowest in Europe. The total output does not exceed 100,000,000 units.



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**WIFE TELLS STORY THAT MAKES DEAN INGE LAUGH**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Here is a story that made "Gloomy" Dean Inge of St. Paul, laugh out loud, and it was told by his wife:

A doctor who left his patient on his deathbed at night ordered the man's wife to take his temperature every hour. In the morning the physician arrived to find the bed empty.

"Yes," said the wife. "We didn't have no thermometer. So I gave him the barometer. That pointed to 'Very dry'—so I gave him two pints of ale, and now he's gone to work."

**ELLEN TERRY RETURNS**

LONDON, Dec. 23. Dame Ellen Terry, Queen of the English stage, ventured from her close retirement of the last few months to take a seat in the Royal Box at the Haymarket Theater. In spite of her increasing deafness, she heard Robert Atkin pay tribute to her lovely voice. She sat with her face and snow white hair almost hidden by a wide black hat. She is 78 years old.

Arizona, although 14 years old as a state, has had only two governors: Thomas Campbell, Republican, and George W. P. Hunt, Democrat, incumbent.

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