

Byrd Tells Who Is Fitted For Hardships in the Arctic

Says Dreamer-Fighter Is Best Combination for Exploration

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THE drama that is being unfolded for newspaper readers in grim Northeastland prompts the question: Just what type of rugged manhood is best suited to withstand the hardships of Arctic exploration?

Impetuous youth or wiry, experienced age? The brilliant bookworm, gifted also with good muscles? What about the married man? The smoker? How far does family history count?

Commander Richard E. Byrd, in his recently published book, "Skyward," answers these queries in interesting fashion.

"I am inclined," he writes, "to put age as the first limiting factor. Youth will be served. The young man has zest and ambition. He has an internal machinery not long out of the factory, long instinctively for combat with man or nature—and he cares little which.

"Briefly, I should say that the average man does not get his full strength until after twenty and reaches his peak around twenty-five. He is close to the downhill slide—physically—before he is thirty-eight. The ages between twenty and thirty, therefore, would seem best fitted to endure privation and hardship and look unconcernedly upon the bright face of danger.

"I am frequently asked if the phlegmatic man isn't better fitted temperamentally to undergo hardships than his more imaginative brother. I don't believe he is. If a man lacks imagination he is inclined to let things slide.

"Amundsen, Peary, Scott and Shackleton were men of laconic, grim personalities, yet their writings, their friends, their works all testify to the heights of fancy their arduous could carry them to on occasion. It was their combination of



COMMANDER BYRD

dreamer and fighter that largely set them apart from their fellows.

Commander Byrd says that a year of isolation and hardship in the Arctic does things to men that are never dreamed of in ordinary life. He adds that few leaders but know of dozens of cases in which a fanatic athlete at home became a menace in the field. For instance:

The man who turns up with weak digestion or lungs; the man who goes "native"—wants to eat live and dress with native negligence; the man who becomes hysterical in a tight place and wants to fight; the man who is a secret drinker; the man who blows up when his tobacco is gone; the victim of homesickness; and, finally, the man who, when he is tired, can't stand the other fellow's banjo—or his singing.

The explorer extolls the late Floyd Bennett as his ideal of a comrade in a pinch, for Bennett's calm nerve never once deserted him in their sojourns in the Arctic.

Humanizing Immigration

In accordance with an order made public the other day by the department of labor, about 1,000 children and 100 husbands of American citizens will now be allowed to enter this country with non quota visas without further delay.

This proclamation carries into immediate effect the revisions in the immigration law made by the recent congress concerning husbands and minor children.

That is as it should be. A country has a right to say who shall come into it. Very few except extremists favor unlimited immigration.

But every law should be tempered with humanity. There is no sense in excluding minor children. They certainly will not demoralize our labor supply, and as a rule do not make undesirable citizens. A man also in Europe that wants to join his wife here is not acting suspiciously. Neither does a woman seeking to join her husband cause undue alarm.

It is a good deal of a tragedy when people who are desirous of joining their families here reach Ellis island and are turned back. Mr. Hull's order is that an unmarried child under 21 years of age or the wife of a citizen of the United States shall not be regarded as a non-quota immigrant unless provided with an immigration visa designating the holder as such, and then only when the citizenship of the alleged father or husband and his relationship to the immigrant are established to the satisfaction of the examining immigration officer.

A similar rule in regard to husbands of citizens of the United States is made. Thus the immigration officer is given opportunity to act humanely, and some scope is given to his discretion. The immigration law has a sound basis in economics and social welfare. But the humanitarian ought also to have their place. And it is manifestly unjust and a tragic hardship when people simply want to rejoin their families over here.

The solidarity of the family should be the first concern to the state and it is doubtful whether the arbitrary separation of members of the family is conducive to morals. Nowhere should the strict observance of the letter of the law be more tempered with mercy and interpreted with discretion than at the country's front door. Many stories have been published of the cruelties inflicted by the immigration department in refusing admission to the country to innocent members of a family. The immigration officers doubtless strive to do their duty, but the law should give them a little leeway, and this order of the department of labor is in line with sound public policy.

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Here Kitty!

First Lady—I saw your husband yesterday but he didn't see me.

Second Lady—I know. He told me.

Q. What proportion of the wheat crop is harvested by the combined harvester and thrasher machines?

S. H. E.

A. It is estimated that two-thirds of the wheat crop in the wheat area will be combine cut this year. A farmer with less than 100 acres uses the old methods, as the initial cost of the harvester-threshers is approximately \$2,200. The machine does the work of 20 men.

Q. When was Chief Justice White appointed a member of the United States supreme court? M. G.

A. Edward Douglas White was appointed associated justice of the supreme court February 19, 1894, by President Cleveland. He became chief justice December 12, 1910, while President Taft was in office.

SAYS JAILS ARE CRIME BREEDERS
Albany, N. Y.—A survey of New York penal institutions made by the subcommittee on penal institutions of the Baumer Crime commission resulted in the conclusion that—prisons today are breeding crime instead of reformed citizens.
Because of lack of space for shops and machinery, 2,500 inmates of state prisons are without useful employment and that is one reason why prisons are crime breeders, according to the report.
"To reform men without giving them the backing of personal habits is incredible," the report states. "With prisoners kept in idleness prisons breed crime rather than cure crime. The money loss is insignificant compared with the loss of men, not rehabilitated, not reformed, released in many cases only to start anew the cycle of crime and punishment."

WANTS FREE COLLEGE FOR U. S. 5TH CITY

Cleveland.—The educational committee of Cleveland's board of education is studying recommendations made by Mrs. Virginia D. Green, board member, for the establishment of a public college.

The college would be free as regards tuition fees and provides a four-year course with degree. It established it would probably take over the training of teachers, recently given to Western Reserve university although bitterly opposed by Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Green opined that professors in privately endowed institutions are guided by "big business interests" and "big givers." Board President E. M. Williams, however, disagreed. "There are evidences everywhere that college faculties are trying to teach the truth," he said. "Whatever may be said about rich men in America, they have kept their hands off education."

TENNIS AND AGE

William T. Tilden won the national clay-court tennis championship for the first time in 1918. He lost in 1919 and 1920, then regained the championship and still holds it. His decisive defeat in the Davis cup matches abroad, however, has caused the tennis critics to say that age had taken its toll. And that younger players must be developed if the Davis cup is to be brought back. Tilden is 35 years of age. May Sutton Bundy, Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, Molly Mallory and Eleanor Sears, now playing in the women's national tennis championship tournament in the east, are older than Tilden and some of them have passed 40. Two are mothers. As a My Sutton, Mrs. Bundy won the women's national championship in 1904. Hazel Hotchkiss won it in 1909, holding the title for three years. Mrs. Mallory, who was Molly Bjurstedt, became national champion in 1915 and retained the honor for four years after which she and Mrs. Wightman alternated until Helen Willis appeared. Mrs. Mallory took the championship again in 1926. Miss Sears was a member of the championship doubles team in 1915. If Tilden is an old man to sport at 35, then what classification may be given the women who are his seniors? No game requires more agility, good eye-sight and quick judgment than tennis. Perhaps it is a sport for youth and the stars wane quickly, but the women who are veterans are playing such tennis now as Tilden should be playing 10 or 15 years from now.

THE CAT HAD RUBBER HEELS

From the Boston Globe.
There is a saying to the effect that "possession is nine points of the law," but in these days of re-possession many strange experiences are the lot of the man whose job it is to bring back the goods. One such individual tells the story of a case wherein he had repeatedly made calls, but could never find the party at home. At least, the bell ringing was always ignored.

Noticing one day that the threshold of the front doorway was worn quite thin, so that one could look into the hallway some few inches, the collector decided to leave his card and after noisily walking down the steps returned again very quietly and saw his card being picked up.

He said nothing and when he finally gained admission, later in the week, he remarked to the woman that he had called several days earlier and found no one at home. She replied very sociably that "if I knew you must have been here because I found your card. It was in the middle of the hall floor where the cat must have pulled it in and was playing with it."

The collector looked at her very coolly, remarking, "Yes, I know. I saw his rubber heels."

On False Pretenses.
A young artist of doubtful talent was visited by a wealthy merchant. After looking at a number of pictures the business man said:

"Young man, do you sell much of your work?"

"Of course I do," the artist replied untruthfully, thinking that at last he was about to sell a picture.

"Well," said the merchant, "if you will come to my office tomorrow I will give you a good job. I have been looking for a salesman like you for years."

No Hope.
From the Pathfinder.
Doctor—You must stop drinking and smoking, give up late hours and refrain from dancing.

Patient—But I don't do any of those things.

Doctor—Then I fear there's no hope for you.

Q. When will the bridge across the Mississippi at Cape Girardeau be completed? W. J. C.
A. Its dedication is set for October. It is the only bridge across the Mississippi river between St. Louis and Memphis, is 3,413 feet in length, and cost \$1,600,000.

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Real Tolerance

Tolerance means reverence for all the possibilities of Truth; it means acknowledgment that she dwells in diverse mansions, and wears vesture of many colors, and speaks in strange tongues; it means frank respect for freedom of indwelling conscience against mechanic forms, official conventions, social force; it means the charity that is greater than even faith and hope.—Lord Morley.

The Last Laugh

The Citizen—I thought you never laughed, old man. What's the joke?
Diogenes—More'n twenty flat hunters that used to guy me have had their rent raised on 'em, and have been around here tryin' to hire or buy my tub.

Also

Grandmother—Perry, you have grown to be the living image of your father. You have your father's eyes, nose, mouth and—
Perry (gloomily)—Yes, and I have his trousers, too.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Voices of the Night

"Static?" asked Alfred.
"No," answered Eloise, "that's the electric refrigerator tuning up."

Plan to Regild Tomb of France's Great Son

After 28 years, the dome of the Invalides, beneath which lie the remains of Napoleon, in Paris, is about to be restored to its original beauty. A thick coating of gilt leaf will be placed upon it, at the expense of the French treasury, and it is understood that a special provision in the budget for next year will call for 6,000,000 francs for this purpose. The last time the dome was gilded was for the exposition of 1900 and it required a veritable army of workmen nearly six months to complete the work. It is believed that with present-day methods and special materials it can be completed in a month. The first golden coat was given to the structure in 1714 and the treasurer's records show total payments of 50,000 ecus d'or, with a supplementary daily wine ration for each of the workers. It was not until a century later, in 1813, that Napoleon I decided to spend 243,000 francs for a new coating, and this today is the most solid of all, those of 1853, 1857 and 1900 having been too lightly applied to withstand Parisian climatic changes.

Face to Face

"Do you experience stage fright in speaking over radio?"
"No," declared Senator Sorghum. "I feel as if I were speaking man to man. I classify many of my constituents as morous; who have about the same facial expression as a microphone."

Partially Identified

Sloan—Did you ever meet a fellow down there with one leg named Sanders?
Doan—(pondering)—What was the name of his other leg?

RECOMMENDS IT TO OTHERS

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helps Her So Much

Cleveland, Ohio.—"I sure recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman in the condition I was in. I was so weak and run-down that I could hardly stand up. I could not eat and was full of misery. A friend living on Arcade Avenue told me about this medicine and after taking ten bottles my weakness and nervousness are all gone. I feel like living again. I am still taking it until I feel strong like before. You may use this letter as a testimonial."—Mrs. ELIZABETH TOSO, 14913 Hale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Many-Legged Frog

Arnold Miles, son of W. E. Miles of Biddeford, Maine, is thinking of taking orders for frogs' legs. He almost decided to go into the business when he was catching frogs for pickrel bait and caught one with seven legs. He placed it in a large glass jar and now has to catch flies and bugs each day for meals for the captive.

Fast Work

Police Captain—Did you get the license number of that hit and run driver?
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