

BYRD BESIEGED WITH PLEAS FOR POLE TRIP

15,000 Thrill Hunters Want to Go With Him.

Boston.—If Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd accepted all the offers to accompany him to the South pole made since he returned from his flight to France, a city of some 15,000 persons would spring up in the Antarctic this fall; as motley and futile a community of thrill hunters as ever was assembled in one place.

There would be men of all ages, from old ones to whom the years have brought realization that they have never accomplished anything very brilliant and who wish to top their drab careers with one glorious gesture, to boys fresh on the threshold of life who see all before them only in terms of dashing adventure.

And there would be women, too: bored rich ones, with fond visions of heated igloos staffed by a retinue of servants, and there worshipping young ones with romantic notions of impossible dramas in which they would inevitably be cast as the dashing heroines.

Forty Applications a Day. Commander Byrd receives an average of 40 such applications a day, largely from people whose only common bond is their monetary desire and their almost universal undness for any expedition in which hardship, labor, technical training and perseverance under trying conditions are the

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component parts. Not all the women who write to the air conqueror of the North pole, however, want to accompany him to the frozen wastes.

Nashville, Tenn.—Although buried for centuries, two ear ornaments, carved from American walnut, were recently found in a remarkable state of preservation.

The extreme antiquity of the grave is evidenced by the fact that the bones and pottery immediately crumbled to dust when exposed to the air, but the two ear ornaments, found at either side of the skull, were still sound.

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As a matter of fact, of course, Byrd's determination to follow his urge for adventure dates back much farther than that nailed-up foot, back, at any rate, to the time when he was twelve years old that, unaccompanied, he circled the world, whose hidden places he was later to seek out from the clouds.

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HUGE REWARDS FOR "FOX" FADE

Oregon Officers Got \$3,500 Apiece of \$100,000 Promised.

Pendleton, Ore.—We didn't capture him for the reward, but after it was offered we sort of expected it.

There is no doubt as to the capture of Hickman, as is evidenced by his conviction on a charge of murder, but to date very little of the \$100,000 reward, which received so much comment, has been collected by the sturdy east Oregonian officers.

Whitening over the roads of the high plainland of Umatilla county, Lieutenant, the big curly-headed cowpuncher who left his horse for a motorcycle, is happy to be back on his old job.

"I made no plans for the money in case it materialized," Lieutenant said. "Tom and I got out of Los Angeles, where we were witnesses at the murder trial, with about \$3,500 each. For a time though it looked as if we would have to sleep on the beach and dig clams for food."

The burglar tells a similar story, with a dry smile as a hard hand rumples his wealth of iron-gray hair.

"I am not kidding," he said, being in a jovial mood, as he had just won the Republican nomination for sheriff of Umatilla county.

"The people at home know what happened and how it happened. I pride myself on being a good peace officer. I know Buck is one, too. We acted in that respect only—thinking nothing of rewards—when we captured Hickman after he had driven a stolen automobile from Los Angeles to Portland and then to Seattle, back to Portland, and up on the old Oregon trail toward eastern Oregon."

It was just outside Pendleton, known far and wide as the "Round Up" city, that Gurdane and Lieutenant captured "The Fox."

They, in common with hundreds of other peace officers, had the description of the automobile Hickman was driving, so prepared to meet it at a point where excessive speed was impossible. Meet it they did and the "Murdering Fox" had his guns taken away and was in jail almost before he knew what had happened. No false heroics or other display—just plain policeman efficiency.

"Eastern Oregon is good enough for us. We like to see quite a way when we exercise our eyes," Lieutenant and Gurdane say when asked how they enjoyed their stay in Los Angeles.

But \$7,000 for the pair who were held up once as being sure winners of rewards aggregating \$100,000 isn't much money by comparison.

Neither seems bitter. "The old job, the wife and baby, and an occasional turn on a horse big enough to carry me is quite a bit to be thankful for," Lieutenant, the handsome traffic cop, said. It is obvious that the term "big horse" is used properly, for Lieutenant weighs 220 pounds.

As for Pendletonians, they feel slightly grieved because Tom and Buck are not comparatively rich men today. "They earned it," is the attitude of Umatilla county in general. Among other things, they recall the statement of Hickman when in jail here:

"Who should get the reward? "Don't ask me questions. I drove almost the entire length of California and actually talked with Los Angeles detectives who were looking for me. I drove through southern and western Oregon, being in Portland twice, and to Seattle but I couldn't get away from that pair of eastern Oregonians.

"The reward," Hickman added at that time, "is being offered for my capture, according to the papers. Well, Tom and Buck did that and are entitled to every cent."

But approximately \$7,000 for the both, from rewards offered by newspapers, radio stations and vaudeville contracts, is all the men received. Squabbles as to division of the money took place in Los Angeles. The city council started questioning the legality of its own act of paying a reward and withheld it. Lieutenant and Gurdane grew tired and after Hickman was convicted returned home.

"Maybe the city doesn't want the money to get out of town," Gurdane said with a glint of amusement. "We'd like it but can't stagger along without it," echoes Lieutenant.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. In the Matter of the Estate of William Craig, Deceased.

SUMMONS In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. Walter A. Morris, plaintiff, vs. William Grant, the unknown heirs of William Grant; Mrs. T. J. Robinson, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court his final report and account of his administration of said estate and that Monday, the 13th day of August, 1928 at the hour of 10:00 A. M. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the County Court Room in the Court House at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon this 12th day of July A. D. 1928. Arthur Smith Administrator of said estate. W. C. Bryant Attorney for administrator. First publication July 13, 1928. Last publication August 10, 1928.

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Hits Late Comers London, England.—Englishmen who desire to see Russian actors here must be on the look out. The actors have given notice they will walk off the stage if anybody is shown to a seat during the performance.

No Profit There Pawhuska, Okla.—Court costs in a suit over ownership of a cow valued at \$45 already total \$189 and the case has yet to go to Supreme court.