

MEREDITH'S QUICK RISE TO FAME

Winner of 800 Meter Olympic Event Is Only Nineteen.

WAS TRAINED LIKE HORSE.

His Father States He Prepared Boy For Athletic Career Just in the Same Manner as He Did His Prize Winning Steeds.

James Edward Meredith, who won the 800 meter run at the Olympic games in world's record time, is only nineteen years of age, and his home is in Mifflin, Pa., where his father is a contractor. Ted, as he is known by the athletes, spent a couple of terms at the Williamson trade school learning bricklaying and in the meantime ran some races for the Aquinas Catholic club of his home city. Then he went to Mercersburg academy. Meredith did not meet defeat during the entire scholastic season.

It would be impossible to describe the joy in the home of Meredith when the news of his great victory was related to his family.

His five sisters were the first to hear the news, his father being busy on the farm, which is near Elwyn.

"Isn't that just grand?" cried one sister, while the others echoed her sentiments. "I had no idea Ed would win the race, but we were all hoping for the best. Somebody run and tell father." In the meantime Mr. Meredith strolled up to the house.

"Ed won his race, father?" cried out one of the Miss Merediths, and immediately the father quickened his pace. "Tell me all about it," said he. He smiled as he heard that his son had



Photo by American Press Association.

TED MEREDITH, WINNER OF 800 METER OLYMPIC EVENT.

not only won the race, but also had broken the world's record for the distance.

"I had Ed picked as a sure thing for one of the first three places," said Mr. Meredith. "The men I was afraid possibly would beat him out were Davernport of Chicago university and Caldwell of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, both men to expect big things of, but neither of these men was even placed in the event.

"Ed has been trained just as I trained my horses. I made no distinction at all. This method of my own in training, which has made prize winners of dozens of my horse breeds, I decided to try on my boy, and my method has been successful. I started to train Ed when he was fifteen years old, nothing very much, of course, because he was too young then, but just to keep a watchful eye on him to see that he should get the proper idea as to how to run. He had a natural inclination to this form of athletics, and merely encouraged him to continue. I saw no reason why Ed, with my previous experience to guide him, should not become a star as a runner. He is temperate in all his habits, but one thing which is generally emphasized in the training of a runner which I didn't put much stock in was the outfit. I always gave him all he could get—pie, ice cream, almost anything. There has been a story circulated that was in the habit of fastening him to the back of my dogcart whenever I went for a jog about the country, but his is not so. Of course, being in close touch with Ed and being his real trainer ever since he was a boy, I was well wised of his ability as a runner and new just what he was able to do. Consequently the news of his victory was not come as a surprise."

BALL PLAYER'S ALIBI LATEST.

The ball player's alibi is the latest. Everywhere the diamond stars are talking alibi. Fred Clarke calls it playing with the "if" deck. If a player makes a "bonehead" play he has an alibi. Ball players ridiculed by their fellows are called "alibi" "bonehead" no longer is the terrible expression. Baseball alibi means simply an excuse for a bad or dumb bit of work, and it is pointed out that a ball player who always returns to the bench with an alibi never lasts long in the majors. "Some ball players, pitchers especially, make you weary with their alibis," said Howard Cannitz recently. "The newspapers help them along with alibis. I get my beatings, and I have no excuse to offer, because baseball isn't built on alibis like criminal procedure."

"CHICK" GANDIL A STAR.

Washington's First Sacker Has Strengthened Senators' Infield.

Gandil, the Washington's first baseman—his first two names are Benedict and Arnold—seems truly a discovery. The price tags on his uniform are blurred. Some say that he cost Griffith the three players sent to Montreal and a bonus of \$9,000, and others aver that "Chick" was marked down to \$15,000. Also the Washingtonians say that the Cubs offered \$15,000 and no players and the Boston Red Sox \$8,000 and two players. The Montreal manager said that any one of these offers would be acceptable and gave Gandil his choice. Joe Yeager, the Montreal third baseman, advised him to go to Griffith, and so he did.

Gandil is fast and plays almost as deep a field as McInnes or Chase. Jack Knight's fault at first was that he was altogether too slow. Gandil has been achieving wonders with the bat as well. Griffith says that he has strengthened the senators' infield by 40 per cent.

HIGHER BERTH FOR GANZEL.

Successful Manager of Rochester's May Be in Majors Next Season.

John Ganzel, who as manager of the Rochester team of the International league, has won three pennants in succession and seems to be in a fair way to capture another this year, probably will handle a major league team next season. He didn't come up to expectations when he managed the Cincinnati Reds five years ago, but he didn't have much of a chance to prove his worth.

Ganzel has shown real merit in Rochester, however, and it is said that he has received offers from several major league clubs which are searching for managerial timber.

FAVORS HIT AND RUN PLAY.

Griffith Firm Believer in Aggressive, Dashing Style of Attack.

Clark Griffith is a firm believer in the hit and run play and will use it nine times out of ten in preference to employing the sacrifice hit. The record of sacrificing by the Washington team shows this.

The Nationals' manager believes in an aggressive, dashing style of attack, with plenty of base running and as much hitting with the runner as his team can deliver. At times pursuit of this style is disastrous, but it will win more games than it loses, according to Griffith.

RICHARDS HAD HIS DOWNS.

Olympic High Jump Winner Failed to Win Point Two Years Ago.

Alma Richards, who won the running high jump at Stockholm, breaking the Olympic record, is twenty-one years of age. He was born in Provo, Utah, and has been a student at the Brigham Young university for four years. Two years ago he failed to score at the track meet. The following spring he won every event in which he entered.

Tennis Tournaments at Night.

Cleveland is meeting with success in conducting tennis tournaments by electric light. An electric company of that city makes the announcement that it has perfected a method of scientific tennis court illumination for night play and that the tests of actual use have revealed not a single flaw in the plan.

Will Larned Defend Title?

Speculation is rife as to whether William A. Larned will defend his title of champion lawn tennis player of the country by working through the national championship at Newport in August, which he must do if he elects to go after the laurel this year.

To Build Athletic Field.

University of California has been given \$750,000 for the equipment of a new athletic field. The field and gymnasium will not be completed until 1915.

Germany Has New Stadium.

Berlin, Germany, has a new \$300,000 stadium, where it hopes to conduct the 1936 Olympic games.

Football in Denmark.

In Denmark the state takes 20 per cent of the gross receipts at football matches.

Thirty 2x05 Trotters.

These are only thirty trotters who have covered a mile in 2:05.

How Major Butt Went to Death With a Smile

"Goodby; Remember Me to All the the Folks Back Home." Were the Last Words of the Author of "Both Sides of the Shield."

Major Archibald Willingham Butt, one of the greatest heroes of the Titanic disaster and author of the serial story "On Both Sides of the Shield," was born in Augusta, Ga., on Sept. 26, 1866. His early life was spent in Georgia, and he later attended the University of the South. The major's military career began in 1900, when he was appointed assistant quartermaster in the volunteer forces with the rank of captain. A year later he was commissioned a quartermaster in the regular United States army with the same rank. He served as a quartermaster in the Philippine Islands from 1900 to 1903. From Manila he was transferred to Washington, where he became depot quartermaster. In 1906 he went to Havana to fill the same position in that city, but returned to Washington in 1908, when he became personal aid to President Roosevelt. When Taft was



Major Archibald W. Butt. [The smaller picture shows Major Butt on guard beside the president.]

ected president he retained Butt in the same capacity. During the winter of 1911 he was raised to the position of major.

His death occurred on the 14th of April, when the giant liner Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in midocean with 1,500 persons. It was Major Butt's calmness in this crisis that stamped him as a hero.

Mrs. Henry B. Harris of Washington, a survivor of the Titanic, in speaking of his bravery said:

"This whole world should rise in praise of Major Butt. That man's conduct will remain in my memory forever—the way he showed some of the other men how to behave when women and children were suffering that awful mental fear that came when we had to be huddled in those boats. Major Butt was near me, and I know very nearly everything he did. "When the order to take to the boats came he became as one in supreme command. You would have thought he was at a White House reception, so cool and calm was he. A dozen or so women became hysterical all at once as something connected with a lifeboat went wrong. Major Butt stepped to them and said: 'Really, you must not act like that. We are all going to see you through this thing.' He helped the sailors rearrange the rope or chain that had gone wrong and lifted some of the women in with gallantry. His was the manner we associate with the word aristocrat.

"When the time came for it he was a man to be feared. In one of the earlier boats fifty women, it seemed, were about to be lowered when a man, suddenly panic stricken, ran to the stern of it. Major Butt shot one arm out, caught him by the neck and jerked him backward like a pillow. His head cracked against a rail, and he was stunned.

"Sorry," said Major Butt. "Women will be attended to first or I'll break every bone in your body."

"The boats were lowered away one by one, and as I stood by my husband he said to me, 'Thank God for Archie Butt! Perhaps Major Butt heard it, for he turned his face toward us for a second. Just at that time a young man was arguing to get into a lifeboat, and Butt had hold of the lad by the arm like a big brother and appeared to be telling him to keep his head.

"I was one of three first cabin women in our collapsible boat. The rest were steerage people. Major Butt helped those poor frightened people so wonderfully, tenderly, and yet with such cool and manly firmness. He was a soldier to the last."

Miss Marie Young, a former resident of Washington, is believed to have been the last woman to leave the Titanic and the last of the survivors to have talked with the president's military aid. Miss Young gave this account of Butt's actions:

"The last person to whom I spoke on board the Titanic was Archie Butt, and his good, brave face smiling at me from the deck of the steamer was the

last I could distinguish as the boat I was in pulled away. Archie himself put me into the boat, wrapped blankets around me and tucked me in as carefully as if we were starting on a motor ride. He himself entered the boat with me to help me get fixed and with a smiling face as if death was far away.

"When he had carefully wrapped me up he stepped upon the gunwale of the boat and, lifting his hat, smiled down at me.

"Goodby, Miss Young," he said. "Luck is with you. Will you kindly remember me to all the folks back home?"

"Then he stepped to the deck of the steamer, and the boat I was in was lowered to the water."

It was Major Butt's literary ability more than his military prowess and integrity that won him the coveted position of aid to President Roosevelt.

It was when Butt's famous serial story, "On Both Sides of the Shield," was published that Roosevelt declared he considered the major the best delineator of life in the south that he had ever read.

A meeting between the two men followed soon after this, and the president was so impressed by Major Butt's manner that he afterward recalled him from Havana and offered him the post that he held to this day.

Where Milton Lived.

It was in petty France, now York, street that Milton lived when he quitted in 1651 his official house in Scotland Yard. It was a "pretty garden house next to Lord Scudamore's and opening into the park." Here he lost his sight, there his daughter, Deborah, was born; there in 1658, "sightless and dark," he followed his beloved wife, Katherine Woodcocke, whom he had brought thither scarce a year before from the altar, to her grave in St. Margaret's. The house was occupied by William Hazlitt in 1811 after his marriage, and he put up a tablet, "Sacred to Milton, Prince of Poets." Jeremy Bentham, who owned the house, used frequently to make visitors kneel before a cotton willow tree that was said to have been planted by the poet. But when the professor of utilitarianism proposed to cut it down William Hazlitt interfered in indignation, as may be read in his "Spirit of the Age." The site is now covered by Queen Anne mansions.—Westminster Gazette.

What Made Paris.

"What do you consider the most important event in the history of Paris?" "Well," replied the tourist who had grown weary of distributing tips, "so far as financial prosperity is concerned, I should say the discovery of America was the making of this town."—Washington Star.

"GIRL FROM WYOMING" TOOK 8,100 MILE RIDE.

Miss Claire Ended Long Horseback Trip in New York.

Miss Alberta Claire, known throughout the United States as "the girl from Wyoming," arrived recently in New York, thus completing a horseback trip of more than 8,100 miles. Miss Claire is only four feet eleven inches in height and weighs just 100 pounds. She started from Sheridan, Wyo., rode to Portland, Ore., and thence to Los Angeles. Then she began the long trip across the continent to Buffalo. From Buffalo she rode to Philadelphia and from there to New York.

To prove that Miss Claire has actually ridden all the way her press agent offers signed statements of the railroad station agents in every town through which she has passed and has also certificates from the mayors of various municipalities. The entire trip was made on one horse, and Miss Claire has thousands of photographs taken in towns and hamlets along the route to verify this statement as well.

The young woman has been accompanied on the trip by a large dog, an Alaskan "husky," half wolf and half Newfoundland, of the type used for drawing sledges in the arctic regions. The dog is accustomed to making long journeys and was with his mistress throughout the ride, except for that part of the trip which lay across southern California and Arizona, through the Mohave desert and Death valley. In traversing the deserts Miss Claire was compelled to carry water for herself and her horse and did not feel that her horse could carry an additional supply for the dog, so he was shipped ahead by railroad over this part of the journey.

Miss Claire's longest ride in a single day was from Youngstown, O., to Pittsburgh, a distance of seventy-three miles, which she accomplished in nine hours and fifteen minutes.

MAMMOTH CAVE HAS RIVAL.

Wonderful Hole in the Ground Discovered in Southern Arizona.

One of the most wonderful caves in the world has been found in southern Arizona. Unnamed, unexplored and almost unknown is the vast cavern. Only a few persons have dared to enter to view its grandeur and study the wondrous work of nature. This cave lies in the foothills of the Huachuca mountains, about forty miles northwest of Nogales, Santa Cruz county. Exploring parties have entered and spent days inside, but none has ever discovered the end. They report passageways, rooms and chambers innumerable. One room has a level and smooth floor, and they call it the dance hall, and there are unfathomed pits and chasms.

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