

Leigh Wade, "Flying Sheik," Inspired to Adventure by Moon and Maiden

Left His Home for Harvest Fields to Win Love of Girl

Lured From Drugstore, After Proving His Ability to Do a Man's Work, to Mexican Border.

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Just south of Kalamazoo is Cassopolis. Hitherto the latter has been completely overshadowed by the international fame of the former. But henceforth Cassopolis will have more assurance of occupying a place in history than Kalamazoo, for Cassopolis is the home of a young man whose name will always be associated with those of the greatest navigators and explorers of all time.

In the words of Arthur Brisbane, "History will forever record, if only in two lines, the dates and names connected with the first human flight around the world." And among these was Lieut. Leigh Wade of Cassopolis.

Leigh Wade was the pilot of the ill-fated world cruiser Boston that went down in the North Atlantic. Everything on board was lost excepting the mascots, two stuffed monkeys that Leigh and his flying associate, "Hank" Ogden, insisted on rescuing. But in recognition of the wonderful flight that Wade and Ogden had made, a second plane, the Boston II, was sent north so that they could continue the flight.

Leigh, or rather "Happy" as this "flying sheik" is known to his friends, has flown nearly every contrivance both safe and unsafe that was ever designed to leave the ground. Before he was selected to circumnavigate the world by air Leigh was one of the chief test pilots in the United States air service.



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Broncho Breaking Relatively Tame.

Breaking bronchos, as most of us know, is a dangerous game. But compared to testing new airplanes that have never before been off the ground and that may be improperly designed or faulty in construction, breaking untamed mustangs is a harmless pastime fit only for kindergarten children.

So Leigh Wade had had more thrills in his short career before he set forth to fly around the globe than a hundred of the most of us have to our combined lives.

On his mother's side of the family Leigh's ancestors came over on the Mayflower and were of the old English nobility. His father's parents and relatives were Canadians. Leigh was born on a farm three miles from Cassopolis, Mich., on February 2, 1897. He attended the traditional little red country school house and got his first taste of town life when he went to high school in Cassopolis. Mathematics was about the only study that interested him, but whatever enthusiasm he may have lacked regarding his other classes he more than made up with the enthusiasm that he put into sports.

Moonlight and Maid.

His first adventure was inspired just as adventures are usually inspired—by moonlight and a fair maiden. Leigh met and wooed the young lady on one of Cassopolis' picturesque lakes near Michigan's one moonlight night.

Instead of accepting his suggestion that they elope to Kalamazoo, the young lady, who happened to be the badlands of Dakota, dared Leigh to go out west and first demonstrate to her that he was not a tenderfoot by doing a man's work harvesting on one of the great grain ranches.

"Happy" Leigh took the dare, caught the next train, and liked Dakota so well that he soon forgot the maid whom he had met in the moonlight back at Cassopolis.

After the work of harvesting was over he entered upon the slightly less rugged pursuit of mixing ice cream sodas in a drug store. His dream of becoming a druggist went up in the smoke of war when the boys of Edgeley, N. D., lured him into the First North Dakota Infantry of the national guard.

He went with this organization to the Mexican border near Brownsville to lead General Pershing's band in corralling the elusive Pancho Villa, in whose air force Wade's future world flight commander, Lieut. Lowell Smith, had been serving.

As soon as Uncle Sam lined up with the allies "Happy" Leigh volunteered for the air service and went to Toronto to do his training with the royal air force. Although up to that time he had never been in an airplane, he took to the air naturally. He usually takes a bird.

Instructor at Issoudun.

After instructing in Texas for a short while he was ordered to France and made a great record as an instructor on Niéperts at Issoudun, the largest American army aerial instruction center. Later he was one of two pilots selected to start acrobatic instruction—looping, sideslips, Immelman turns, vertical banks, tail spins, nose dives, and all of the other stunts that pilots might be obliged to use in combat work over the lines.

Not long afterward he was ordered to Paris and given his first appointment as a test pilot to try out the planes America was buying from the French. He held this job until the armistice. Before returning to America he spent months in acrobatic France, picking up airplanes left here and there, and flying them in to the main depot at Romorantin, near Tours.

Also he would go up to the frontier and fly back to the plane that the Germans were surrendering to the allies. By the time he had been ordered home he had flown just about everything in Europe that was flyable.

Upon arrival in America he was appointed as an experimental test

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hopping over several fences and a ditch he still managed to keep her right side up.

Another time when flying at an altitude of 2,000 feet a crankshaft broke and tore the engine apart so that it caught fire. But with the flames creeping nearer and nearer to his cockpit, Leigh maintained enough presence of mind to make a fair land-



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plotted at McCook field, Dayton, O. There he flew pursuit planes and bombers of all types.

Among other things, he did a good deal of altitude work on large planes and established an altitude record of 27,120 feet with a multi-motored plane—a record that still stands. In making this flight he froze his face severely. "Happy" Leigh's work pro-

vided him with enough thrills to satisfy any man.

One of his pals had been killed the year before, and a spot had been left where the crash occurred. One day Leigh went up to try out a new pursuit plane. At about 2,500 feet while doing a nose dive to test the ailerons the latter locked tight and wouldn't budge. The plane kept on diving straight toward the earth at terrific speed. He was descending right over the place where his friend had met his death.

Would Be Grease Spot.

"I could see the spot," said Leigh, "and I thought surely I was going to hit it. I kept saying over and over to myself, 'Well, I guess I'm going to make another grease spot just like Mac's.'"

But about 20 feet from the ground, by sheer brute strength exerted on the controls, he pulled her out of the dive.

A few weeks later one of his associates, a test pilot by the name of Lieut. Harold Harris, was up in this same plane when the ailerons locked again and the plane got out of control.

Harris jumped, and was the service to save his life with a parachute in an airplane disaster.

On another occasion Leigh was testing out a propeller when it flew to pieces. He happened to be flying over a speed course at an altitude of only 10 feet. The propeller tore out the entire front of the engine. But Wade landed in some grass, and after

ing, shouted to some farmers standing nearby to form a bucket brigade, and then proceeded to put out the blaze. When the fire was finally extinguished he was so black that a farmer's wife thought him a colored aviator and was astonished when the black all washed off.

Like most of the other world fliers, Lieut. Wade never dreamed of being selected for the greatest honor in the history of aviation. But if ever a man deserved such recognition it was "Happy" Leigh.

He has devoted almost his entire career in the air to testing and taking the "bugs" out of new planes so that the rest of the fellows in the service might run as little chance as possible of getting "bumped off."

His experiences on the round-the-world flight were even more harrowing than all that he had gone through as a test pilot.

"They were more harrowing," says Leigh, "because we were nearly always cruising over unknown territory and we were under an added strain because our work was never done at the end of each day's flight. The story of how he was shipped over the North Atlantic and of how he was rescued, in company with Lieutenant Ogden, is an epic that we are going to follow as it is told by the two world fliers themselves."

Read the next installment of the thrilling story of the round-the-world flight in The Omaha Bee tomorrow.

Nebraska News

Nubbins

Beatrice.—Hattie Davis has filed suit for divorce in the district court against William T. Davis, charging cruelty and non-support. They were married at Wellington, Kan., September 13, 1919.

Beatrice.—E. J. Lewis, living east of Holmesville, will soon retire from the farm to take clerkship in the Beatrice postoffice, having recently passed a successful examination.

Humboldt.—Schools of the city were dismissed on Wednesday for the remainder of the week, observing Thanksgiving season.

Beatrice.—George Tucker was arrested here today and taken to Marysville, Kan., to answer a charge of obtaining a \$55 gold watch under false pretenses. According to the officers, he arranged to go to work for the Union Pacific road and after obtaining an order for the watch disappeared.

Humboldt.—The Richardson county community council has adopted a proposed means of checking fraudulent incursions of canvassers, stock salesmen and solicitors for charitable enterprises of questionable worth. A committee of one from each town of the county has been appointed to cooperate in the several communities with the people and with the committee at large.

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POULTRY SHOW

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Nebraska State Game Display

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16TH AND DOUGLAS

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Admission 25c Open 10:30 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.

Two Bandits Rob Welch Cafeteria; Escape With \$50

Cooks and Waiters Not Even Aware Cashier Is Being Covered by Two Guns; Flee in Car.

Two bandits staged a lightning-like holdup in the brightly lighted Welch restaurant at 1706 Douglas street at 4:15 a. m. Wednesday and escaped with \$50, stolen from the cash register, before employees at the rear of the place knew what had happened.

The two men entered the restaurant shortly before 4 a. m. and ordered and ate a light meal. As they walked to the cash register, located beside the large window opening on Douglas street they suddenly whipped out guns and covered J. W. Shepard, the night cashier, and a customer, Frank G. Morse, 1911 Chicago street, who was seated near the counter.

Patron Not Searched.

A cook, waiter and bus boy behind the counter at the rear of the room knew nothing of the robbery as the two men forced Shepard to hand over all the cash in the till. Morse was ordered to remain in his chair and was not searched.

Stuffing the bills and silver into their pockets, the bandits commanded Shepard and Morse to remain where they were, and walked out the door in a leisurely manner, with the guns covering the cashier through their pockets.

Leap Into Car.

Once outside, the bandits leaped into a parked touring car, started the motor and raced west on Douglas street.

Shepard and Morse ran into the street in an effort to obtain the license number, but were unable to see it. They were unable to recognize the make of the car.

A good description of both bandits was given to police.

STATE HAS CAUSE TO REJOICE NOW

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600,000 bushels for that period last year and but 67,573,800 bushels for all of 1923. Those 68,000,000 bushels this year brought much higher prices than the 67,000,000 bushels last year.

By reason of the increased popularity of Omaha's livestock market, this city now stands incontrovertibly as second livestock center of the country with receipts 25 per cent greater than Kansas City, its nearest competitor. Receipts for the 10 months were 14,441 head greater than last year and the total for that period, 7,422,392 head, is 85 per cent of the 1923 total of 8,428,889 head.

Reflection of this confidence in the business situation is again shown in the revival of activity in the building trades. Although Omaha's total value in building permits for the first six months this year were 27 per cent less than for the first half of 1923, activity in this line has gained such momentum in the last four months that the 1924 total may equal if not exceed the record of \$13,908,892 made in 1923. The total value of building permits for the first 10 months this year is \$11,910,038, or 91 per cent of the 12 months' total in 1923.

Retailers and wholesalers alike are jubilant over their steadily growing business, and the same holds true for Omaha's many manufacturing plants. This, in turn, reaches from the employer to the humblest employe, for hand in hand with the upward swing of business comes steady employment to the wage earner as well as the salaried man.

World War Soldier Dies.

Falls City, Nov. 26.—Samuel Randolph, 35, of Rulo, who was gassed while fighting with Company E, Thirty-fifth infantry, during the world war, died of uremia in the local hospital. He was the son of J. A. Randolph of Rulo. Former "buddies" acted as pallbearers at the military funeral.

Alcohol Blast Kills One.

Hannibal, Mo., Nov. 26.—Mr. Edward L. Love was burned to death and her husband is in a critical condition, following the explosion of a bottle of alcohol at their home.

Gifty Gifts

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Another Foreign Tennis Player Wins Heart of American Heiress

Frank J. Gould Opposes Match Between His Daughter, Dorothy, and Count De Graffenreid of Switzerland; Her Mother Approves.

BY C. F. BERTELLI, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Nov. 26.—After Millicent Rogers, Dorothy Gould, Count de Salm von Hoogstraeten, Millicent de Graffenreid.

Both Millicent and Dorothy are wealthy American society girls. Both Count Salm and Count Graffenreid are famous tennis players. The question in society now is: "Is tennis the royal way to the hearts of heiresses?"

As in the famous romance of Count Salm and the heiress to the millions of Col. H. H. Rogers, Dorothy Gould has a stern father, Frank J. Gould, who obstinately opposes the suit of Count Graffenreid, even threatening to cut off her allowance unless she breaks off the engagement, which, up to the present time, has been a secret.

Unlike Millicent, however, Dorothy has a mother, now Princess

AD CLUB LAUNCHED TO BOOST HASTINGS

Hastings, Nov. 26.—Representatives of the retail and distributing interests of Hastings have organized the Hastings Ad club with a charter membership exceeding the requirements for affiliation with the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

Fifty persons have either signed the roll or signified their willingness to do so.

H. E. Rigert was elected president. Other officers chosen are Ray Johnson, secretary; Louis Stein, R. E. Johnson, C. C. Chapman, L. L. Cady and C. R. Mathieson, directors.

It is the purpose of the club to bring experts here from time to time to address the members on advertising, and it will carry on a campaign of publicity for the community as a whole.

The advent of the club has been hailed as one of the most important events in the history of Hastings for the advancement of the city.

YOUNG IMMIGRANT DELAYED 6 MONTHS

Fairbury, Nov. 26.—Harry Harswick, 18, native of Bergen, Norway, arrived in America recently to make his home with his uncle, Nels Harswick, traveling salesman for the Fairbury Windmill company.

The boy sailed from Bergen October 20 and was on the water nine days. Mr. Harswick sent him a ticket in April and he was delayed six months due to the limitation of immigration from Norway to 665 a month.

Court Will Decide to Whom Reward Should Be Paid

Bridgeport, Nov. 26.—County commissioners of Scotts Bluff county have refused to pay the \$300 reward offered for the apprehension of the slayer of Policeman A. W. Peterson to Arthur Braman of Mitchell, one of the men in the hunt that ended in the death of Frank Allen, the slayer, while resisting arrest. Braman has appealed to the district court. The board claims it is willing to pay the advertised reward, just as soon as it is demonstrated who is entitled to it, as there were several officers engaged in the hunt for Allen, that resulted in his death.

Fire Damages Club House.

Beatrice, Nov. 26.—Fire starting in the athletic room of the Eagles' club on North Sixth street damaged the furniture and fixtures considerably. A match thrown on the waxed floor which had been prepared for dancing is thought to have caused the blaze.

Boy Scouts to Conduct Gering Clean-Up Campaign

Gering, Nov. 26.—Failure or refusal of owners to clean vacant lots of weeds and trash has resulted in the city council making a contract with Boy Scouts to do the work, for which the city will pay them, and charge the cost against the property in the form of taxes. The boys will also burn weeds and cart away trash from premises where the citizens prepare it in convenient form to be handled.

Epidemic Closes School.

Columbus, Nov. 26.—Mumps, which cut down the attendance from 26 to five pupils in rural school district No. 2, six miles northeast of Columbus, have resulted in temporarily closing the school. Miss Martha Johannes, Columbus, is instructor.

Egypt Protest to League Over British Demand

Geneva Puzzled by Situation; English Troops gain Parade Streets of Cairo.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Geneva, Nov. 26.—A telegram of protest against the British action in Egypt following the assassination of the sultan, Sir Lee Stack, was received today by the secretary of the league of nations from the Egyptian parliament under the signature of the president of that body.

The league officials seem in doubt as to what to do with the communication, coming as it does from the parliament and not from the Egyptian government.

Whether it shall be distributed officially to the members of the league council, which is meeting shortly in Rome, has not yet been determined, but officials this morning expressed the opinion that the document would be transmitted to all the members of the league for their information.

Columbus Elks to Help Pay Salary of Red Cross Nurse

Columbus, Nov. 26.—Columbus Elks will give financial assistance to the Platte county Red Cross chapter in order that the latter organization can keep a county nurse on the job next year. The Red Cross drive here failed to yield enough funds to defray a nurse's salary for the next year.

Four Children Motherless.

Columbus, Nov. 26.—Four children, the eldest 6 years old and the youngest 5 weeks, were left motherless when Mrs. Rudolph Lips, 25, died at Columbus hospital following an illness of only 72 hours. Death was due to peritonitis. Besides the four little children she leaves a husband and her mother.

THE BRANDEIS STORE

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Thursday, November 27

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