# The Wade KIDNAP Gase

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#### "HIS WARD AND I"

Major Mosson heaved himself to his fully accepted. depth you won't find that postmark any nearly collided with outside the assist- Felicite Delbos, unexpectedly blonde, good as a clue. There are other ways ant commissioner's room came to greet with that cream and roses complexion of getting used stamps than by making him a long trip to post a letter from an Bellair Proome was as unusual as his English," although as enviably uncom-

back to mention that Sir Timothy Wade him. lived at Epworth. "That, er, flair," The major was favourably impressed, quality which ingenders confidence. instinct."

outside smartly.

clusters of houses right away from the count. beaten track such as one still comes "A detective must have a naturally "We have been anxious," she ampli-

driven down in his own car because away he saw what advantages might there was no railway station nearer accrue from approaching the police at Broome." than two miles, and the Wade residence this stage. First, it would lead the the village.

stead of the familiar tarmac, his wheels for disappearing. hummed on old-fashioned water-bound of Sir Timothy Wade.

lodge gates, for, serving a few widely- visitor quizzically. "I see," he remark- An absent office boy causes more disseparated farms, it meandered on to ed, easily, "that you are already sizing location. Nowadays uncle has only to Canada had just one military aviator. join the main Leatherhead road an- me up. What your conclusions are take it easy and wait for the millions In 1918 there were 10,000 of them in other mile or so away.

investigation presented itself on the an employer. Major's arrival for Bellair Broome had not yet come back from London. He was expected on the mid-day train, a car having already gone to Epworth Miss Felicite Delbos.' station to meet him.

Mosson did not wish to state his business, so merely said that he desired to see Mr. Broome rather urgently.

A footman ushered him into a pleasant apartment overlocking a sweep of turf bounded by well tended flower beds. Presently a maid offered whisky



| and soda, a hospitable gesture he grate- | know where we stand."

acquired pins-and-needles. "A really the drink an enormous motor-car came | Timothy. Now, suppose we go and look efficient kidnapper, or hang of kid- arrogantly up the drive, which could be at the conservatory. It ought to internappers, would watch points like that," seen to the right of the lawns, and, a est you." he said softly. "Unless I'm out of my few moments later, the man he had On the way they were joined by

obscure village. Picking a suitable name. Tall, but well built, he had the mon in its native land as anywhere specimen from a collection of waste, bearing of an athlete. There was else. for instance. And talking of waste nothing of the studious type often asso- "Very glad you've come," she exreminds me that's what I'm doing with clated with private secretaryship. His claimed, with a welcoming smile. handclasp was firm and his keen eyes Women so often did brighten up at the He had the door open before the were rook steady. Not the sort of man sight of Mosson, who at well-establish-Assistant Commissioner called him to betray a confidence, by the look of ed middle-age retained an upright

he added, "comes in handy at times though the police work made him real- So far as he was able to judge, she but it won't lead you to places by ize that likeable looking individuals must have been in the early twenties, could not always be taken on their face | perhaps a few years younger than Bel-"I'd have asked a policeman, if I value. For the time being he was pre- lair Broome. Despite her fair colourcould have found one round about this pared to keep an open mind. After all ing, there was nothing insipid about place," Mosson retorted, and ducked Broome had raised the matter of pos- her, nor could the description of "pretsible foul play, which was in his favour. ty" suitably be applied. Her face show-Epworth wasn't so easy to find, even But if Sir Timothy Wade had been ed character, and the firm lines of the with the aid of a lange-scale road map. spirited away the time must inevitably chin probably came from the Wade The village was one of those little come when it would be turned to ac- side of the family, whose strong-mind-

Major Mosson was glad he had had never forgotten that. Straight thing is wrong." slipping back to the pre-war age. In- Wade himself had some ulterior motive his friends and business associates."

macadam, and there were high untrim- to enter his mind, Mosson countered a concern would be serious." med hedges on both sides. Judging by them with ready objectives. Further She laughed. "That shows you don't the excellent surface little traffic pass- secrecy might be an assist to either know how big business is conducted," in the Last War ed that way. Later he was to find that criminals or an absconding financial she replied. "Uncle had to work frightthe highway, though a public thor- magnate. A ransom might be expected fully hard in his younger days. Now oughfare, was virtually a drive to "Fair- to be negotiated by a third party with there are executives and goodness clough," the handsome Victorian home the police kept strictly out of the pic- knows who to do all the work. I've

don't worry me in the slightest. Sir to flow into his coffers." An unexpected obstacle to immediate Timothy is, to me, something more than "Millions?" the major repeated, with it no discredit to the Canadian Corps,

> "A friend?" "I'm not sure. To tell the truth I am in love with his niece and ward, rich. One of the wealthiest men in the It is a fact disclosed in the war that

FLEHRING-EATING FLOWER "Delbos? A French name, isn't it?"

"Sir Timothy's sister married a Frenchman. The parents died some years ago."

"I see. And mademoiselle ---?" "Miss Delbos. Felicite has been barrassment. "Naturally the question is difficult; one traditionally beloved by money as a barrier. I am not a poor man, and if Sir Timothy raises objec- although it rang so hollow.

"You are very communicative, Mr Broome!"

"Don't you agree that it is as well I should be?"

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"Quite so, sir. You could easily find feet, ruefully rubbing a leg which had While the Major was still enjoying a motive for my interfering with Sir

admired all over the world as "typically

soldierly bearing, and possessed that

edness was a byword.

across in Surrey, in spite of the ever suspicious mind," Capt. Caythers had fied. "My uncle has never gone off like questing tentacles of London's suburbs. once laid down as an axiom. Mosson this before, so we both feel sure some-

"'Both', meaning yourself and Mr.

"Yes. Nobody else has been consultwas at least a mile farther away from scent away from any implicated insider. ed until we decided to approach Scot-Second, it would open up ransom pro- land Yard direct. The servants take it Getting off the main road was like ceedings. Third, it could be a blind if for granted that he is on holiday, so do

As soon as he allowed these suspicions | pected absence of the head of so large

often told him he's the last man in the Not that it merely finished at the Bellair Broome was regarding the whole concern who would be missed.

ing in hundreds.

country."

exceedingly prosperous. That is worth not have so distinguished themselves noting in case you had any-er-cus- in any other arm of warfare. It is altomary suspicions."

financial stability could be taken on than others, and it is not unduly boasttrust. It would, however, be verified ful to say that no airmen ever more brought up as an Englishwoman. She as a matter of routine. As tactfully as distinguished themselves than the Canreturns my affection, if that was what possible he put several questions rela- adian fliers, and that, as a nation, none you were going to ask." He gave the tive to possible motives for his volun- other seems to have become so aira blank wall every time.

the novelist. But we do not regard have been forcibly removed, or else the little or no flying instinct. Why Canexplanation in the letter was genuine, adians have excelled, we do not know.

placed. It hung down low enough for own. Initiative plays a large part in the basket to be grasped, so it was quite his success. He becomes a gladiator conceivable that it should have been rather than a solider in the ranks or dislodged during a struggle, especially a captain on the bridge of his ship by an arm thrust sharply upwards.

son, edged with a white tooth-like Latin came back to mind. Odontoglossum, wasn't it? And Odonto had

to do with teeth. Carefully removing it from the hook he brought the plant down for more comfortable examination. Splashes of a dark substance on one of the leaves attracted his attention.

A SECOND NOTE "Looks like blood!" he said, pointing

"I expect it is blood," Broome replied. "Like many other orchids this one is carnivorous."

"What?" "Don't be alarmed. It hasn't attacked Sir Timothy and gobbled him up whole. Those things don't happen commissioner. The stamp, too, was attacked this machine and after a short in real life and the largest meat-eating carefully gummed well up in the right- burst it broke up in the air. At the flowers known can only deal with fice hand corner where there was no white- same time a Fokker biplane attacked and small birds. The gardener feeds it with chopped liver."

"Ugh!" Mosson shuddered. "So that is Berenice Farlane! Not at all an engaging young lady."

you say that," Felicite observed. "Berenice is his latest and greatest love. He paid nearly £1,000 for it."

and breath the purer air. Broome and true the girl remained behind so he could decide whether it was possible to see through the glass panes. Finding this thick foliage did form some obstruction this into one pound Treasury notes it would be manifestly impossible for and await for further instruction .- T. anything to take place unobserved by w" anyone in the vicinity.

Mosson sighed. The puzzle seemed the white notepaper. far too difficult. And, for the time "Now we're getting somewhere," Mosbeing, action was prevented by uncer- son exclaimed. "Looks as if you're tainty. They could not say for certain right and this is the ransom to be paid that Sir Timothy had met with any when the kidnappers' plans are per-

Was he, for instance, still alive? The

Work of Women Territorials Interests King



England's women since the war began have been organized for service and put into uniform as essential adjuncts of the army. Probably the largest women's organization is the Auxiliary Territorial Service, one of whose duties is to feed the troops while they remain in England. Here the King gets details of A. T. S. work from Company Commander Mrs. Arthur Corbett during his recent military tour of southern England.

Canada as a whole from receiving the

memorable exploits. No official figures

were ever issued, but when the war

ended it was known that from 25 to 30

per cent of the Royal Air Force were

the present war the percentage will be

still greater, and it may well be that

in Canada will prove a decisive influ-

ence. Canada's war effort in the air

will dwarf her previous magnificent

First Air Fighters

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But it was not until the war was far

advanced that Canadians began to hear

the names of Bishop, Barker, Colli-

shaw, Rosevear and those other gallant

and indomitable Canadians who took

In the annals of modern war there is

in official language than that of Major

shoot down the enemy aeroplane in

aeroplanes

the planes built and the men trained

### "I should have thought the unex- Canadian Airmen **Made Great Name**

Notable Record of Airmen from the Dominion.

(By J. V. McAree)

When the Great War broke out training in Canadian camps. We think the awe of a man accustomed to think- whose deeds are an imperishable part of our history, if we say that the very "I'm affraid so. Uncle is disgustingly elite of our warriors were the airmen. there are some young men who have "The business," Broome broke in, "is a special aptitude for flying who might so true that some nations have shown Mosson felt that Sir Timothy Wade's a greater aptitude for aerial warfare explanation without any trace of em- tary departure, only to come up against minded. Conversely, it has been established that the Japs, however good Broome insisted the man must either soldiers and seamen they may be, have We merely guess that in aerial wartions we shall go our own way for all | The disturbed orchid had been re- fare a man is for the most part on his

No Canadian Air Force Standing on a short pair of garden | Canada's war fliers won their reputa-Major Mosson's eyes rested medita- steps the major was able to see where tion in the face of many discouragetively on the speaker. Then he blinked one of the blooms had been snapped off. ments. There was no separate Canaunder the steadily returned stare. as well as a number of bruised leaves. dian flying unit. The airmen were "M'yes," he murmured. "At least we To his way of thinking it was an not attached to the Canadian Army. ugly plant, with fleshy leaves and blos- They were merged with British forces soms shaped very much like gigantic on all fronts. This was because Gensnapdragons. In colouring these had a eral Haiz and Sir Sam Hughes, for base of pinky-brown slotched with some reason never wholly justified, venomous looking gouts of blood red. wanted it that way, even when the The "mouth," too, was lined with crim- time came when there were plenty of

> letter could be a forgery to cover up Some recollection of his schoolday murder. Such a supposition was startling but, he felt, even less so than the kidnapping one. rank with the great British aces like

> > Rejoining Broome and the girl, he Ball, McCudden, Fullard and Matnock. strolled with them back to the house. If we are not mistaken when the war A pile of letters had been placed on a ended Colonel Bishop, V.C., had actable during their absence. counted for 72 enemy planes, and ac-

> > With professional efficiency the se- cording to an official citation "his cretary began sorting them out, hesi- value as a moral factor to the Royal tating suddenly as he came upon one Air Force cannot be over-estimated." addressed to him personally.

> > "In Sir Timothy's handwriting," he surely no more thrilling event described

Before opening the envelope he pass- William George Barker, V.C.: ed it over to Mosson, who noted grimly "On the morning of Oct. 27, 1918, that it appeared to be the same texture this officer observed an enemy twoas that shown him by the assistant seater above the Foret de Mormal. He edging to show on two of the sides. It him and he was wounded in the right was postmarked "Brighton," and the thigh, but managed despite that to date was smudged.

This time there had been careless- flames. He then found himself in the ness. Brighton was a large town with middle of a large formation of Fok-"It is a good job my uncle can't hear a machine canceller, so that the be- kers, who attacked him from all direcginning of a group of wavy lines near tions, and was again severely wounded the central circle should have extend- in the left thigh, but succeeded in ed well on to the envelope. They were driving two of the enemy down in a missing, and there was no indication of Major Mosson was glad to get outside the sorting office machine being out of

Broome accepted it back and took out

"Dear Broome," he read, "I encut did not take long for, although close a cheque for £25,000. Please cash

A pink slip was neatly folded with

fected."

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mation, and singling out one machine war may entail." he deliberately charged and drove it down in flames. During this fight his est machine and shot it down in flames. Being greatly exhausted, he dived out for that aid to be given. of the fight to regain our lines, but was met by another formation, which attacked and endeavoured to cut him off, but after a hard fight he succeeded in breaking up this formation and reached our lines, where he crashed on larri-

Too Old At 49

One of these great Canadian flying men, Roy Brown, who brought down von Richthofen, Germany's greatest air fighter, was rejected the other day when he offered his services to the air corps because he was too cld. He is 49. It seems to us that while a man in his late forties may be too old for modern aerial conflict he ought to be of inestimable value as a trainer for the actual combatant. Canada has a great reserve of this tested war stuff of which apparently little or no use is being Canadian fliers of the very first rank to form Canadian squadrons. This did not interfere with the individual re-

#### cords of Canadian fliers; it did keep Earnest Pleas for memorable exploits. No official floures Support for the Canadian Red Cross

Duke of Gloucester, Lord Canadians. The chances are that in Tweedsmuir, Hon. Dr Speak on Behalf of Red Cross.

record. But it cannot fail to be inspir-Toronto, Nov. 16.-The \$3,000,000 war ing to glance at what was done in the drive of the Red Cross is away to a years 1914-18 by Canadians who before flying start under the impetus of a the war were no better acquainted with nation-wide appeal broadcast Sunday submarines or camel troops than with night by the country's leaders.

the Duke of Gloucester, by Lord week in, weed out.-Local Paper. The first combat planes contained Tweedsmuir, Prime Minister Mackenonly the pilot, and the pilot's armed | zie King, Conservative Leader Manion, | in time. equipment consisted of a revolver. Later | Hon. E. L. Patenaude and Norman he was provided with a rifle and still Sommerville, chairman of the Canadian later with a machine gun. After this, Red Cross Society.

development came fast, and before the The task before the Red Cross right win. That rules out Germany, as the war ended the aeroplanes in use car- now could best be judged by its record | Field-Marshal's biggest measurement ried a regular crew with machine guns, of performance in the First Great War, is well below the wedal line. bombs and photographic apparatus. the prime minister said as he endors-The mastery of the air changed hands ed the appeal. "The magnitude of its several times as new discoveries in avi- present task may vastly exceed that ation were made. At the end the of the last Great War," he added.

British and French had swept the air A proven servant of the national life clear. They had, it might be said, in time of peace, the Red Cross became blinded the enemy, while giving eyes in addition, in wartime, "an auxiliary of to their own commanders. In the early government," Mr. Mackenzie King said, start. days of the war the Canadians who | Canada was told the Red Cross was wanted to be airmen were obliged to not unprepared in this crisis. Within go to England and attach themselves three days of the declaration of war,

to the R.A.F. Later on, as noted, they it was at work in every province. were trained in Canada. In all, Can- However, its ability to carry out its one's platoon sergeant through the ada sent 2,538 trained pilots to the work of aiding the sick and wounded front, while 552 more were in Canada depended directly on the support givready to go when the war ended. When en it by every Canadian.

conflict is over. The only real con- of thought is denied.

spin. He lost consciousness after this solation we shall ever have will be found and his machine fell cut of control in what we ourselves have done, or may On recovery he found himself being yet be able to do, to lessen the sacriagain attacked heavily by a large for- fices and the sorrows the horrors of

Gloucester's Message

In a messal a read by Mr. Sommerleft elbow was shattered and he again ville, chairman of the Canadian society, fainted, and on regaining consciousness the Duke of Gloucester, chairman of he found himself being again attacked, the British society, said Canada would but nothwithstanding that he was now find her effort in the field would reseverely wounded in both legs and his quire the "full assistance of the Red left arm shattered he dived at the near- Cross Society." The duke was confident Canadians would make it possible

> The problems faced by the Red Cross are as vast and varied as those of the army itself. Lord Tweedsmuir, president of the Canadian society, added. As with the army, the Red Cross had to be prepared for any emergency. Civilians could show their gratitude to those making heavy sacrifices through this direct medium.

> Dr. Manion listed some of the duties of the organization in the First Great War, noted its broad peacetime activities, and stressed the necessity of making it possible to continue the whole programme now. The sacrifice of contributing to its funds would be light indeed compared to the sacrifices made by thousands of others.

> In a special appeal to Quebec, Lieut. Governor Patenaude was certain his province would subscribe liberally, especially as the province of Quebec has gained the greatest proportion of Red Cross membership since September. He recalled, too, that it was in Quebec that the junior section of the Red Cross started, now numbering

> > Hidden (Exchange)

Eventually the police traced him to a Manion, Premier King remote valley in the heart of the Highlands, where he had been living in a little tin hat for the last three years .-English Paper.

He wasn't going to be caught nap-

Slow But Sure

He was vigorous and active to a degree, and was always to be seen work-Canada heard earnest appeals from ing in his cottage garden, wet or fine, After all, a weed a week mounts up

Wrong Equator It is stated in an editorial that the country with the largest war chest will

One Advantage

Owing to petrol restriction, it is said, the horse is coming back into favour. And one advantage of the horse is that on a frosty morning you don't have to pour boiling water over it before it will

Belittling

"It's up to everybody to minimize his troubles in these days," declares a novelist. One method is to look at wrong end of a telescope.

Onward-Germany's proud position demobilization was in progress there "It is not alone on behalf of the Réd in the world of scientific research seems were 3,923 air officers demobilized, and Cross that I join with others in making to be greatly endangered by her atti-1,697 still on the strength, with 4,392 this appeal," said the prime minister, tude towards scientific men, who are cadets demobilized and 373 on the "Our own hearts will need much in the really forbidden to think for themselves. way of consolation before this terrible Science cannot advance when freedom

#### "Well, it's like this...

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