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### It Is All A Mistake

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laws of America, the "auld countrie," gravity and common sense, those lovers of the Shamrock now are preparing to give him a welcome secondly only to that tendered to Lindbergh by the French.

Aftermath steps of the exploit, which included the confiscation of Corrigan's "Jenny" the suspension of his experimental license, mild rebukes and promises of even milder punishment of his home government for his unauthorized flight now seem to have a rosier glow.

Having as his first reward a \$2,000 check for a radio broadcast describing the trans-Atlantic hop, the 31-year-old adventurer is the recipient of many financial offers. A Philadelphian has started a fund to purchase a new and modern plane for the daredevil flyer. Harry Day, a British theatrical man offered him a six-week job touring through England and Scotland describing his fete, which opportunity was spurned. Mayor Bernard Dickmann, of St. Louis has sent a wire to the effect that he wanted to purchase the St. Louis-constructed plane. Another man is attempting to raise funds to finance a world flight for Corrigan and endless opportunities are popping up daily which may make the "poor boy who made a 'mistake'" a wealthy and prominent figure.

Where are Hughes and his four recently famous companions? No one seems to know or care just now. True, only a week ago they felt the glory of a hero's march down Manhattan's Broadway and Fifth Avenue, but today the metropolis population is preparing a new lot of ticker tape streamers and phone book confetti for a notable who claims "it is all a mistake."

A mistake? Maybe. Dark and

bold headlines do seem to give the airman the benefit of that doubt but some of the brainy items which are to be found in the sanctuary which is a newspaper's editorial page do not quite agree with that theory.

If it was a mistake, why then were all of the pictures taken of his preparations for a not unusual return trip to California and made ready for publication the moment that word was received of the success of the flight? If it was a mistake, why, in 28 hours and 13 minutes of flying time, did the pilot not see that his *two* compasses did not agree in direction?

There is yet another matter that points to the fact that the trip was planned. Corrigan had applied for and was refused a permit from the government authorities to make such a trip more than two years ago. This writer feels that the trip was carefully planned before the man left California on his non-stop flight to New York and that the same daughter of Lady Luck rode the wings of this plane that once clung to the wings of the "Spirit of St. Louis."

The Corrigan "mistake" came, I believe when he did not confess to his having taken the flight as a bold adventure. Definitely in view of the greatness of the achievement he would be metted out no more severe punishment than he will now receive. He would have gained, however, the respect of his wingward brothers and untarnished fame, such as he may never now realize. It was a great flight and its author did show magnificent courage. It is a shame he won't admit it.

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