

# Seven Keys TO Baldpate

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"I believe you were having dinner when I came," she answered. "Mr. Magee gave me a key to the kitchen door, and we found a back stairway. There seemed to be a company below— I don't know who they were."

"I repeat," said Mr. Magee, "I shall be glad to help you if I can." His words to another lady, he reflected, was not a suggestion that there is no harm in smoking until morning.

"But—I am afraid it was tonight"—she began.

"I understand," Magee replied. "The police were wrong. You may safely let your worries rest until tomorrow."

"You are very kind," she said. "I had expected to be here the night through. It is rather cold, but I am sure we have rugs and coats enough."

Mr. Magee's duty was clear.

"It would be a fine," he announced. The girl seemed distressed at the thought.

"No, I couldn't let you," she said. "I am sure it isn't necessary. I will say good-night now. I am Myra Thornhill of Newton. Until tomorrow." She went in and closed the door.

Mr. Magee sat limply down on the cold floor. All the glory was gone from the scene he had pictured a moment ago. He had the money, yes, the money secured in valiant battle, but the moment he bore the prize to his lady another appeared from the dark of night. What should he do?

Mr. Magee unlocked the door of No. 7 and entered. Lighting his candles and dodging the fire, he composed a message to the waiting girl in 17:

"Everything all right. Sleep peacefully. I am on the job. Will see you tomorrow. Mr.—Billy."

Slipping this message under her door, the ex-knight hurried away to avoid an interview and set down in his chair before the fire.

"I must think," he muttered. "I must get this thing straight."

For an hour he pondered, thrashing out as best he could this mysterious game in which he played a leading part, unacquainted with a book of rules.

"Tomorrow is another day," he reflected. "I'll solve this whole thing then. They can't go on playing without me. I've got the ball."

He took the package from his pocket. Its seals had already been broken. Unfolding the strings, he began carefully to unwrap the paper, the thick yellow banking manila and then the oiled paper wrapping. So finally he opened up the solid mass of—what? He looked closer. Crisp, beautiful \$1,000 bills. What? He had never seen a bill of this size before. And here were 200 of them.

He wrapped the package up once more and prepared for bed. Just as he was about to retire he remembered Mr. Bland, bound and gagged below. He went into the hall with the idea of releasing the unlucky haberdasher, but from the office rose the voices of the mayor, Max and Bland himself. Peace evidently had been declared between them. Mr. Magee returned to No. 7, locked all the windows, placed the much sought package beneath his pillow and after a half hour of puzling and tossing fell asleep.

## CHAPTER XII.

### The Cold Gray Dawn.

It was still quite dark when he awoke with a start. In the blackness he could make out a figure standing by the side of his bed. He put his hand quickly beneath his pillow—the package was still there.

"What do you want?" he asked, sitting up in bed.

For answer the intruder sprang through the door and disappeared in the darkness of the outer room. Mr. Magee followed. One of his windows slammed back and forth in the wind. Snapping on a dressing gown and lighting a candle, he made an investigation. The glass above the lock had been broken. Outside, in the snow on the balcony, were recent footprints.

Sleepily, Mr. Magee procured the precious package and put it in the pocket of his gown. Then drawing on his shoes he added a greatcoat to his equipment, took a candle and went out on to the balcony.

Mr. Magee followed the footprints along the east side of the inn to the corner, then along the more sheltered rear and finally to the west side. On the west was a rather unlovely annex to the main building, which increasing patronage had made necessary. Mr. Magee made his way to the door of the annex. It was locked. But as he turned away he heard voices on the other side.

Mr. Magee had barely enough time to extinguish his candle and slip into the shadows of the corner. The door of the annex opened. A man stepped out into the passageway. He stood

there. The light from a candle held by some one in the doorway whom Mr. Magee could not see fell full upon his face—the bespectacled, wise face of Professor Thaddeus Bolton.

"Better luck next time," said the professor.

"Keep an eye on him," said the voice from inside. "If he tries to leave the inn there'll be a big row. We must be in on it—and win."

"I imagine," said Professor Bolton, smiling his academic smile, "that the inmates of Baldpate will make tomorrow a rather interesting day for him."

"It will be an interesting day for every one," answered the voice.

"If I should manage to secure the package by any chance," the professor went on, "I shall undoubtedly need your help in getting away with it. Let us arrange a signal. Should a window of my room be open at any time tomorrow you will know the money is in my hands."

(To be Continued.)

## STACY WINS TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

### Texas Boy Secures Singles Championship of Carolinas.

Greenville, June 28.—The tennis championships of the Carolinas, all except the men's doubles, were decided today on the courts of the Sans Souci Country club in Greenville. The championship in men's singles went to Gillespie Stacy of Austin, Texas, after a hard fought match with the holder of the title, J. O. Erwin, Jr., the contest lasting for four brilliantly played sets. The championship in women's singles was won by Mrs. Robert Johnson of Asheville, her nearest competitor being Mrs. Robertson, also of Asheville. The contest between the women was played off during the morning, Mrs. Johnston coming through as winner in straight sets: score 6-4, 6-3.

The contest between Erwin, the 1913 champion, and Stacy proved to be the best match of singles ever played on the courts of the Sans Souci club. Complete score, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. For the past six years the single's trophy has been won by a different player each year.

## NEW SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

### Successor to Tate Will Be Elected Soon.

Columbia, June 27.—The work of State supervisor of rural elementary schools in South Carolina, which was inaugurated by W. K. Tate several years ago, is to be carried forward, according to J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, who returned yesterday from Nashville, where he attended the annual meeting of the association of Southern State superintendents of education. Mr. Swearingen announced that the General Education board had given \$1,500 for the work of supervising the schools in South Carolina, to supplement the appropriation of \$1,900 made by the last general assembly.

It was stated by Mr. Swearingen that a successor to Mr. Tate is to be selected at an early date. "I have practically decided upon the man," said Mr. Swearingen yesterday.

## TO LAY DOUBLE TRACK.

### Southern to Build Double Line All Way From Atlanta to Washington.

Atlanta, June 28.—Within five years the management of the Southern railway expects to have a double track line the entire distance, 649 miles, from Washington to Atlanta. President Harrison has made arrangements for financing this great undertaking of immense importance to the entire South, and it is planned that the work shall go forward as rapidly as it is possible to carry it on without interfering with the heavy freight and passenger traffic which moves over this line.

The funds for this work will be provided by the sale of \$20,000,000 of bonds of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company, the issue of which has been authorized and approved by the Georgia Railroad Commission. Of these bonds \$5,500,000 have already been sold and the proceeds will be used to refund an equal amount of Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line bonds now owned by the Southern Railway.

## ST. ALBAN'S RECTOR QUILTS.

### Dr. Robert Wilson Resigns on Account of Falling Health.

Kingstree, June 28.—The Rev. Dr. Robert Wilson, of Charleston, who for a number of years has been the beloved rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church at this place, has tendered his resignation and relinquished charge of the work on account of his falling health. Bishop Guerry has placed this church in charge of the Rev. Harold Thomas, of Florence, and his assistant, Rev. Mr. Bull, a recently ordained minister.

## Had Fire at Baltimore.

Baltimore, June 29.—The Baltimore Manufacturing plant and the Sweeney Hotel were burned today, causing a loss of a hundred thousand dollars.

## AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY.

### Car Runs into and Knocks Down Large Post, Occupants Escape Serious Injury.

What came near being a very serious accident occurred about 8 o'clock Sunday evening when an automobile filled with ladies and children ran into an electric light post on West Liberty street near the Ryttenberg residence. The negro driver stated that in some way the steering gear had become jammed and he was unable to turn it and prevent the collision. He did not know that the steering wheel would not work until it was too late to put on the brakes in time to stop the car before it struck the post.

The escape of the occupants of the car from serious injury was little short of a miracle. In the machine were Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Myerson, Mrs. Love, Miss Klein, two small children and the colored driver. All of the occupants were badly shaken up and frightened, but none were badly hurt. Mrs. Love had her hand and arm cut by the wind shield, which was broken. The car was pretty badly damaged, the front springs and axle being bent and the lights windshield and other parts of the front of the car being smashed in the collision. The automobile was a big E. M. F. and was owned by Messrs. Berg, Myerson and Wynne of the Consolidated Mercantile company. The car had been sent to the garage on Saturday to have the steering gear repaired and this was thought to be in good condition on Sunday, when the party went out to Pocalla, from which place they were returning when the accident took place.

## HUERTA PREPARES FOR FUTURE.

### Said to Have Shipped Two and a Half Million Dollars for Deposit in France.

Paris, June 27.—French bankers received a report today that Huerta had shipped two and a half million dollars here for deposit. This is taken as an indication that Huerta is preparing to leave Mexico.

## ORDERS EQUIPMENT HELD.

### Blease Writes Letter to Commander of Regiments.

Columbia, June 26.—To the regimental commanders of the National Guard, South Carolina, Gov. Blease has written the following letter:

June 2, 1914.

Cols. Julius H. Cogswell, Charleston, S. C.; W. W. Lewis, Yorkville, S. C.; A. E. Legare, Columbia, S. C.—Gentlemen: You will please immediately, instruct each captain of each company in your regiments not to relinquish possession of any equipment or supplies now in the hands of himself or any member of his company, to anybody or under anybody's order. I do not propose for the militia of this State to be picked out and branded as property thieves, and I want you to hold to what you have. The whole thing is simply dirty politics, and as soon as I can get foot-loose I am satisfied I will have no trouble in straightening the entire matter out.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, very respectfully,

(Signed) Cole L. Blease.  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

## KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

### Nine Negroes and Two White Men Killed by Dynamite Explosion.

Chattanooga, June 26.—Nine negroes were killed, two white men, John Scott and Matt Wells, of Florence, Ala., were injured last night, when a dynamite drill exploded on a dredge on the Tennessee river near Coger Island.

## Real Estate Transfer.

Shirley C. Hughson, et al., to Bartow Walsh, lot on Church street, \$2,300.

## BOLL WEEVIL ADVANCE.

### Pest is Nearing Georgia-Alabama Line.

To the Editor of The State:  
The boll weevil is within six or seven miles of the Georgia-Alabama line in southwest Georgia.

I have been spending some time on the "firing line" for the biological survey and shall return there.

The doctrine of bird protection is gaining ground rapidly in Georgia; in fact, it is more readily accepted than anywhere I have been.

James Henry Rice, Jr.

## TO RECEIVE YEAR'S SALARY.

### Charleston Woman to Profit by Bill Passed by Congress.

Washington, June 25.—A bill granting Mrs. Thomas G. Prioleau, of Charleston, \$1,620 on account of the death of her husband while in the government service at Smithville, S. C. in November, 1910, was passed by the senate today at the instance of Senator Tillman. The amount is equivalent to one year's salary of the late Mr. Prioleau. The bill passed the house last April and therefore only requires signing to become a law.

## HEALTH EXPERTS COMING.

### Dr. Carter Writes City Manager That His Party Will Visit Sumter.

Dr. Carter, who is in charge of the party which is working to eradicate mosquitoes in the various cities of South Carolina, has written to City Manager W. F. Robertson, as follows from Hartsville, where he is now engaged in a campaign against the mosquitoes:

Mr. W. F. Robertson, City Manager, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: In answer to your letter of June 26, 1914, through Dr. Hayne, State Health Officer, inviting me to visit Sumter, I would say that I will be glad to accept the same and will, unless prevented by unforeseen accident, be able to be in Sumter Wednesday morning. I will notify you if I am unable to do this.

Very respectfully,  
H. R. CARTER,  
Sr. Surgeon, U. S. P. H. S.

## WILL DRAW NATIONS TOGETHER.

London, June 29.—The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand will have an effect of cementing Austria and Italy more firmly for the purpose of curbing the Russian government and lessening its influence upon the Slav nations. Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, now the heir to the Austrian throne is closely connected through marriage to the Italian royal family.

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