

HELLIG PLAY QUITS OFF-TRODDEN PATH

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" Has Plot That Keeps Its Audience Guessing to Last.

ENTIRE CAST EXCEPTIONAL

Story Passes in Review Before Interested Spectators as Author, Writing on Wager, Works His Characters Into Novel.

- "Seven Keys to Baldpate" William Hallows Magee, Cyril Scott, Edgar Quimby, John D. O'Hara, Mrs. Quimby, Laura Bennett, John Blaud, Ernest Geer, Mary Norton, Eibsi Introsop, Peter, Rita W. Harlan, Spencer Charters, Myra Thornhill, Jean Shelby, Lou Max, Frank Allworth, Jim Cargan, Frank Monroe, Jess Hayden, J. Hooker Wright, Jags Kennedy, Lee Sterrett, The Owner of Baldpate, Bertram Millar

BY LEONE CASS BAER That gentle little pastime of guessing how old is Ann or befuddling one's mind to discover why chickens cross public thoroughfares, is child's play beside the big puzzle at the Hellig this week.

About the time you think you've solved the riddle something breaks loose somewhere in the plot and you can only sit in perplexity while you struggle at another solution. A big crowd of amateur Sherlock Holmeses sat on the case of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" last night and every one of us tracked and sleuthed all through the plot with no results at all—unless, of course, those of us who had read Earl Derr Bigler's story of the Seven Keys.

Play Differs From Most. This is one of the all too few plays that do not tell you the answer in the first act. It is absolutely different from any play we've ever seen. "Seven Keys to Baldpate" is keen, exhilarating fun, rare good enjoyment.

It concerns one William Hallows Magee, who makes a wager of \$5000 with his friends to solve the mystery of a summer resort on the top of the mountains in Vermont, that he will shut himself in the empty hotel and 24 hours write a story of 10,000 words. It is in the prologue that we see Magee, marvelously well acted by Cyril Scott, arriving at the inn, half frozen, in the midst of a raging blizzard.

George M. Conan has given a real Belascoish touch of realism to the blizzard outside and it howls and beats away every time one of the seven keys opens the frost-covered big hall doors. A rustic caretaker and his rustier wife await Magee, and their interview with him is unique. The inn owner has sent a message to them to follow Magee's instructions, to make him comfortable and to return in exactly 24 hours to be custodian of the manuscript.

They tell him of the old inn's history, that his is the only key, they tell of Peter, a hermit who roams the hillsides because his wife ran away with a traveling salesman, of the ghost of a reform movement that swept grafting politicians into its net some years previous. With all these ideas in his head Magee ascends to his bedroom and starts his story.

Characters Seen as They Arrive. The next two acts tell of what he writes. Laura Jan Abbey, Jack London, Edgar Allen Poe, Nick Carter, J. Fenimore Cooper, Robert W. Chambers and Conan Doyle's best efforts boiled down into one mere served by Paul Armstrong in play form couldn't hold more ingredients than does the story Magee writes.

Six other keys to Baldpate turn the lock of the big door and enter to become integral parts of the story Magee is weaving. It's a story in a story.

Trick Finally Exposed. An epilogue backed on gives us the key to the solution, so that makes eight keys to Baldpate. The caretakers return, Magee hands over the story with only a minute to spare—and we rise from our seats feeling like children who have watched a wonderful magician and then witnessed an exposure of the tricks.

Mr. Scott is an excellent actor, a comedian to his finger tips, whose pleasing personality and engaging spirited playing of Magee makes the role memorable. Jean Shelby is a fascinating little adventuress, Spencer Charters is excellent in a character study of the old hermit whose hate is universal; Lee Sterrett as a far-seeing policeman; John D. O'Hara as a yokel-like caretaker, are just a few of the picked-up characters from a cast of all-world-whiles. "Seven Keys to Baldpate" will be at the Hellig all week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

GILMORE PLAN REJECTED

Anti-Saloon League Not to Ask for Absolute Prohibition in Oregon.

That the Anti-Saloon League will not join hands with Tom Gilmore, National president of the Model License League, in support of a law absolutely prohibiting the receipt or possession of intoxicating liquors by anyone in Oregon, was affirmed by R. P. Hutton, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, in an address delivered at the Vernon Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Mr. Hutton said that he had been challenged by Tom Gilmore through the columns of The Oregonian to join in the support of such a law.

"The Anti-Saloon League will not aid such a proposition," said Mr. Hutton, "because it has been held that under the Federal Constitution such a law is unconstitutional."

'SQUARE DEAL' GIVEN EITEL

German Ambassador Says as Much and Extends Thanks.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador here, has thanked the American Government for the "square deal," as he expressed it, shown to the converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, now interned at the Norfolk Navy-yard. Courtesy extended by American officials to Captain Thierichens and the crew of the vessel also is acknowledged.

Early Rose Record Contested.

Claims of H. Grist, of 775 East Twenty-eighth street, to having the earliest rose blooming out of doors in Portland are disputed by Mrs. J. Horde,

of 117 1/2 Greeley street, who maintains in a letter to The Oregonian that the first full-blown rose of the season appeared at her home on Easter Sunday. This record, if true, beats that of the other claimant by several days.

BRITISH SLAIN BY OWN FIRE

Heavy Loss at Neuve Chapelle Due to Error, Is Explanation.

LONDON, March 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The early rumors ascribing the heaviness of the British losses at Neuve Chapelle to some extent to British artillery are now being confirmed by a report from the front.

It is said the artillery was directed to fire at certain points, but owing to a deranged field telephone service and a land fog, the angle of fire was not raised when the impetuous troops took the German lines.

In the early accounts no mention was made of this mistake, but the Times now admits that the "experience" of Neuve Chapelle, which has been so incompletely explained.

BETS 10 TO 9 BONDS WIN

Campaign for Road Issue Arouses Interest and Money Appears.

The widespread interest in the \$1,250,000 road bond election Wednesday is reflected in the activity in local betting circles, and last night bets were being laid on the victory of the bonds. The prevailing odds are 10 to 9 that the bonds will carry, and some of the chance fans are laying bets on substantial majorities.

The campaign has become so pretentious that considerable sums of money have appeared, and in several places arguments on the bond issue have been sealed by a display of gold and recorded bets. These bets range in sums from \$10 to \$100, several \$20 wagers being placed Saturday.

BRITISH DENOUNCE JAPAN

Press in Orient Says Demands Transgress on Concessions.

PEKIN, April 12.—Article 5 of group 5 of the Japanese demands made on China—an article which, it is pointed out here, may be regarded by the British as transgressing on their railway concessions—was reported in the discussion at the conference held yesterday between the Japanese Minister to China, Mr. Hiroki, and the Pekin government officials.

The British press in the Orient is unsparring in its criticism of Japan. The Nanking Daily News, one of the most prominent British newspapers in the Far East, recently styled Japan's demands on China as a "dirty trick."

BOY'S BODY IS RECOVERED

Cramp Believed to Have Prevented Student From Saving Himself.

That while wading along the shallow Saturday afternoon at the edge of the slough where his body was found Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Bertrand Reid, 14 years old, stepped into a deep hole and, while trying to swing out, was seized with a cramp, is the theory advanced by City Grappler Brady and Assistant Prehn, after the finding of the body. The body was doubled as though before death, the boy had suffered from a cramp.

The body will be taken from the Dunning & McEntee undertaking es-

PAVLOWA TO DANCE HERE

Famous Russian Artist Booked by Manager Pangle for Portland.

After much negotiating and arranging of arrangements, Pavlova, the inimitable Russian dancer, is to visit Portland. She will be here June 14 and 15, Monday and Tuesday nights. W. T. Pangle, manager of The Hellig, received information yesterday that the artist would be booked for Portland, although for a time there was serious doubt whether the Western trip this year would include the Pacific Northwest. All doubt was dispelled yesterday on receipt of booking contracts with Mordkin less than two years ago.

MRS. LOUISE GILL BURIED

Salvation Army Honors Worker With Military Funeral.

Mrs. Louise Gill, aged 21, soldier of the Salvation Army, was buried with full military honors Sunday afternoon, the funeral cortege being preceded through the streets of Portland by an army band, in which three corps united. The funeral services were said by Lieutenant-Colonel Scott, of Seattle.

ITALIAN WAR PARTY RIOTS

Prominent Men Are Among Many Persons Arrested in Rome.

LONDON, April 12.—Great demonstrations in favor of Italian intervention in the war led to serious disorders yesterday (Sunday) at Rome, and collisions with the police, according to a dispatch from the Italian capital. Many persons were arrested, including Signor Marinetti, the Futurist leader, and Professor Benito Mussolini, editor of the Milanese Popolo Italiano.

MURDERESS, 60, CONVICTED

Robbery Is Motive; Woman Beaten to Death With Lump of Coal.

DETROIT, April 12.—Mrs. Caroline E. Becker, 60, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree for having caused the death of Miss Francis Bomholt last December.

Evidence given at the trial showed that Miss Bomholt was beaten to death with a large chunk of coal and that robbery was the motive for the crime.

MILLS GRANDSON IS BORN

Late American Financier's Daughter, Wife of Nobleman, Is Mother.

LONDON, April 12.—The Countess of Granard, who was Miss Beatrice Mills, daughter of Ogden Mills, of New York, has given birth to a son. He will be given the title of Viscount Forbes.

Pope's Brother Dies.

LONDON, April 12, 3:42 A. M.—The Marquis Jules della Chiesa, a brother of Pope Benedict, is dead, according to Reuters's Geneva correspondent.

WOMEN IN RACE TO BE WOOED BY 'HEER'

Rivalry of Widow and Spinster Still Amuses W. A. Waugh as He Sits in Cell.

PRISONER ADMITS FRAUD

Plot to Entrap Him Into Marriage "For His Money" Led to Borrowing of Eagerly Proffered Loans, Is Explanation.

That he wrote the telegram announcing himself heir to \$250,000 as a joke and accepted loans from women only after he had overheard a plot to trap him into marriage for his money, was asserted Sunday night by Webster A. Waugh, alias N. W. Neely, who was arrested by Detectives Abbott and Goltz Saturday on complaint that Waugh had defrauded women of money lent him under promise of marriage. Waugh protests that he owes only two fair creditors and that his total liability is only \$50.

"When I heard that plot," Waugh said grinning, "it occurred to me that everybody was trying to swindle someone and it looked like a case of each man for himself."

Waugh said it first as a joke. Waugh asserted, as he sat on his jail bunk, Waugh's lean frame shook with amusement as he related the prank which led him to jail. The man's sense of humor has sustained him through the loss of two fortunes, and sparkles even in a prison cell.

Telegram Brings Loans. "I wrote a telegram saying my uncle was dead and that he had left me \$250,000 on condition that I be married by June 20."

"I showed the telegram to a friend. The story spread, I had to keep backing it up, and the plot grew rapidly. My friends feted me and offered to lend me money. Life seemed good again.

"Then one night I went down to the hotel office for an envelope. I overheard a conversation between two of my supposed friends. One was a man; the other a woman. I understood enough of the conversation to realize that the woman wanted to marry me for my money. They intended to trap me into the marriage.

"Every man for himself," I thought. "If you can beat me out of anything you are welcome."

"Then the fun began. There were four women in the race. One was a widow of a prominent family. I got most of the money from her. She gave me \$20 in cash and mailed me \$10 more that was lost.

Spinster Rivals Widow. "Then there was a spinster, about 35 years old. She was big, fat and good-looking. She was a big joke. The spinster wanted to beat the widow's time.

"The others were two sisters—the daughters of a local business man. Their father has seen the joke since my arrest and has befriended me. The sisters were more on-lookers than anything else. I got \$175 from the spinster. She had to work for her money.

Waugh says he separated from his wife and weak from an operation. Waugh says he arrived in Portland last January. He says he tried to work, but failed in the street. Within his last \$10 Waugh said he eked out an existence by dining in a 6-cent restaurant and sleeping wherever he found a bed.

CHINESE WILL RESIST

PORTLAND ORIENTALS DECLARE JAPAN'S DEMANDS UNFAIR.

Speakers Urge Support of Fatherland and Call Mass Meeting of All Chinese for Arion Hall Tonight.

Portland Chinese will support China in resisting the demands made on her by Japan, judging from a strong sentiment which was exhibited at the meeting of Chinese business men and members of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association Sunday night at the association hall, 263 1/2 Davis street. Among the speakers of the evening were Lin Sun, president of the Chinese Nationalist League of America; Wong Bock Yue, secretary of that organization and editor of the Young China; a daily paper published in San Francisco, and Professor Tsher, of the Portland Chinese School.

All three speakers strongly urged that the Chinese support their fatherland in resisting Japan's demands, which they declared to be unjust. The sentiments thus expressed were roundly applauded by the several hundred present.

A mass meeting of all the Chinese of the city will be held tonight at Arion Hall, at which the same question will be again discussed, and it is possible that some definite action will be taken. What form this action will take is difficult to say. Wong Bock Yue, when asked if a boycott of Japanese merchants on the part of the Chinese here was probable, said last night it was their opinion that a boycott would have little effect.

"The Chinese here are strongly in favor of supporting their fatherland in resisting Japan," he said, "but what action will be taken or whether any action will be taken I cannot say. We are giving the people here a chance to think over the problem, and it is possible that some definite plan will be worked out at the meeting tomorrow night."

TO COMPLAIN OF FRAUD

Austrians Say Countryman Used Star to Obtain Money From Them.

Ten complainants, alleged victims of the operations of Bura Culljak, alias Walter Williams, visited the police headquarters Sunday to strengthen the police case against this man, who is accused of swindling.

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Sheriff's star, Culljak is alleged to have posed as a detective among ignorant countrymen. He is an Austrian. He is said to have obtained amounts ranging from \$20 to \$50 from fellow Austrians by threatening them with jail. He had also blanks from the District Attorney's office, which he is said to have signed officially as "Deputy District Attorney Walter Williams."

CROWDS ATTEND OPERA

"TRAVIATA" AND "RIGOLETTO" ATTRACTIONS AT BAKER.

Audience Enthusiastic at Night Performance—Dozens of Persons Are Turned Away in Afternoon.

Two big audiences attended the Baker Theater Sunday and enjoyed to the full fine presentations by the Italian Opera Company of the two Verdi grand operas, "Traviata," in the afternoon, and "Rigoletto" at night.

In "Traviata" the cast was the same as that of last Friday's performance—Trivelli, Inzer, Silva, Mackie, Neri, Rovere and Morelli, as principals. They all sang with much success and were cordially received. The crowd was so large that dozens of people were turned away.

At night the audience grew enthusiastic over the fine rendition of "Rigoletto," with a new cast consisting of Eugenio de Falco, as the Duke, Benyan, as Rigoletto; Lombardi, as Sparafucile; Rovere, as Monterone; Tina Schinetti, as Gilda and Edith Mackie, as Maddalena. Schinetti excels as Gilda, and sang and acted the part with girlish simplicity and fine sincerity. She is an emotional actress and so much feeling did she place into the duet with Benyan in the third act that she wept in real earnest. Schinetti sang also with much success, and in the famous "Quartette" scene, she sang, the orchestra men said, up to C in alt. De Falco made a romantic looking Duke, and awoke a storm of applause by his fine singing of "La Donna e Mobile."

Tonight the opera bill is "Aida" with Katherine Loybrook and De Falco in the principal roles.

Guard Officers to Speak. "Military day" will be the feature of the luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Benson Hotel tomorrow at noon.

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