

The Blonde Countess

by Herbert O. Yardley



JOEL CARTER, young and pretty, secretary to NATHANIEL GREENLEAF, chief of the department of chemical supervision, which, to reality, is the "Black Chamber", where enemy codes are unraveled and spies trailed. With MARY BURNS, CAPTAIN COHEN, CAPTAIN MARTIN, her associates, and GREENLEAF she discusses the German cipher, invisible inks, and especially J-37, mysterious enemy spy, whose identity is unknown. (NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)



"Miss Carter is secrecy itself."

CHAPTER 5
THE READER Greenleaf was busy with the cipher intercepts which came from the radio room. He read them and then passed them on to Mary Burns for tabulation. "We're lucky," he said to Joel. "We're getting all their stuff and the job is getting easier. Pretty soon we'll read their cipher and find out what they know."

"And then?" she asked.
"And then we'll try to find out where they learn it and J-37 will have to marry the President or something to escape us."

His depression had vanished and he even whistled dolefully as he worked. He amused her when he whistled. His clothes were amusing, too. He wore no uniform, but instead, a baggy civilian suit that needed pressing and a necktie that didn't suit him. Were she his wife she'd make certain changes. Some one ought to marry him, but she couldn't see herself in that role. No, he'd have to go unmanaged. But he was nice looking at times, with a lean expressive face, and his thin hair was dark and usually rather mussed. She took herself in hand and went on with her typing.

It was half past eleven before she knew it. Then a moment after, the military orderly laid a card on her desk and she bore it, bursting with curiosity, to Mr. Greenleaf. Who was this Countess Thordund? Some relation to the Scandinavian ambassador, his wife, probably. Mr. Greenleaf was evidently pleased, much too pleased, she thought.

The orderly showed the Countess in, also her escort, a handsome French officer in a wonderful uniform that fitted him like a glove. There was an exchange of greetings and the Countess introduced the officer as Captain Duval.

"And this is Mr. Greenleaf of whom you have heard?"
"Indeed yes," said Captain Duval in precise English, "as who has not? All the capitals of Europe know of Mr. Greenleaf."

"And now, Andre," said the Countess caressingly, "if you will return for me in twenty minutes—if I may have so much time?" she cast a dazzling glance at Greenleaf.

"A half an hour at the least," he said gallantly.
"Let us say twenty-five minutes," said the Countess, "since Mr. Greenleaf is so good."

Thereupon Captain Duval departed with a quick side glance at Mr. Greenleaf's secretary, of which she was not unaware.

The Countess also was aware of the secretary. Her beautiful blue eyes rested appraisingly upon the dark head and diligent fingers.

"Can I talk to you confidentially, Mr. Greenleaf?"
"Quite safely," said Greenleaf. "Miss Carter, my secretary, is secrecy and discretion itself. What she should not hear she will not hear. He beamed upon the Countess. "You can go as far as you like."

Whereat the Countess smiled archly.
"Indeed no, I would never do that."

Her hair, thought Joel, casting another quick glance, is genuine blonde. But she does something to it to keep it nice and bright. Scandinavian of course. Blonde hair and blue eyes and a lovely skin, white as parchment. Probably Mr. Greenleaf thinks she's beautiful. But her eyes are really too close together and he shouldn't be deceived when she lowers the lids and looks at him underneath them in that provocative way. He ought to know that's a trick. I'll tell him, so he can be on his guard. He'll make him think he's fascinated her. Men are such chumps when a beautiful woman looks at them that way. I could do it myself only I won't. Never. Not at him.

Clearly the Countess and Greenleaf had met before and were old and intimate acquaintances. How intimate? Joel asked with a pang. Dangerously intimate if this woman wanted something.

"And this—" the Countess was saying. Her eye swept over the uninviting room with its clutter of worn furnishings and the apparatus where Captain Martin had been working. Captain Martin had disappeared somewhere.

"I'm in charge of the Chemical Supervision work," Greenleaf explained. "It's important in munitions."

"It will be hard to make your old enemies believe it is only that," ventured the Countess speculatively.
"You think it is only camouflage, and poor camouflage at that," said Greenleaf.

"She raised her eyebrows at him. "If I wanted to make you think I really was at the old game, you I wasn't, I could hardly do better than put on this pretense, could I?"

The Countess eyed him thoughtfully.
"That would be very clever. Yes, you are capable of that. But why should you wish to? To attract attention from the real secret agents, of course. Would your government be so foolish as to entrust such work to others and put you at this, you with your experience, your genius for the other thing?"

He laughed at that.
"I see you don't know my government. No, he's not a fool but war is not his business. Let him make a speech to a rural audience and he'll surprise you. He is what we call a spell-binder. You know our political slang?"

"Looks rather rustic," said Greenleaf. "No, he's not a fool but war is not his business. Let him make a speech to a rural audience and he'll surprise you. He is what we call a spell-binder. You know our political slang?"

"It is a nice word," said she, "but they would put you, too, to making chemicals and that kind of thing?"

"They would and do," said Greenleaf.
She shrugged.
"And I had hoped we could work together again."

He played with the paper knife and asked slowly.
"At the old game? But why should you want to play the old game any more? You have succeeded. You are of the nobility and high in diplomatic circles. The old game had its dangers too."

She smiled at him and leaning back sent him a cool, level glance.
"Money," she said.
He looked at her in round-eyed surprise.

"Money? Is that so?"
"It is so. We are not rich. And I have expensive tastes."

He tapped the desk reflectively with the paper knife.
"I could recommend you to the right people," he said. "My recommendation might help."

"It might," she agreed with a delicate, ironic twist to her perfect lips.
She's clever, Joel thought, fingers raised over the keyboard. She's damnably and dangerously clever. And she's quite openly avaricious. Maybe he's safe, though, because of that. She'll want to earn her money so that she can get more. She won't dare to deceive him. She can take him in but not that far. He'd surely see it. And if he doesn't I'll tell him.

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Can Anderson Break The Jinx Held By Carolina

State Has Not Beaten Brother Team Since 1927—Credited With Superior Material Several Times—New Coaches Lead Veteran Teams This Year

Chapel Hill, Oct. 23.—Can "Hunk" Anderson break the jinx Carolina has held for N. C. State eleven of recent years, was the big question on the minds of Big Five football followers today?

The two teams meet in their annual classic brotherly battle here Saturday at 2 o'clock with all indications pointing to another brilliant contest.

State has not been able to gain a victory over its brother team since 1927. The Wolfpack has been credited with having the superior material on several occasions, but the Tar Heels have always managed to nose them out.

Two new factors, the new coaches, Anderson and Snavely, enter into and add extra interest to the Carolina-State football equation this year.

With the Carolina-State rivalry as keen as it is, both coaches and teams can be counted to point everything to a victory, and the answer may be one of the hardest fought games the State will see this year.

With Duke, Davidson and Wake Forest playing out of the State, the Carolina-State battle will hold the Big Five stage to itself, and is expected to draw the largest crowd here to date this season.

Carolina is being favored in some quarters as a result of its upset of Georgia. However, the Carolina offense looked none too good in the

6-0 win over Kentucky, and Coach Snavely frankly views the State game with alarm.

He is particularly worried since Bill Moore, regular right end, and Jan Hutchins, regular fullback, are on the injured list.

Although nosed out by Wake Forest and Florida, State showed much power defeating Davidson and South Carolina, and may be all the tougher for its loss to the 'Gators last week.

The vets on the two clubs will be taking up where they left off in Raleigh last year, when Carolina won a dogged battle 6-0.

At except one lineman who started the game for State that day are back, plus Ray Rex, 215-pound fullback, and several good reserves.

Carolina offers identically the same line from tackle to tackle, and has six of the nine backs who worked the game, including Herman Snyder, who started at full, Charlie Shaffer, who led the ground-gainers, Don Jackson, who had the 60-yard touchdown run called back, and George Moore, who scored the one touchdown.

With both clubs packing such an array of veterans and stars, Saturday's game is due to make and break 'All-State' hopes. Among the outstanding candidates are Captain Barclay, Shaffer, Snyder, Kahn and Tatum of Carolina, and Rex, Farrar, Redding, Isaacs and Stanko of State.

YOUTH OVERPLAYED IN THE 'NEW DEAL'

Younger Crowd Little Too Brash and Sassy, Is Washington View

By CHARLES P. STEWART
(Central Press Staff Writer—Washington, Oct. 22.—The question "Isn't youth, perhaps, being given rather more votes than it is entitled to, in New Deal councils?" is one which occasionally is beginning to be raised by the Washington journalistic observers of the national administration's recovery activities.

It is a query which has been heard with increasing frequency following talk of the selection of President Roosevelt M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago for the key post in connection with NRA code enforcement.

Professor Hutchins was a recent visitor in the capital—and caller at the White House. The correspondents did not see much of him; he did not prove to be at all readily accessible. Still the scribes arrived at a certain sort of estimate of him. They take him, unmistakably, to be an exceedingly smart young man (he is in his second middle 30's, but decidedly marked by the cocksureness which many of the older generation of reporters associate with a measure of immaturity.

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SOME SEE OWN ERROR
True, the older generation of newspaper men, as well as the older generation of politicians and of business leaders are in no position to lay claim to any superior quality of intelligence, considering the frightful jam that their management has run the whole world into.

Nevertheless, they themselves were youngish men in their day, when they were sowing the wind that they and their children now are reaping, as an economic whirlwind.

Some of them see their error. Not all, of course. Plenty of mentalities cease to develop at 50 or 45 or earlier, and progressively solidify thereafter, indefinitely. Equally indefinite, however, the mind which remains susceptible to new impressions should broaden with experience. A few old men's minds do.

BRASH AND SASSY
The incoming generation indisputably is entitled to complain that its preceding generation has scandalously mismanaged the world's affairs, but that isn't true of the present incoming generation alone; it has been true of every incoming generation back to the dawn of history. The present incoming generation undoubtedly will be cursed similarly by the succeeding incoming generation.

The younger New Deal crowd strikes me, in short, as a little too brash and sassy.

Regulations for Hunting of Ducks Are Made Clearer

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Baskerville.

Raleigh, Oct. 22.—Duck hunters and others who hunt waterfowl under Federal regulations have been considerably confused by the legal wording of the various regulations covering bag limits. Accordingly, the Biological

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Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a statement through the State Department of Conservation and Development, attempting to clarify the original bag limit regulations. The statement follows:

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"Thus, the duck hunter may take a dozen mallards, or he may take a dozen pintails—or six mallards and six pintails, or eight mallards and four pintails, or any combination of these birds that does not total more than 12. But if he takes the maximum and includes in his dozen the species for which the limit is further restricted he will have bags like the following: seven mallards plus five canvasbacks; or four mallards and three pintails plus one eider duck, one canvasback, one redhead, one scaup and one ringneck; or five pintails and two mallards plus two canvasbacks, two redheads and one ringneck. In no case may he take more than 12 ducks in one day.

"Shooting wood ducks, ruddy ducks or buffbreeds is prohibited.

"Any State may reduce the bag limit below that provided by the Federal regulation."

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N. C. STATE SETS TO WORK FOR CAROLINA

Took Holiday Yesterday After Hard Game and Long Ride In Florida

College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 23.—Rested from their holiday yesterday, the Wolves of North Carolina State set to work this afternoon for their Big Five and Southern Conference game with Carolina Saturday at Chapel Hill.

The Wolves were too tired and battle-worn from their hard game Saturday with Florida at Tampa, and from their 23 hour train ride back to Raleigh to work yesterday. Coach Hunk Anderson said. The players needed the rest badly as some were injured and those who played most of the game lost from five to ten pounds each.

Today's drill will be run off without the services of Venice Farrar and Dominic Cara, two stars who were injured in the Florida game and who were unable to play the last 30 minutes. Cara is still on crutches and the sophomore end may be unable to don togs this week. Farrar was State's best ground gainer until removed from the game in the second quarter.

State's injury list now numbers six. The others are John Stanko and Alex Regdon, left guards; Maurice Roy, quarterback, and Howard Barden, right halfback. These players have been on the shelf for a week or more and Anderson will let them take things lightly this week in hopes they will be in condition for Carolina. All but two of the six, Roy and Regdon, are regulars. Roy was scheduled to be the regular quarterback, but he was injured in a practice before the first game of the season and the injury is healing slowly.

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