

DOLLAR DAYS

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Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

It took Mr. Muzzy a long time to bid today's hand and he still landed in the wrong spot. First he thought about his opening bid. He was torn between a one diamond and a two-diamond opening. Finally he decided he was a mite shy for a two bid.

None vulnerable

South dealer

North
S-A 10 8 7 5 2
H-K 7 5
D-J 3
C-9 5

West
S-9 6 3
H-Q 10 6
D-8 5 4
C-Q J 4 2

East
S-4
H-A J 9 4 3
D-10 7 6
C-8 7 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
3C	Pass	3S	Pass
4NT	Pass	5D	Pass
5S	All pass		

To his one diamond call Mr. Champion responded with one spade. Again Mr. Muzzy went into a huddle. He was inclined to raise the spades but for once he remembered that Mr. Champion had said not to jump raise him without at least four cards in his suit.

No trump was out on account of the heart weakness. Three diamonds was strong sounding but not absolutely forcing. Believe it or not, Mr. Muzzy hit on a very good bid. "Three clubs," he said.

Mr. Champion reid his spades and Mr. Muzzy was off to the races. "Four no trump," he said in a loud voice. "Five diamonds," from Mr. Champion and then it was back to Mr. Muzzy again. This time he was really stymied.

Yes, Mr. Muzzy had not used, but misused, the Blackwood Convention. He had found out about his partner's ace holding and he was still in the dark about the chances of slam.

He knew that Mr. Champion could have all that he had promised by his bidding, without holding either the ace or king of hearts. At long last Mr. Muzzy bid five spades, fearing two quick heart losers.

Mr. Dale opened a low club and Mr. Champion wrapped up a grand slam.

"Muzzy," roared Mr. Champion, "why, why, why do you insist on carrying the ball when you don't know which way to run with it?"

"How did I know you had the king of hearts?" pouted Mr. Muzzy. "I can't see through the backs of your cards."

"No, but I am perfectly capable of seeing the front of them," Mr. Champion pointed out. "Why not bid five spades over my three spade bid? Then I would understand that you have a terrific hand with fine spade support and that you are asking me to bid six if I don't have two quick heart losers."

Mr. Champion was right. When information about your partner's aces won't give you the whole story about slam, don't use the Blackwood.

Hotel Arrivals

(Prince Rupert)

J. D. Patterson, R. G. Leigh, S. Swain, P. Johansen, N. Bentley, J. R. Bentham, R. McGee and D. W. Whitaker, Vancouver; J. G. Roberts, Prince George; Ed. Bolton, Port Essington

AUCTION SALE

Timber Sale X 51223
There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 2nd, 1951, in the office of the District Forester, Prince George, B.C., the Licence X 51223, to cut 1,185,000 f.b.m. of Spruce, Fir and Balsam on an area covering part of east half and part of quarter quarter of Lot 9207, situated south of Willow River, Cariboo Land District.

Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.
"Provided anyone unable to attend the auction in person may submit tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid."

Further particulars may be obtained from the Deputy Minister of Forests, Victoria, B.C., or the District Forester, Prince George, B.C. (38)

TIMBER SALE X 49486

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Forests at Victoria, B.C., not later than 11 a.m. on the 13th day of March, 1951, for the purchase of Licence X 49486, to cut 3,375,000 f.b.m. of Hemlock, Balsam, Spruce and Cedar on an area covering vacant Crown land situated approximately 1 1/2 miles southeast of Lot 3950 on west shore of Tuck Inlet, Range 5, Coast Land District.

Three years will be allowed for removal of timber.
Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C. (H)

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

"Stupid" Liquor Laws—Anscomb vs. Turnbull—Premier No Chiseller

VICTORIA.—Ald. Archie Proctor of Vancouver wants the government to do something about our liquor laws. At a meeting of Vancouver city council he called the present law "stupid." He said the present liquor act is a joke and can't be enforced.

The government, of course, won't do anything about the liquor law—not this session anyway. The government hates the mere mention of the word liquor. It gives them the shakes. So the government will tell the Coalition boys to go easy—not to mention liquor in the House unless they feel they absolutely have to.

The government, it may be suspected, doesn't want the liquor law changed. The profits at the moment are fat and juicy and the government is quite satisfied to reap them in.

Cocktail lounges, this observer firmly believes, would cut the sale of liquor. Most people are satisfied with a drink or two. As it is now, they have to buy a whole bottle—and there's always the temptation to kill it.

Cocktail lounges in Washington State, for instance, are well run, attractive, not noisy or rowdy. They're generally much preferable to B.C.'s beer parlors—crowded, smoke-filled, noisy, where beer after beer is served up until the patrons become groggy, because there's nothing else to do but sop beer—no food, no music, no dancing, no singing. Wholesome merriment in a beer parlor is against the law in British Columbia. Outsiders say it's a quaint, picturesque law, but it doesn't make much sense.

But the law will go on, as long as the liquor profits are fat and the people don't insist that the government change the law.

Wonder how Health and Welfare Minister Doug Turnbull and Finance Minister Herb Anscomb get along these days at cabinet meetings.

Mr. Turnbull, though the baby of the House (he's 46) is the spendiest minister; he needs upwards of \$20,000,000 a year for health and welfare—and, as the years go, he's going to need more.

Mr. Anscomb, a few days ago, said we're spending too much on social services; Mr. Turnbull, naturally, thinks we're not spending enough.

And so there must be a tremendous old tug-of-war going on.

But I'd say Mr. Turnbull is winning because, you see, he has more Liberal cabinet ministers behind him than Mr. Anscomb has Conservative. Just the same, these two must have some mighty battles about finances.

We'll never know for sure, though, for what goes on behind the locked doors of the Executive Council chamber is a top secret of state. Cabinet ministers never, never talk about what they talk about at cabinet meetings. They're officially sworn to secrecy.

The Premier's lady has become the Premier's chauffeur these days, Premier Johnson cannot, of course, drive his car yet, and

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QUEEN CHARLOTTES

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pect a provincial status of their own.

With an area more than twice that of Prince Edward Island, with many times the natural resources P.E.I. ever had, they are treated with the least possible consideration as to both the present and the future. Their great resources are exploited to benefit permanently only the mainland processors and communities. Huge camps of transient workers tear up the island forests and carry away the logs for processing at Ocean Falls and Powell River, leaving only the unbeautiful scars of their operations.

Fishermen from American and all British Columbia ports fish their waters and the fish are processed at Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Seattle! And these fishing operations can be considered little less than depredations. Where 50 years ago there were a thousand salmon, there is now scarcely a one.

Even the local administration is imposed from without. When has any body of the residents been asked to express their needs or desires. The province of British Columbia probably takes more revenue from the Queen Charlottes than from any other similar area within the whole province with the exception of the concentrated industrial areas and has been 30 years building 40 miles of auto road with no engineering problems involved—and much of that road a ONE lane track at that!

Such settlers and natives as live on the islands are able and independent as any in Canada

Nickel Head Dies

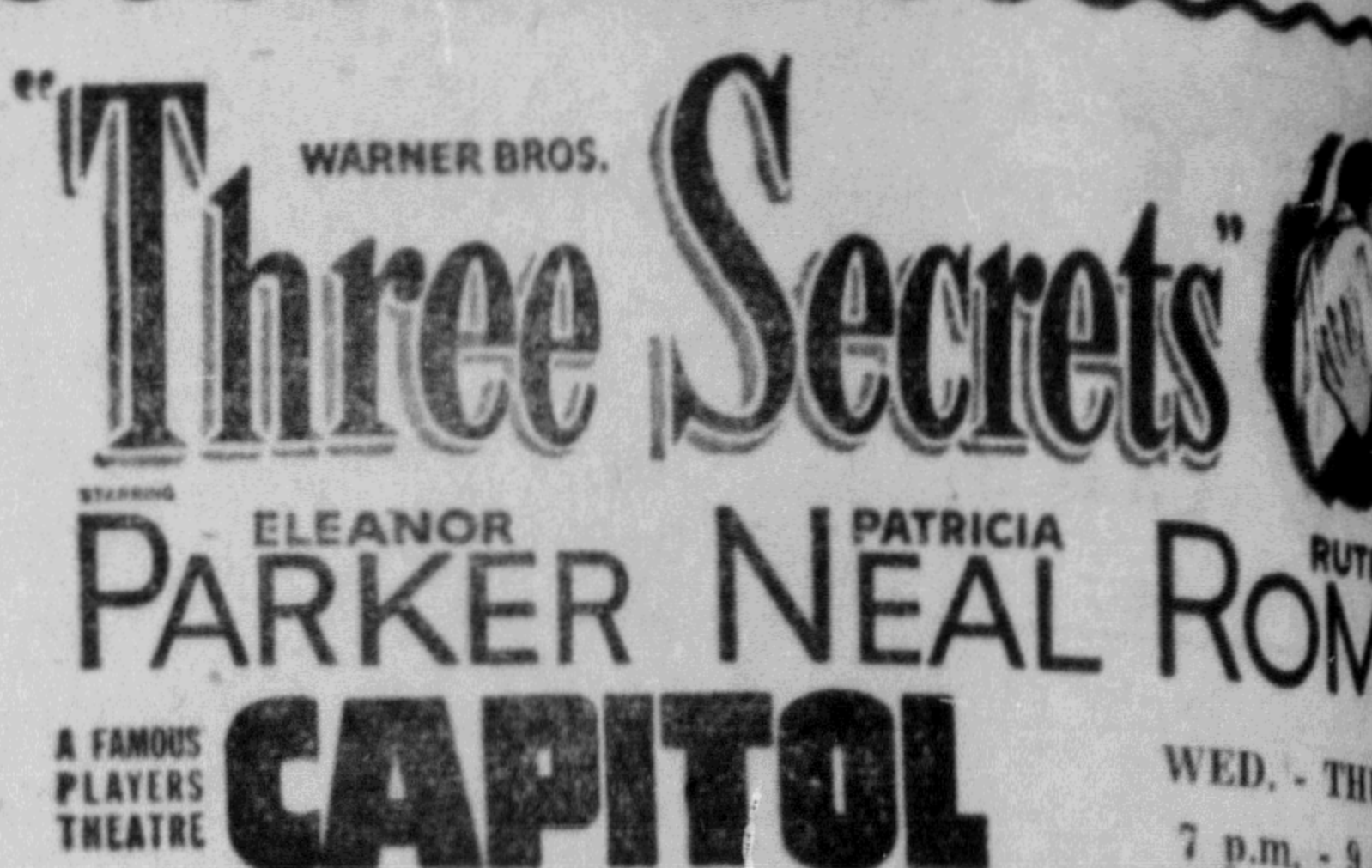
NEW YORK.—Robert Crooks Stanley, aged 74, chairman of the board of the International Nickel Co. and former company president, died yesterday.

and it is time they expressed some of the latent determination that can be expected of them. Why should a driver's licence, paid for at the same rate and to the same division of government that issues drivers' licences for other sections of British Columbia, bear the notation "Restricted to driving on the Queen Charlotte Islands only"? That is, unless the people of the Queen Charlottes are subnormal mentally and physically unfit!

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TODAY
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TWO FEATURES
"FIREBALL" and "STELLA"



R. G. Van der Sluys recuperating in Prince Rupert General Hospital from an operation he underwent last week. Mr. Vandersluys has sold Van's Bakery to Vernon Scherk and intends to make his home in North America. He will spend the winter at his farm and business. ● Your Best salesmen News classifiers

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As a B.C. motorist you are paying too much to drive your car. You pay 10c Provincial Tax on every gallon of gas as well as Federal Sales Tax . . . you pay 3% Sales Tax on new and used cars . . . you pay the highest registration fee in Canada. You pay for examination of your driving ability and a semi-annual car checkup fee!

And your car license? Wouldn't \$5.00 be plenty for a four cylinder car . . . \$10.00 ample for the average size car—instead of the exorbitant price you pay now? On top of all these overburdening taxes, your government in Victoria is collecting drivers' license fees FIVE YEARS IN ADVANCE . . . \$5.00 more out of your pocket! Sure, taxes are necessary—but should they be gained by overtaxing you, the motorist? What can be done? Individually, nothing—but collectively a great deal. Your Automobile Association is the only effective voice working on behalf of the motorist.



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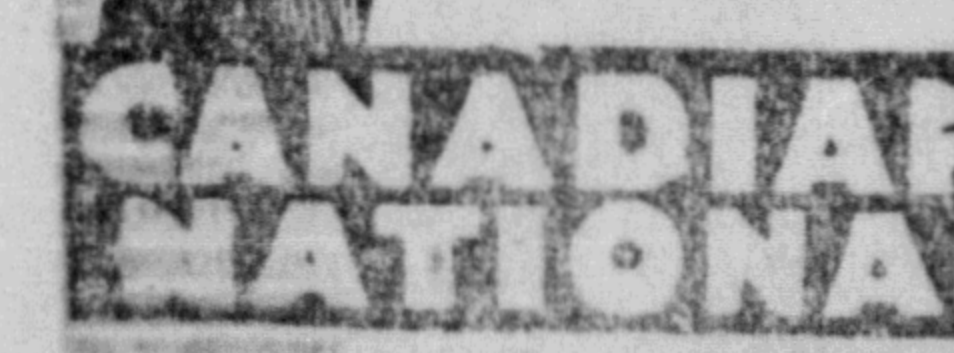
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