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Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Sometimes it is a winning play to use the hold-up when you have two stoppers or even more in the suit opened by the opponents.

General rules are dangerous things to give to bridge players. There are so many exceptions to most of them. Common sense is so much better than general

rules. But with that warning, here is a general rule which has wide application and usefulness. Unless you have one more stop in the suit led by opponents that there are cards you have to knock out to make your contract, then use the hold-up.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

(Mr. Masters)
S-A Q 7
H-K J 6
D-Q 9 5 3
C-A 6 4

(Mr. Abell)
S-J 5
H-3 7 4 2
D-K 6
C-Q 9 3 7 2

(Mr. Keen)
S-K J 8
H-A 9 5
D-J 10 8 2
C-K 5 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 D Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT All pass

Take today's hand which Mrs. Keen was playing at three no trump. Mr. Abell opened the seven of clubs. Mrs. Keen could see that by knocking out the ace and king of diamonds, she could make her bid without a

trick. That was two cards to knock out. But she had only two stoppers in the suit led by the opponents. So she let Mr. Champion hold the first trick with the ten of clubs, he returned the jack of clubs which was won on the board with the ace.

The ten of diamonds was now led from dummy. Mr. Champion would have barged right in with the ace if he had held a club to lead to his partner. But the hold-up play had robbed him of this opportunity. He ducked the diamond lead and Mr. Abell won with the king.

Mr. Abell saw the hopelessness of continuing with clubs and switched to the deuce of hearts. Dummy played the six. Mr. Keen won the ace. Another diamond lead knocked out the ace and nine tricks were ready for the taking.

Had Mrs. Keen won the first club trick, then Mr. Champion would have won the first diamond lead with his ace and led back the jack of clubs. Mr. Abell would have overtaken with his queen and continued clubs until Mrs. Keen's last stopper was gone. And Mr. Abell would still have had the king of diamonds as an entry for his remaining clubs.

Fort Frances Dumps Nanaimo

FORT FRANCES (CP) — Fort Frances Canadians went one game up in their best of seven Allan Cup western finals last night as they dumped the Nanaimo Clippers 7 to 2.

Fort Frances outscored their opponents in every period, taking a three to one lead in the first session, then edging Nanaimo 2 to 1 and 2 to 0 in the other two frames.

More Reds For Korea

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP) — Eighteen new Chinese Communist divisions have been identified in Korea, bringing total enemy strength there to 695,000, the United States Army reported today.

Belfast in Northern Ireland received its first charter of incorporation in 1613.

Britain is Satisfied

Morrison and Churchill
Comment on MacArthur
Ouster

LONDON (CP) — Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison said today that Great Britain is now ready to negotiate a cease-fire in Korea but the "other side" so far has shown no desire to stop hostilities.

Speaking of the dismissal of George Douglas MacArthur by President Truman, Mr. Morrison said the action harmonized with the British view. Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill endorsed Mr. Morrison's view.

Clover Leafs Take Second

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Clover Leafs defeated Toronto Tri-Bells 64 to 62 last night to take a 2-to-0 game edge in their best-of-five series with the Easterners for the Dominion Basketball championship.

Lady Nelson In Collision

MONTREAL — The Lady Nelson of the Canadian National Steamships was in collision Monday night with a barge near Port of Spain, according to a report received here by the company's head office.

The Nelson had sailed from Port of Spain, and when near the Bocas, hit an unlighted barge being towed by a small vessel.

The Nelson suffered slight damage to her bow. No passengers or members of the crew were injured, and no cargo damaged.

The ship returned to Port of Spain where she will be detained two or three days while repairs are made.

Hopeful For Housing Here

With good hopes for the housing problem of Prince Rupert, Ald. Doug Frizzell returned here by boat this morning from the south where he has been conferring with government officials.

"We have received the promise of the premier and the government, who are very much behind Prince Rupert getting a number one listing for housing," said Ald. Frizzell, who will report at tomorrow night's special meeting of the council.

New Rifle Range Open

Shooting in the Rod and Gun Club's new rifle range in the Civic Centre begins tonight with rangemaster Robert Collart in charge.

Doug Kerr, chairman of the rifle range committee, said at the meeting last night that the club was now open to receive registrations. Thirteen members registered last night and a name for the rifle club is to be decided on shortly.

It was decided only individual entries would be made at first in the Dominion marksman competitions but that probably next year it would be hoped to enter a team or more in the national contest.

Moose Hold Children's Party

Close of the "kiddies' season" was marked last night by Loyal Order of the Moose members with a party for 35 children and presentations.

Past three months, children from ages 4-12 were given mat training and physical work-outs one night a week at the Moose auditorium.

Charles Logan and Mrs. Beryl Karasosky, instructors, were thanked for their work and presentation made by young Garry Muncey and Eileen Rensvold of a lighter to Instructor Logan and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Karasosky.

Refreshments of ice cream, soft drinks and cookies were served for a wind-up, with vows by the children they would be on hand for the opening of the season next October.

City Case Presented

The Board of Conciliation over the wage dispute between the city and the Prince Rupert Fire Fighters' Association, heard William Long, city clerk, present the city's brief at a meeting in the court house last night.

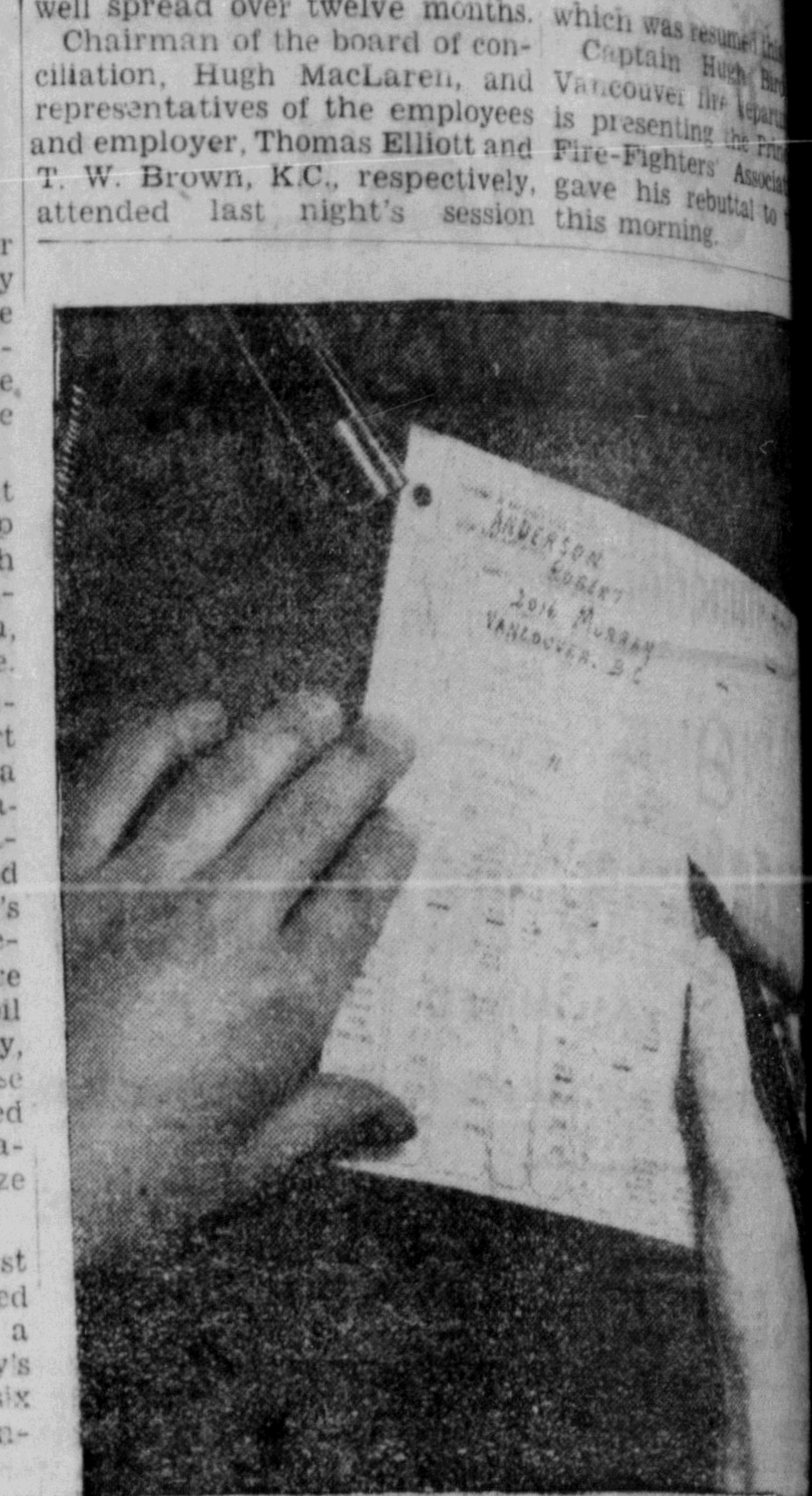
In the city's brief it was felt that Prince Rupert should keep similar wages to Kamloops, North Vancouver, Vernon, Trail, Nanaimo, Penticton and Kelowna, which are of comparable size.

That there are only two buildings in the city of Prince Rupert of more than three stories, a population of 10,000, the Canadian National Railways, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage and the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-op having their own fire departments; that no fire hazards are caused by mills; that the five oil companies are distributors only, with trained men for fire. These were some of the points included in the city's brief, which disagreed with a proposal to equalize the Vancouver wage scale.

Comparing the salary of a first class Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable, with that of a fireman, first class, the city's brief states that it requires 48 years to become a first class constable with rigid training.

It points out that a first class police constable's salary in the RCMP for 1951 is \$260 per month as compared to the firemen's proposed rate of \$258.50.

The city brief also says that Prince Rupert has the greatest rainfall of any city in the province and the rainfall is fairly



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