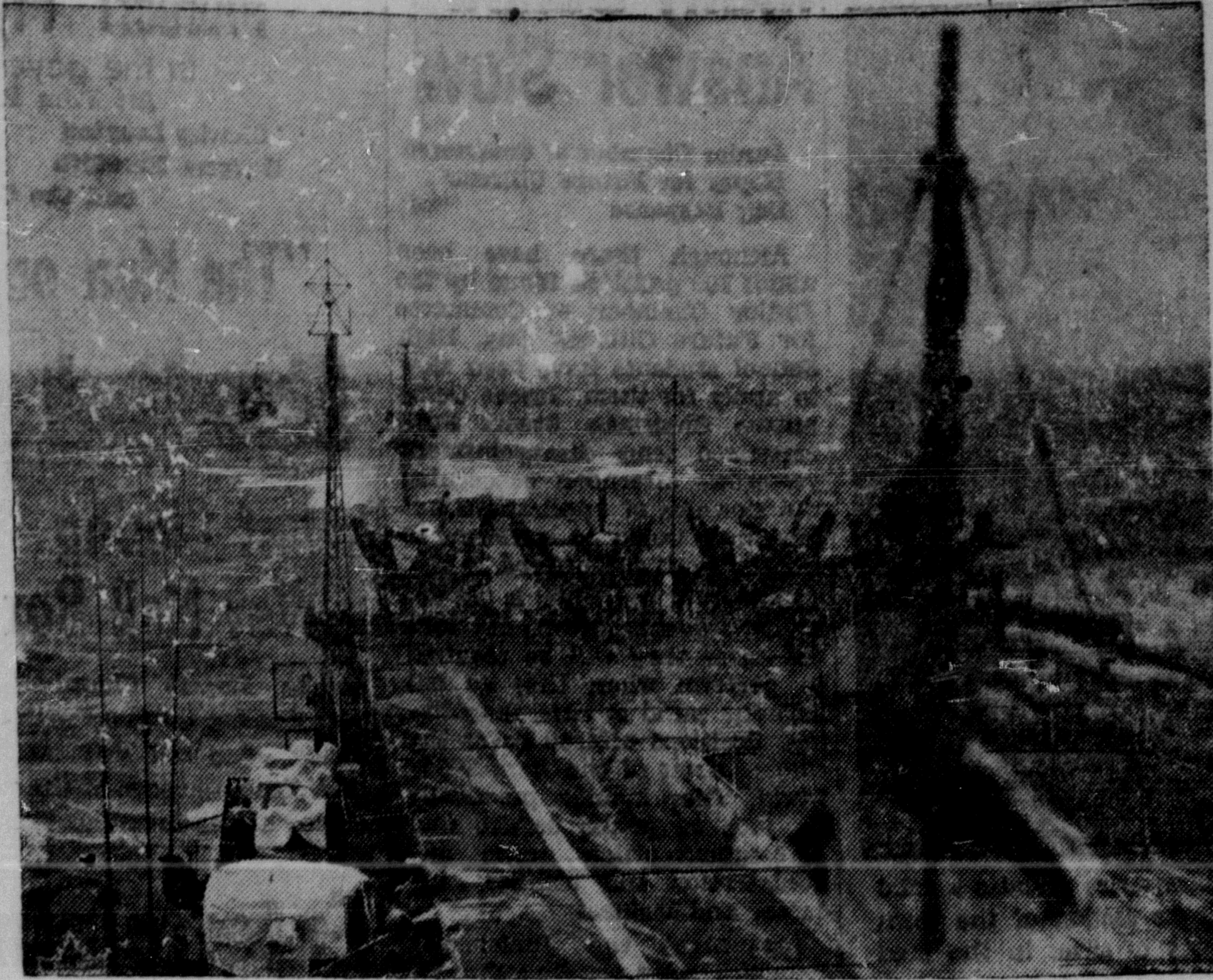
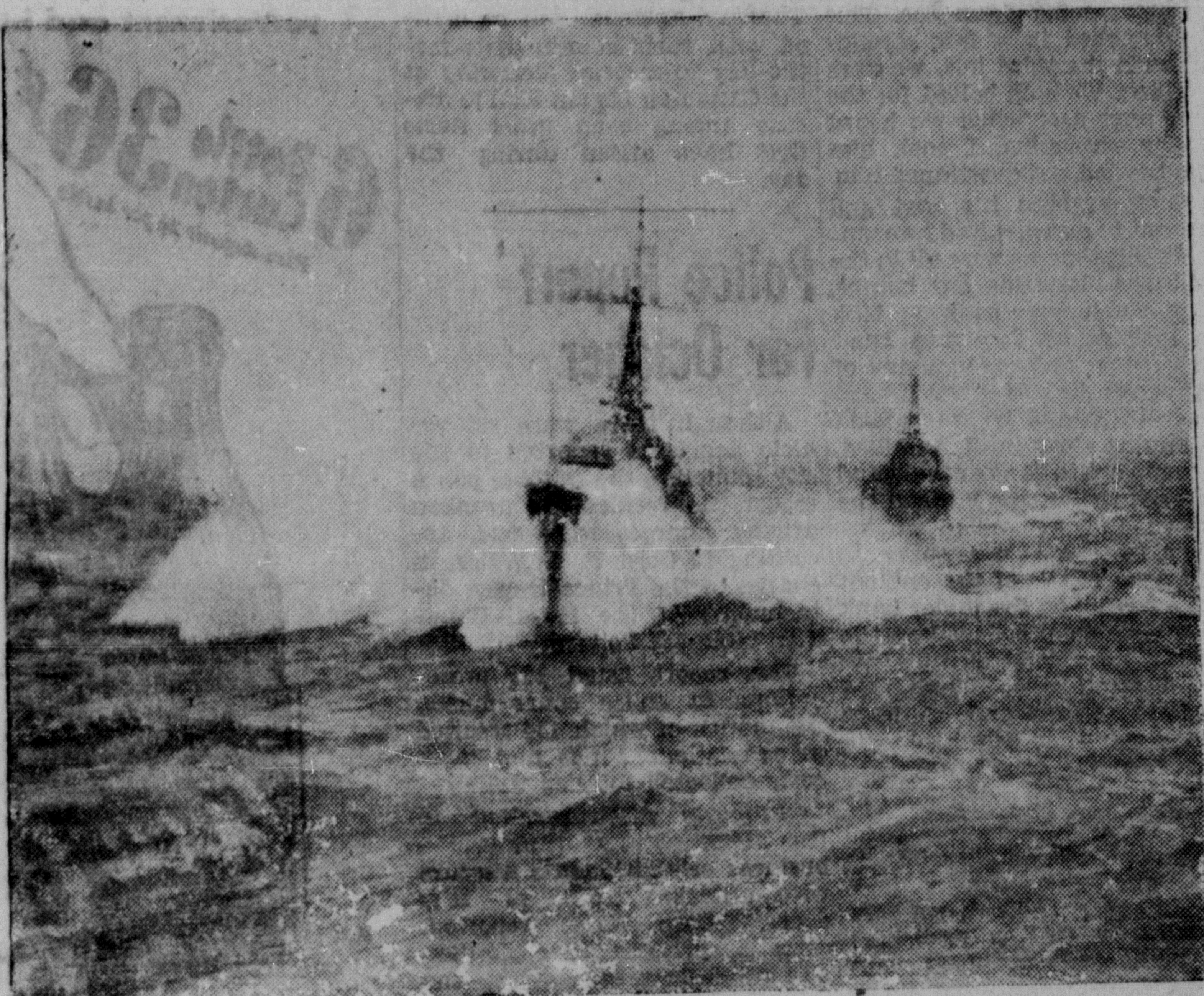


THE NAVY TAKES IT



ROUGH GOING—That all was not smooth sailing during the Canadian Special Service Squadron's cruise to British and European waters is shown in the above photograph. Taken from the magnificent, the photo shows the storm-swept flight deck of the carrier with the two destroyers—Mimac and Huron—buckling heavy seas astern. (National Defence Photo)



GREEN ONE—the three ships encountered high winds and rough seas while on passage between Denmark and The Netherlands. In the above photograph, H.M.C.S. Huron takes a "green one" over her fore-castle. The Mimac is shown astern of the Huron. (National Defence Photo)

POINT OF LAW—

When Is Sunrise and Sunset Is Game Officers' Puzzling Problem

Game officials scratched their heads in their office yesterday. With Prince Rupert schools, businesses and householders, they were in semi-darkness, through the absence of sunlight and failure of electric power. But the game officer's big problem is—when is it light and when is it dark?

Although the problem seems to have faced the Prince Rupert district game department since its inception in 1912, and is personally irritating to Cpl. Edward Martin, NCO in charge of the local district, an official government statement is expected.

"When does the sun set and when does the sun rise?" queries Cpl. Martin.

"When I've come upon hunters early in the morning, before the sun was up, I've said: 'Little early, isn't it, boys?' Now, if they agreed and put up their guns, it was all right. However, should I bring them up in court, and the defendant asked what time the sun rose, the lawyer wouldn't have a case, unless he knew the official time.

"In this case a calendar, newspaper or kidney almanac won't do—we must have something official," insists the corporal who has wired to Prince George headquarters of "D" game division.

Except for lower mainland points, no definite time of sunrise or sunset is specified in the British Columbia game regulations for 1950-51, which state:

"... of the Western District the hunting of migratory game birds shall be only allowed or permissible during the period one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset."

But recently when the local game warden, H. O. Jamieson, was patrolling the harbor, he found hunters after ducks near 5 p.m. "I knew that they were close to when the sun was setting but how was I to know when the sun set—the sun may have gone down behind the mountain, but where there was no mountain the sun would be still shining," said the game warden.

"Even when the sun is down, with the rays still in the sky, a hunter might claim the sun is still shining," noted Mr. Jamieson. "They can see the ducks against the sky well enough to shoot."

IN THE MORNING
"In the morning it is the same thing. Hunters that do stop as soon as they see it getting dark, don't want to see the birds chased away by the hunters who get up before the sun," explained the game warden.

Used to precise federal government official readings of tides, Cpl. Martin, who has his coastal master's ticket for the PML 4 game boat, says that it would be hopeless to expect a hunter to have charts and sextant along in the bush to determine the exact time of sunset or sunrise.

"I am going to keep on investigating until I find out the exact time of sunsets and sunrises," promised Cpl. Martin, who has inquired at the Daily News, Digby Island weather station, and city police.

Perhaps there is some sense to Lewis Carroll's poem which went something like:

"The sun was shining merrily, shining with all its might, Doing its very best to make the billows smooth and bright. But this was odd because it was the middle of the night."

Split Halibut Season Sought

Hon. R. H. Mayhew, minister of fisheries, will be asked direct by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce if it is the intention to institute a split halibut season in Area No. 2 this year.

Motion to this effect was presented by A. S. Nickerson at the meeting of the Chamber Monday night and seconded by W. J. Scott.

It was charged that the Canadian government was holding up action on the matter.

Vice-President Is Being Sought

R. J. Bourque, former manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at Burns Lake, having moved from the district, the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia is seeking a new vice-president to which office Mr. Bourque had been elected at the annual convention in Prince George during the past summer.

A. C. Fowler of Smithers and V. A. Taylor have been nominated as success to Mr. Bourque and member boards are being asked to express their preference.

When the matter came up at the meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce Monday night, the constitutionality of such a method of election was questioned so the matter was deferred until the next meeting pending consultation with the bylaws of the Associated Boards.

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Long Road Job Near Finished

The long job of reconstructing the highway between the city limits and Galloway Rapids is nearing completion with only 200 more feet remaining to be done, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was informed Monday night in a report from Hugo Kraupner, chairman of the highway committee. The contractors, Wood & McClay, are now almost finished although recent cold weather had held up the final grading and gravelling.

Junior Girls Plan 'Xmas Tree

Big plans are being made by the junior girls' gymnasium classes at the Civic Centre for their Christmas Tree December 19. There are three classes during the week and all will join together for the party. Ages range from 6 to 12.

The girls themselves will bring sandwiches and other refreshments. They have drawn partners with whom to exchange presents.

Instructress Gloria Sather says the girls are very enthusiastic. A program has been laid that will include tap dancing numbers, singing and topped off with a Christmas play, which will have a cast of about 30. The teen-age girls and junior boys are also planning Christmas parties.

Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

There are all sorts of one no trump opening bids. Some of them are a bare two-and-a-half quick tricks. Others are of the rock-crushing variety. If you don't know which kind your partner of the moment uses, my advice to you is—don't open with one no trump. Open with one in a suit.

There is even greater difference of opinion as to the meaning of a bid of two in a suit in response to an opening one no trump. Does such a bid show a good hand?—a bad hand?—does it encourage partner to go on?—does it practically command partner not to bid again?—is it forcing for one round?—does it have some special conventional meaning?

If you ask enough players you will get an answer of "yes" to each of these questions. Both sides vulnerable. North dealer.

North (Mr. Champion)
S—Q J 10
H—K 9 3
D—A J 6
C—A K J 4
West S—A K 6 4 2 S—8 7 3
H—None H—A Q 8
D—9 7 5 4 2 D—K Q 10
C—9 8 3 C—Q 10 6 5

South S—9 5
H—J 10 7 6 5 4 2
D—8 3
C—7 2

The bidding: East South West
North 1 NT East 2 H Pass
3 NT Dbl. 4 H Pass
Pass Dbl. All pass

To my friend, Mr. Champion, a response of two in a major suit opposite an opening one no trump shows a pretty good hand but suggests the hand may play better at the major than at no trump. So in today's hand he jumped to three no trump over his partner's two-heart response. He had never played with his partner before but he has unbounded confidence in his own playing ability. South meant something entirely different when he made his two-heart bid. He thought he was showing just what he had, an absolute bast hand with a long weak suit.

Blackwood On Bridge

The East player knew this. He had played with South many times before. He shrewdly guessed that his opponents were in trouble. He doubled three no trump and when South went to four hearts, saw no reason not to double that as well. West led the king of spades and when he saw the dummy, made the good shift to a diamond. Now South must lose a diamond, two hearts and two spades for down two, 500 points. Well, Mr. Champion gets all the blame on this one. Playing with a partner he had never seen before, he should have avoided opening with one no trump. If he had opened the North hand with one club, South would have been glad to pass. In fact, the opponents would probably have come into the bidding, either making a small partial or, if they got a little too frisky, actually going set themselves.

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