

# BLACKWOOD or BRIDGE

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Players Battle To Avoid Taking Trick



Contrary to the usual practice, today's hand was a battle between Mr. Dale and Mr. Champion, the former trying to give away a trick and the latter trying to avoid winning it.

The field of battle was the heart suit and Mr. Dale won out because he was lucky enough to have been dealt the deuce.

Mr. Champion opened the deck of spades and it was ducked all around. After looking over the dummy he felt pretty gloomy about his chances of beating the contract. He could see one spade winner, one heart and one club, but no more.

### BEST DEFENSE

At the same time Mr. Dale was feeling pessimistic about his chances of making the contract. With no entry to the board, it seemed that he would have to play a club, three spades and possibly a heart.

As usual, Mr. Champion put up the best possible defense. At trick two he cashed the ace of clubs, then shifted to the eight of diamonds. Mr. Dale was in with the ace of diamonds and he realized that the only way he could get those three tricks on the board was to throw Mr. Champion in and have him return a club or a diamond.

At trick four he laid down the ace of hearts. Mr. Champion, sensing the true situation, started to get out of the way.

South dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
North (Mr. Abel)  
S-K 7 6 3  
H-8  
D-K Q 9 6 2  
C-K 8 5

West (Mr. Champion) East (Mrs. Keen)  
S-Q 6 3 S-A J 10 9 2  
H-Q 6 3 H-9  
D-8 7 5 D-3 10 4 3  
C-A Q J 9 6 2 C-10 7 4

South (Mr. Dale) East  
S-8 5 4 S-A K J 10 7 5 4 2  
D-A D-4  
C-3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 H 2 C 2 D Pass  
2 H All Pass

playing the six spot. Mr. Dale's worries were not over yet. What if Mrs. Keen's nine of hearts was a false-card? What if she had two small hearts and Mr. Champion had the queen doubleton? In that case, the next heart lead would have to be a small one, not the king.

In other words, Mr. Dale had to lose a heart trick as he would be set if he led spades himself at the end of the hand.

He made the right play. He cashed the king of hearts, Mr. Champion dropped the queen but then the deuce was led and Mr. Champion had to win with the trey. Here either a club or a diamond return would put dummy in and enable Mr. Dale to discard his losing spades.

### Firemen Called To Bush Fire

A miniature bush fire on East Sixth Avenue sent city firemen out yesterday afternoon, but no damage was done.

A grassy area in the 1300 block was set ablaze by a resident burning rubbish at 3:10 p.m. and firemen were called to the spot, quashing the blaze within a few minutes.

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## Commons Votes Down Motion Rapping Government Powers

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons has rejected a strongly worded criticism of the government's wide powers under the three-year-old Emergency Powers Act. Liberals and one CCF member Tuesday defeated 134 to 63, a Progressive Conservative motion describing executive powers under the act as "repugnant" to responsible government.

Charlie Gillis (CCF—Cap Breton South) sided with the government in opposing the motion, backed by other CCF members and three Quebec Independents as well as the Progressive Conservative and Social Credit groups.

The Emergency Powers Act passed in 1951 to meet conditions arising out of the war in Korea, was renewed last year to May 31.

Opposition Leader Dr. W. W. Roper offered the motion Monday, said the government's government-in-council powers under the act have been abused. He said Parliament should not be asked to extend the act beyond May 31.

Prime Minister St. Laurent replied that the government hopes it will not have to ask for an extension. No decision had been made yet, but if the government decided on an extension because of the international situation, Parliament would have an opportunity to debate the issue.

### Robbery

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Yesterday afternoon, Pettenuzzo completed cross-examination of Ouellet and Mr. Brown called four other witnesses before trial adjourned.

Defence counsel referred to evidence given by Ouellet at the preliminary hearing last January 26 in which he said accused had a "bone handled knife."

But, under prompting yesterday, Ouellet was unable to definitely state whether Hashka actually had a knife in his hand when the scuffle ensued.

"It was something like a knife... a hunting knife or skin knife," said Ouellet.

**GIVES DEMONSTRATION**  
He demonstrated for Judge Fulton and Mr. Pettenuzzo how he forced Hashka to drop the "knife" after the two men began wrestling.

At the request of Mr. Brown, Ouellet showed the judge a scar on his left hand which he said was caused by the blade of a knife early on the morning of Jan. 17.

He said also that he did not wish to "go on a drunk" on the night of Jan. 16 because he planned using the money from his pay cheque to pay a private loan at a bank.

Constable Massine told court of meeting Ouellet in a cafe early on Jan. 17 at which time he laid a complaint and later accompanied him on a tour of the area where the scuffle took place, in the hope of finding Hashka and Dora McNeil.

### DIDN'T MENTION KNIFE

In answer to Mr. Pettenuzzo, Constable Massine said Ouellet did not mention a knife at that time, but he told Mr. Brown that it was while Ouellet was washing his hands and face at the police station that he said a wound on his hand "had been inflicted by a knife."

Mrs. Violet Tyssse, waitress, told court that Hashka and Dora McNeil were in the cafe where the worked between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Identifying Hashka as he sat in the witness box, she said he was the person who gave her a \$9 bill for the food the pair ate and left without waiting for his change. The bill was for \$1.65.

She also identified Ouellet as the man who telephoned RCMP from the phone in the cafe just as the accused was departing. She did not hear whether the two men spoke to each other.

Taxi driver William Wrathall told of "picking up" Hashka and Dora McNeil outside the cafe. "They just told me to take them for a ride. No destination was called," said Wrathall.

He said that during the ride, the dispatcher for his company made a reference to the couple in his car and "the man said he'd like to get out of the car." He was "about 25 or 30 yards from the corner of Seventh and Fulton" at that time.

"The man paid me with two \$1 bills. He threw the money on the front seat..."

**VISITED SCENE**  
Constable Hill told court of visiting the room where Hashka, Ouellet and Dora McNeil had gone after eating in the cafe following closure of the beer parlor.

He said he and Constables Pletz and Irving arrested Hashka and Dora McNeil "about 11 a.m. on the 17th" and in a search of the room located two billfolds which were submitted as exhibits.

Constable Hill said investigation showed Hashka was registered in the hotel under the name of James Reid, "but after he was shown letters with the name Edward Hashka, he admitted that was his name."

### ADMITTED NICKNAME

"He also admitted that a billfold with the inscription "Chicago Ed" embossed on it, belonged to him. He said that was a nickname.

Constable Hill said one of the wallets was found in Hashka's trousers pocket. In it, folded in quarter ways, were two \$20 bills, one \$10 bill and one \$5 bill. It also contained a driver's licence bearing the name of James Reid and a membership card for the Western Sports Centre in Vancouver with the name Eddie Hashka.

"Constable Irving also found another \$3 in \$1-bills which he said he found in accused's coat." Hashka said he brought the money up here from Vancouver with him," said Constable Hill. The billfolds and contents were all submitted as exhibits.

### British Tighten Island Security

NEW YORK (CP)—The New York Times says today in a Madrid dispatch that British authorities in Gibraltar have expressed "deep concern" over the possibility of "serious incidents" during the Queen's visit May 10.

The Madrid story says exceptional steps are being taken at Gibraltar, at the southern tip of Spain and overlooking the straits dividing the Atlantic and Mediterranean, to tighten security measures.

"The British preoccupation lies mainly in that underground organizations opposing the Spanish government or merely anti-British hotheads' conceivably might seize that occasion to endanger the Queen's safety by some irresponsible acts that would lead to a grave crisis in British-Spanish relations," the dispatch adds.

"These relations already at tense."

### Noted Newspaper Doubts Wisdom Of H-Bomb Tests

LONDON (Reuters)—A leading British newspaper, the Manchester Guardian, says today that United States hydrogen bomb tests scheduled to be held in the South Pacific next month should be called off.

The paper expresses doubts over the wisdom of holding the tests in view of the effects of the March 1 H-bomb test at Bikini Atoll. It said flatly that this time American scientists would be moving into the realm of the unknown.

The Liberal paper's editorial says the effects of the weapon exploded March 1, which rained radio-active ash on 23 Japanese fishermen, injuring some of them seriously, "were far greater than the scientists had expected."

Then it goes on to ask: "Do the scientists really know what will happen after the explosions which they are planning to make in the Marshall Islands in April? In Washington it has been announced that the device or devices to be detonated then will be four times as powerful as the one exploded on March 1."

"How great an area of the ocean will be contaminated and how far may the waters and fish move?"

The scientists are moving now into realms which are unknown, and the consequences of their experiments may be most serious.

"Is it really wise to proceed with these explosions?"

The Guardian's apprehension is echoed more strongly by a German newspaper, the Frankfurt Abendpost.

"What the whole world has feared has now happened," says the Abendpost. "The explosions are beyond control."

It urges scientists to "realize how far they can go" and not let themselves be forced by politics to use their work in a way "which leads to the end of mankind."



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