

H. M. T. Aquitania, endeared to the hearts of more Canadians than any other troop ship afloat, turned over another page in her gallant history when she disembarked the final organized draft of servicemen and dependents at Halifax on 19 January. In her 23 years on the high seas she has carried men to and from two great wars. The last of the "four stackers" to ply the North Atlantic is pictured above. In photo No. 2, dependents are shown waiting in the pay parade for money exchange. In the photo is Mrs. Vera Miskimins and baby getting her first "feel" of Canadian currency from Major D. C. Wilson and S/Sgt. A. E. Baker of the Army Embarkation Pay Staff. Destined for a new home in Toronto, Mrs. Miskimins was among the last organized draft of service dependents brought to Canada by army movement officials. Her comment about the "new" currency: "Gracious, what pretty colors." In commemoration of her service as a troopship, H. M. T. Aquitania and her crew were presented with a bronze plaque by the heads of the three armed services when she docked at Halifax. She was in photo No. 3 is Capt. J. D. Snow, ship's captain, receiving the plaque from Major-General H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., commanding Eastern Army Command. Capt. Snow expressed the personal appreciation of himself and the crew for the award which read: "Presented to H. M. T. Aquitania for her services rendered in two great wars by all ranks of the Canadian Armed Forces." Gen. Foster read a message of gratitude on behalf of the Minister of National Defence and the people of Canada. — (Canadian Army Photos).



The little black address book (arrow) which was mailed in the "pasteup" addressed package (above) along with other personal effects of Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old "Black Dahlia", is the best clue Los Angeles police have towards solving her murder, and it was probably mailed by the murderer, authorities believe. Included in the package was the birth certificate and some snapshots belonging to the dead girl.

Contract Bridge

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON OVERCONFIDENCE

It was rather foolish of South in today's deal to depend on the favorable position of an outstanding ace, when he could have made his contract no matter where it lay.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 9
♥ QJ 10 2
♦ AK Q 2
♣ K 5 4

♠ K Q J
♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 10 8

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 7 6 1
♣ A J 2

♠ A
♥ A K 8 7 4 3
♦ 5 4
♣ 8 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 4♣ 5♥ Pass
Pass Pass

West, having made one desperate attempt to shut out the enemy, subsided after North went to five hearts, understandably afraid that another spade bid might give the opponents a makeable slam. As things went he had done enough anyway!

A club lead would have defeated the five-heart contract off the reel, but West could scarcely be expected to guess that and made the more conventional and prosaic selection of the spade king, winning with the blank ace, declarer drew two rounds of trumps, then, since he could discard only one club on dummy's diamonds, led a club toward the king, confident that the club ace would be in West's hand, "for his bid." The confidence was misplaced, and three clubs were lost in rapid succession for a defeat of one trick.

South's complacency relative to the club situation was ill-advised, to put it kindly. How much shrewder and more logical this line of play would have been:

After drawing the adverse trumps South, goes to dummy and ruffs away the remaining spade. He then cashes the three top diamonds, and observes that West "falls" on the third round. Now how simple it is to lead dummy's last diamond and give the trick to East, discarding another club! This is the opponents' first trick—and what can East do to win two more? If he returns a spade or a diamond, declarer gets rid of still another club while ruffing in dummy; if East returns a club, from the ace or not from the ace, the club king must become established.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

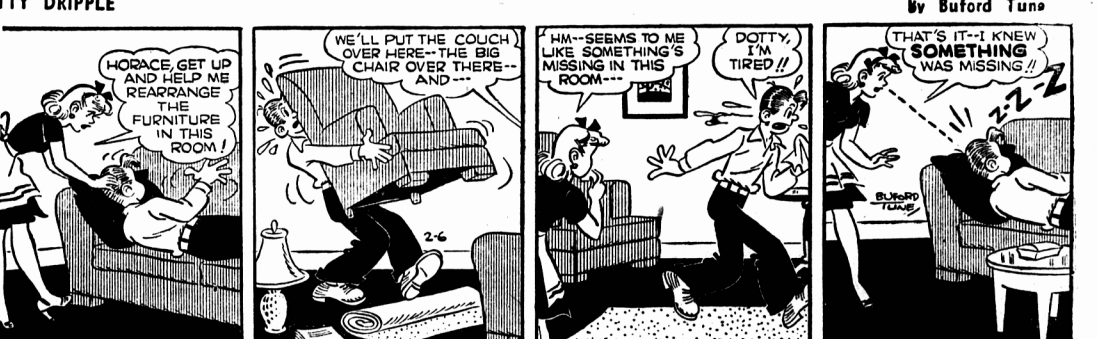
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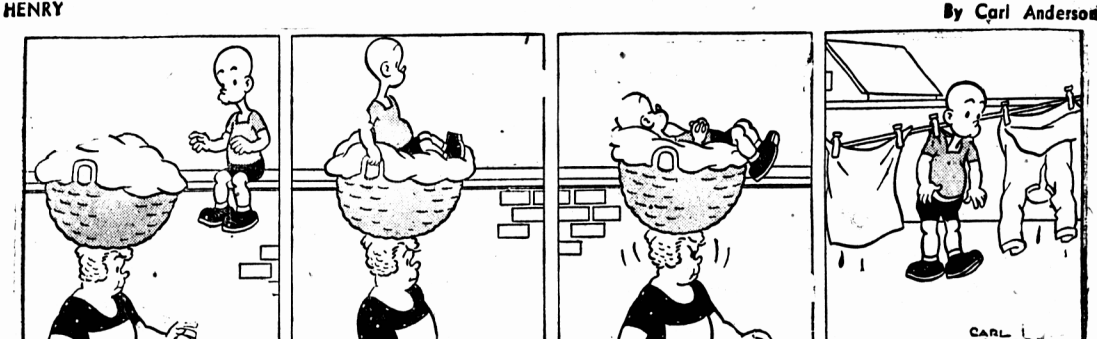
DOTTY DRIPPLE



BRINGING UP FATHER



HENRY



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS



NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY



TILLIE THE TOILER



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. WILLIAMS



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoopie



ELIZABETH SHORT



DANIEL S. VORHEES

Into Los Angeles police headquarters walked a man who gave his name as Daniel S. Vorhees. He said he "wanted to confess to the sadistic killing of Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old "Black Dahlia", whose nude, dissected body was found in Los Angeles recently.

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By HAM FISHER

By Buford Tuna

By George McManis

By Carl Anderson

By Edwino

By Clifford McBride

By Webster