

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



THE MARQUIS D'ANTONELLE (1747-1817) noted French author COULD NOT WRITE UNLESS HE WAS HOLDING A COULD DISH AGAINST THE BACK OF HIS NECK HIS DESK WAS ALWAYS FILLED HIGH WITH CHILLED CROCKERY

THE AMERICAN PORCUPINE HAS 25,000 QUILLS AND EACH QUILL IS ARMED WITH A POISONED BARB

BEET WITH A ROOT 32 INCHES LONG grown in Regina, Alberta

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAV BECKER

FAMOUS HANDS

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH ♠ K Q 10 7 4 ♣ 10 6 5 3

WEST ♠ 9 5 ♣ 8 4 2 ♠ 8 5 4 2 ♣ A 9 7 3

EAST ♠ A 8 3 2 ♣ 9 ♠ 9 ♣ 10 9 7 3 ♠ A 8 3 2 ♣ 10 6 5 4

SOUTH ♠ J 6 ♣ A K Q J 7 ♠ A K Q J 6 ♣ 8

The bidding: South West North East 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead—ace of clubs. When two teams sit down to play for the world championship, anything at all can be expected to happen. And it did—in this astonishing hand from the match between Sweden and the United States in 1953.

With Amalf Deal No. 3—before the players even had a chance to warm up—in the 25th-board match won by an American team comprised of John Crawford, Theodore Lightner, George Rapee, Howard Schenken, Samuel Stayman, and this writer.

With Amalf Swedish and Lilliehook North, the Swedish pair got to six hearts on the bidding sequence shown. West opened the

ace of clubs, and Sweden was down one. It was a remarkable deal. The K-Q-J of clubs turned out to be worthless, the diamond void proved to be no asset, and South's excellent diamonds were of little practical use.

When the American pair held the North—South cards, with Schenken South and Stayman North, the bidding went:

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The two club bids was an artificial strong bid. A trump was opened. Schenken lost no time drawing West's trumps, cashed the high diamonds, removing all four clubs from dummy, and conceded the ace of spades.

So the United States scored the slam, worth 1,000 points, while Sweden scored 50 points, (counting honors), for a net gain to the home team of 1,030 points.

It is a strange commentary that two outstanding teams both two aces, while if the same hand appeared in the average home game the odds are that the players, through the use of Blackwood, would manage to stay out of the slam.

It just makes a fellow wonder sometimes whether the champs are as good as they're cracked up to be.

PC's Appear To Have Lost No Vote-Getting Momentum

OTTAWA (CP)—On the record, the two federal byelections last Monday show that the Progressive Conservative Party has apparently lost none of the momentum that produced their resounding general election victory last March 31.

The two votes, in Ontario and Quebec constituencies, also indicated that the Liberal opposition is not yet ready to wage an all-out electoral fight against the government.

Liberal Leader Pearson now is in the midst of the first major organizing tour he has had time to make since becoming leader last January. His long-range goal: the next general election some four years from now.

At any rate, Conservatives had a comparatively easy time of it last Monday in retaining Grenville—Dundas in eastern Ontario and capturing Quebec's Montmagny—L'Islet from the Liberals.

In Grenville—Dundas, a Conservative stronghold for some 80 years, Mr. Pearson entered the campaign only once at the outset, and no other former Liberal cabinet ministers went to help party candidate Mark P. Salmon who himself waged a vigorous fight.

On the other side, four Conservative ministers lent a hand to Mrs. Jean Casselman, 38-year-old widow of Clair Casselman who had held the riding since 1924. She came in 5,121 votes ahead, compared with the 6,453-vote majority of her husband last March 31, and polled only 55 votes fewer than he did.

Liberals in Montmagny—L'Islet on March 31 survived the landslide when Conservatives won victory in two-thirds of Quebec's 75 ridings. But in the byelection that riding switched to the government, voting Conservative for the first time since it was established in 1933.

The only former Liberal cabinet minister who entered the campaign was Lionel Chevrier, Mr. Pearson took no part, nor did Jean Lesage, former resources minister who vacated the seat earlier this year to become Quebec Liberal leader.

But half-a-dozen Conservative cabinet ministers campaigned for Fortin, 37-year-old Ste. Foy judge and Quebec City lawyer, who defeated Liberal Bernard Blanchet by about 1,000 votes. In the last two general elections Mr. Lesage had enjoyed majorities of 3,185 and 726.

THE BYELECTIONS WERE THE FIRST tests at the polls since the last general election.

Mr. Pearson called the results "very disappointing but not surprising."

In the past, byelections have not been reliable indicators of how the following general election will go. The last byelection in Quebec was won by a Conservative in 1952 when Paul Spence captured Roberval from the Liberals.

In the general election the following year the Liberals won it back, and Conservatives were returned in only four of the province's ridings.

treat from northern Ellesmere Island about 700 years ago. Ellesmere is Canada's most northerly land mass.

This theory would tie in with the one that supposes decimation by cold of Eskimo settlements on both east and west coasts of Greenland at about the same time.

The scientists who took part in the Canadian expedition in 1957-58 to Lake Hazen on northern Ellesmere are still assessing their discoveries. But anthropologist Dr. Moreau S. Maxwell and his colleagues reconstruct this history: The Eskimos migrated in at least three waves from Siberia across Alaska, the northern rim of mainland Canada, the Canadian archipelago and into Greenland.

Dr. Maxwell and other members of the expedition led by Dr. Geoffrey Hattersley-Smith of the Defence Research Board found at least 33 Eskimo sites in the vicinity of Lake Hazen.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—President Sydney Frost of the Bank of Nova Scotia said Wednesday "indications everywhere show that the business recession is over in Canada." Mr. Frost is touring the 27 Newfoundland branches of the bank.

See Blueberry Possibilities

ROBERVAL, Que. (CP)—Two provincial government employees who visited blueberry growing areas in Maine recently, say Lake St. John farmers should look into the possibility of growing blueberries on their farms.

Philippe Samson, forestry engineer who visited Maine with Maurice Noreau, chief Saguenay district forester, said in Maine the production of blueberries is well organized. Some farmers there drew their chief revenue from this crop.

Mr. Samson discussed his visit in Maine at a social club meeting in this town 175 miles north of Quebec City.

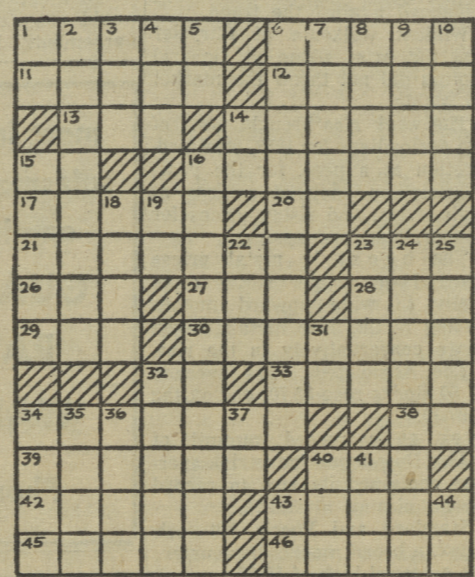
Find Evidence Of Cold Wave 700 Years Ago

OTTAWA (CP)—Scientists have turned up evidence that even the Eskimos can't always stand the cold.

They say they believe an intense cold wave lasting possibly decades forced the Eskimo to re-

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Franco's land
6. Pythias' friend
11. Dull-witted person
12. Leave off, as a syllable
13. Negative vote
14. Night sounds
15. Chinese measure
16. Tap dancers (slang)
17. Make amends for
20. Guido's lowest note
21. Reveal
23. A bird's enemy
26. American rifle
27. Escape (slang)
28. Hall
29. Indian weight
30. American essayist
32. Like
33. Family member
34. Kind of griddle cake
38. Close to
39. Oklahoma
42. Splicing tool
43. Incentive
44. Intended
46. Stand up
- DOWN
1. South Dakota (abbr.)
2. Aiming at
3. Prescription term
4. Frosty
5. Northeast (abbr.)
6. The outcome
7. On high
8. Bog
9. German river
10. Headland
14. Thus
15. Dips, as water
16. Leand swam this
18. Across
19. Greek letter
22. Herd of wales
23. Packing box
24. Pulpy green fruits
25. Doctrine
31. Japanese measure
32. Egyptian deity
34. Annam tribe
35. Infrequent
- Saturday's Answer
36. Either Bear (astron.)
37. Half an em tree
41. Asian river
43. Father
44. Tellurium (sym.)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONG FELLOW

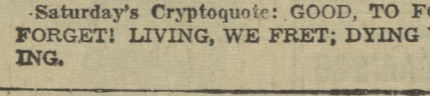
One letter, simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

DSMP FI UVMVLLRWGP BROM OMVP
CDVLEWEM...WLEMC DI FRCLMCMC—
KGLDI.

Saturday's Cryptogram: GOOD, TO FORGIVE; BEST, TO FORGET! LIVING, WE FRET; DYING WE LIVE—BROWN-ING.

ETTA KETT



HI! STEP INTO MY PRIVATE OFFICE!



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU NEED A DRIVER'S LICENSE—YOU ALWAYS WANT TO PARK!



SAMMY! GRANDMA SAYS FOR YOU TO WASH YOUR HANDS... SUPPER IS READY!!



HOW ABOUT YOU, VICKIE? AREN'T YOU GOING TO WASH YOUR HANDS?

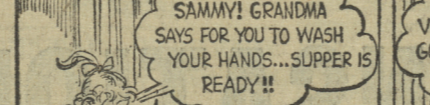


I DON'T HAVE TO...



...I WASHED THE VEGETABLES!!

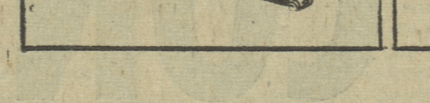
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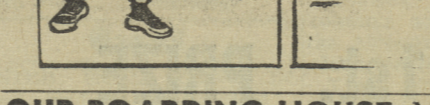


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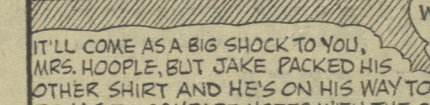


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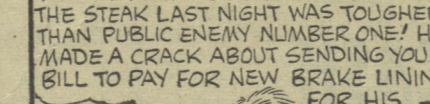
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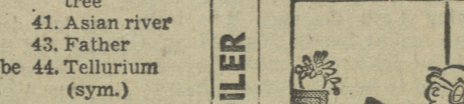
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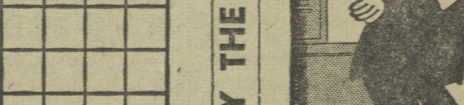
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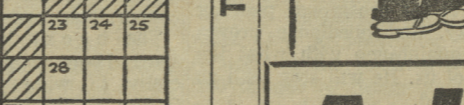
GRANDMA, US KIDS DON'T THINK YOU FEEL SO GOOD!



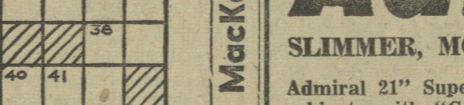
WHY DON'T YOU GO SEE TH' DOCTOR?



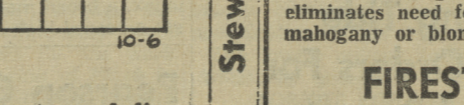
HECK, I'M OK! WHAT MAKES YA THINK I'M NOT?



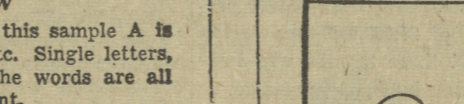
WELL, ALL WEEK YOU'VE BEEN SO MILD, SWEET AN' SOFT-SPOKEN!!



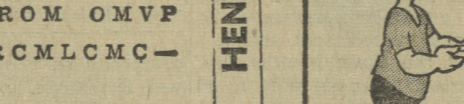
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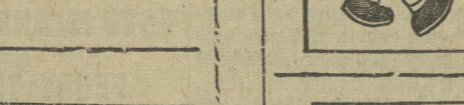
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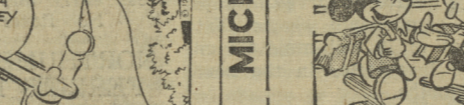
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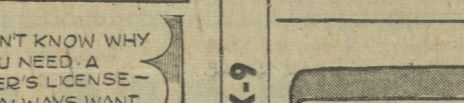
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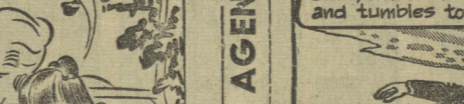
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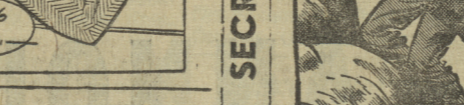
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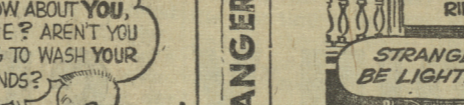
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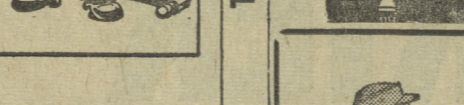
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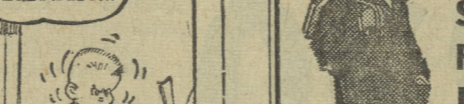
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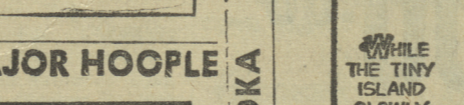
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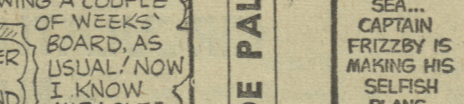
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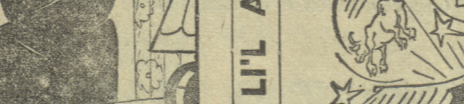


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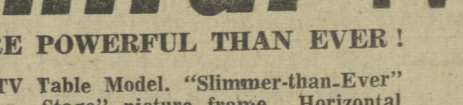
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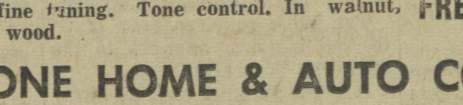
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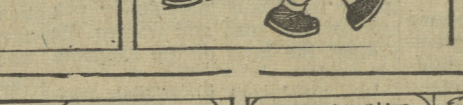
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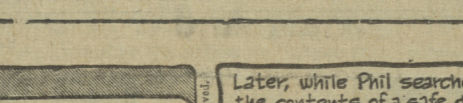
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