CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER
FAMOUS HANDS

South dealer.
Auction bridge.

NORTH
♠ 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 5 4 3
♣ K J 6

WEST
♠ A 8 3
♥ Q J 9 8 5 4 2
♦ 2
♣ 3 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 7 6 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 9
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ K 9
♥ K
♦ A K 7 6
♣ A Q 10 8 7 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	3 ♠
2 NT			

Opening lead—queen of hearts.

Sidney Lenz tells the story of a hand he played more than thirty years ago, back in the days of Auction Bridge If the bidding seems incomprehensible by present-day standards, some allowance must be made for the fact that bidding procedure in Auction was far different than it is today in Contract.

It must be remembered that a game or slam was scored then whether it was bid or not—provided the number of tricks taken by declarer added up to a game or slam. Lengthy bidding sequences were therefore rare, and opening the bidding with a no-trump was very common practice, small heed being paid to distribution.

Lenz (West) opened the queen of hearts, disregarding his partner's spade bid. East, after conferring with himself at great length, did not play the ace, but decided to signal with the ten.

Declarer exuded a long sigh of relief, gratefully won the king of hearts, ran six diamonds and six clubs, and scored a grand slam.

The tables could have been turned had East come out of his brown study and correctly played the ace of hearts. It would have caught a nice fish—the singleton king.

With the ten of hearts return, Lenz could overtake with the jack and play back a low heart, forcing East to win with the seven.

Presuming that East did not think Lenz had taken leave of his senses in failing to cash his seven the queen of spades, the king losing to the ace.

Lenz could now cash his remaining hearts, after which East's string of spades would come into their own to give the defenders a total of thirteen tricks.

It's not so easy to believe that a player could lose 26 tricks as the result of one little misplay, but we offer this hand in evidence to any and all who might care to challenge the statement

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5:15 p.m.—Peppermint Prince
5:30 p.m.—Kiddies Kartoons
6:00 p.m.—Open House
6:30 p.m.—CFCY Television News
6:35 p.m.—Weather
6:40 p.m.—Weather
6:45 p.m.—CBC News
6:55 p.m.—Viewer's Guide
7:00 p.m.—Meet Corliss Archer
7:30 p.m.—World In Action
8:00 p.m.—The Millionaire
8:30 p.m.—On Camera
9:00 p.m.—I Love Lucy
9:30 p.m.—Denny Vaughan
10:00 p.m.—Studio One
11:00 p.m.—CFCY Television News & Weather
11:06 p.m.—Boxing

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5:15 p.m.—Peppermint Prince
5:30 p.m.—Range Rider
6:00 p.m.—The Merrymakers
6:30 p.m.—Early Evening News
6:45 p.m.—Weather
6:50 p.m.—Sports
7:00 p.m.—Political Telecast
7:30 p.m.—Sir Lancelot
8:00 p.m.—The Millionaire
8:30 p.m.—On Camera
9:00 p.m.—I Love Lucy
9:30 p.m.—Denny Vaughan Show
10:00 p.m.—Studio One
11:00 p.m.—CBC TV News
11:10 p.m.—CKCW TV News and Weather
11:15 p.m.—Billboard
11:30 p.m.—Boxing

BEDTIME STORIES

A Busy Pair

In keeping busy is the key
From boredom to be always free.
—Scrapper the Kingbird.

Scrapper the Kingbird and Mrs. Scrapper had decided to stay in the Old Orchard That was good news to the other Old Orchard folk. You see, Scrapper is a sort of guardian for the Old Orchard. When Scrapper is near other feathered folk his own size and and smaller they have less to fear from hungry hunters, like the Hawk folk, and Blacky the Crow who has a fondness for eggs and baby birds. They don't come around when they know Scrapper is there.

Mrs. Scrapper had chosen an apple tree at the edge of the Old Orahard where the old stone wall is between in and the Green Meadows. She wasn't too fussy about just where in that treee the nest should be. She chose a certain branch that stretched out toward the old stone wall

Even Sammy Jay kept at a respectful distance.

Then she and Scrapper went to work. Scrapper is a good mate. He doesn't sit around and watch Mrs. Scrapper work while he does nothing. He does his full share. They were not too fussy about the looks of that nest. They didn't care how it looked outside. They made it of a few little twigs, rootlets, weeds and some other things that they were able to pick up and work into it. From the outside it looked rather rough. It wasn't at all dainty looking, was were the nests of some of the Old Orchard folks.

When they got ready to line the nest, Mrs. Scrapper became fussy. She sent Scrapper to look for fine soft grasses and any other soft things that he could find. She went hunting too. Scrapper brought some soft moss and she she found some down and a little wool. When that nest was finished it was very nice inside.

"I think," said Scrapper, "this is one of the best nests we've ever had. I'm glad, we decided to stay in the Old Orchard."

While they were at work their neighbours kept watch of them, but took care not to seem too inquisitive. You see they had the greatest respect for Scrapper and Mrs. Scrapper. They didn't want to have any trouble with folks who were not afraid to attack folks two or three times or more their own size. Even Sammy Jay kept at a respectful distance. Sammy has a liking for eggs and in the nesting season he is always looking for the nest of other birds and a chance to steal their eggs. That is one reason why Sammy Jay is not well liked in the Spring by his feathered neighbours. At other times of the year they do not mind him. More than once he has given warning of danger just in time.

Of course Sammy knew all about that nest of the Kingbirds. He knew when Mrs. Scrapper laid the first egg and the second egg and the third egg. Sometime she laid only three. But time seh laid only three. But though he knew all about those eggs, Sammy kept away from that nest. He didn't want any trouble with Scrapper, or with Scrapper for that matter, for she is just as fearless as is Scrapper himself.

Scrapper did his share of sitting on those eggs, He didn't leave that wholly for Mrs. Scrapper. He didn't sit as much as she did, but that was because she didn't want him to. Whenever she wanted to leave the nest he was on hand to take her place No one had a chance to steal those eggs.

Former Premier Rene Pleven Seeks To Form French Gov't

PARIS (AP)—Former Premier Rene Pleven, leader of a middle-road splinter group Friday accepted the thankless task of trying to bring French political parties to agreement on a basic program to end the current cabinet crisis.

Pleven agreed to act as advance agent for President Rene Coty in sounding out parliamentary leaders during the weekend to determine his chances of guilding a stable coalition to succeed Premier Guy Mollet's government. Mollet resigned Tuesday night after a setback in Parliament on a bill to pay for France's campaign against Moslem nationalist rebels in Algeria.

Coty began digging in for a long crisis. Following a conference with Pleven, Coty announced he is giving up his scheduled state visit to the United States and is asking the U.S. government to give him another date. He had been due to arrive in Washington June 3.

..Pleven was not nominated as premier. That may come later. For the moment he merely has what the French call a "mission of information" to see who might be the best nominee to replace Mollet. But there seemed little doubt that if Pleven can get the parties together on a program he will be requested to form a cabinet on these principles.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM

Pleven promptly issued an appeal for a show of patriotism from all groups and asked politicians to put the national interest ahead of party in a minimum program to bolster the sagging franc, retain French control of Algeria and ratify pending treaties for European integration.

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Diefenbaker Gets Big Reception In Vancouver

By ALAN DONNELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—The second giant audience within three nights has turned out for a John Diefenbaker election meeting and the Progressive Conservative leader says "something is happening" in his campaign.

Some 6,000 persons converged on downtown Vancouver's Georgia Auditorium Thursday night and an estimated 3,000 of them jammed inside to hear the tall Saskatchewan lawyer promise "unity and freedom" under a Conservative government.

"Across this country Canadians as a whole will agree that something is happening," he said as he started his 75-minute speech.

"The Liberals are realizing that Canada is aroused as it has not been for many years and people everywhere are asking what shall the future of this nation be."

Shortly before his speech ended, about 2,000 persons still were standing outside the hall, filling a side street and listening to loud speakers. A police sergeant said at least 1,000 others had come and left when they found no seats.

CROWD ALONG WALLS

The 2,350 ser in the hall and 150 in the basement were filled and at least 500 stood crowded along the walls and in the exits. Fire department officials did not clear the exits until near the end of the meeting. 2

It was the largest meeting of the election campaign to date, topping the 3,800 who had heard Mr. Diefenbaker two nights earlier at Victoria and doubling the 3,000 who turned out when Prime Minister St. Laurent spoke in the Georgia Auditorium three weeks ago.

Today Mr. Diefenbaker, opening the fifth week of his campaign with 17 days to go to election day, starts moving eastward. He was scheduled to fly to Prince George, in central British Columbia, for an afternoon meeting and to Kamloops for a night speech before heading to Edmonton by train late tonight.

He was obviously elated by his reception here.

When he arrived at the hall in a convertible automobile and found the crowd standing outside, he stood and spoke to them through a hand microphone, apologizing that the size of the crowd had not been anticipated and a larger hall obtained.

GREAT INSPIRATION

"This is a great inspiration," he said. "Thanks from the bottom of my heart."

Inside he was greeted with standing applause.

Mr. Diefenbaker promised maintenance of all social security measures at "a high standard to keep pace with national productivity" and said a Conservative government would be ready, within limits, to help finance power development in British Columbia and other provinces.

In effect he accused Prime Minister St. Laurent of hitting below the belt in a recent speech. He said the prime minister had tried to sow fear among Canadians by saying a Conservative government would remove family allowances.

"When in the prize ring one of the participants begins to use tactics that are not in keeping with the Queensberry rules, you can be sure the end of the fight is not too far away.

NOT DIGNIFIED

"I saw to the prime minister that such a suggestion is not in keeping with the responsibilities of his great and dignified office."

Mr. Diefenbaker also pursued his attack on a statement made by the prime minister in the Commons last November.

He sai the prime minister had "lumped Britain and France with the U.S.S.R." and described them as "those supermen whose days are about over."

"That's one speech he's not repeating in this campaign. . . It certainly cannot be forgotten by Canadians on June 10."

Dealing with power development, he said the Conservative party stands ready to co-operate with B.C. "in a policy of joint development or other sound financial assistance" so that development of Columbia River power n be started as soon as possible. The offer applied to other provinces also.

He said the Liberal proposal to help finance Columbia power was made just bef: the election. The Conservatives had advocated the principle of co-operative financing i. the Commons but Trade Minister Howe had said no and 170 Liberals had fallen in line.

THREATS IN HAITI

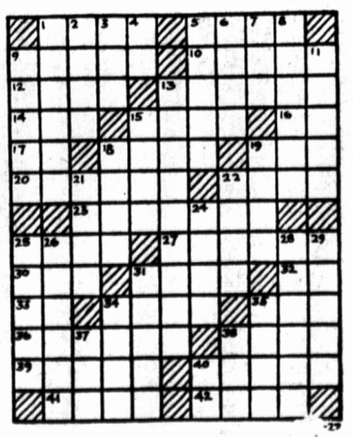
PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP) Brig.-Gen. Leon Cantave threatened Thursday to smash a paralyzing strike and lockout against the army rule of Haiti. His foes predicted they will break his control in 24 hours.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Coin (Iran)
5. Partly open
9. Slimy
10. Marked
12. Capital (Nor.)
13. Refer
14. Employ
15. Small plot of ground
16. Tellurium (sym.)
17. Palm (Asia)
18. Infant
19. Male cat
20. Cuban capital
22. Apple seeds
23. Built
25. Stimulates
27. Tankers
30. India (poet.)
31. Allowance for waste
32. Exclamation
33. King of Bashan
34. Scoff
35. Guido's highest note
36. Early conquerors
38. Imperfect
39. Hauls
40. Harass
41. Church part
42. Measure (Heb.)

DOWN
1. Eurasian country
2. Not working
3. Fuss
4. Measure (Annam)
5. Soothe
6. Cast off capriciously
7. God of the sky (Babyl.)
8. Pasture grass
9. Mumble
11. Supposes
13. Mackerel-like fish (pl.)
15. Part of window
18. Stripes
19. Ebb or neap
21. Sell
22. Animal's skin
24. Layer
25. Inlet (Nor.)
26. Kind of wool
28. Canary
29. Spear
31. Taut
34. Notches
35. Comfort
37. Chart
38. Border
40. Fellow (slang)

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to : it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

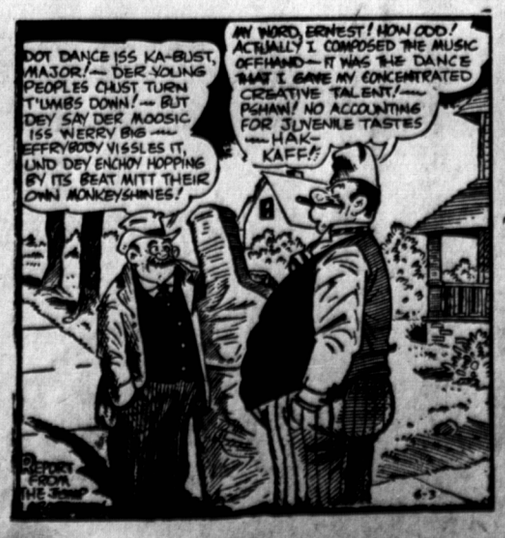
A Cryptogram Quotation

T O O A D I F D R Y I D Y Z T V D S O G Y D S
F D R F L E V Y D I Z ! — J Y D I L P L X

Saturday's Cryptoquote: NOTHING PRODUCES SUCH AN EFFECT AS A GOOD PLATITUDE—WILDE.

OUT OUR WAY — BY J. R. WILLIAMS

OUR BOARDING HOUSE — MAJOR HOOPLE



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