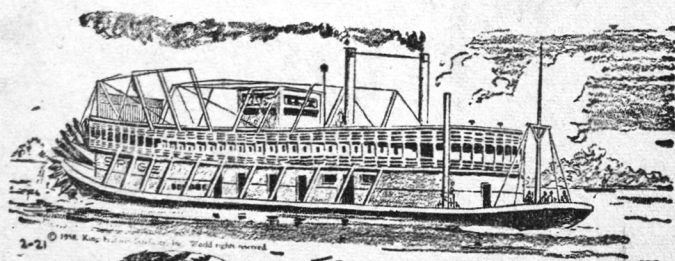


RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



"THE SPRAGUE"—a steamboat that sailed the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers from 1920 to 1948 WAS SOLD TO THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISS., AS A FLOATING RIVER MUSEUM FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR.

"ROBERT"—a cat HAD A TOOTH FILLED BY A DENTIST SO HE COULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY CORN ON THE COB. Owned by DAVID TWEE, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

JOÃO DE BARROS (1496-1570) SO PLEASED KING JOAO III OF PORTUGAL WITH HIS MANUSCRIPT OF A HISTORY OF PORTUGUESE ASIA THAT THE MONARCH REWARDED HIM WITH THE WHOLE STATE OF MARANHÃO IN BRAZIL. —133,460 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY! HIS GIFT COMPRISED NEARLY 3 TIMES THE AREA OF NEW YORK STATE.

OPTICAL ILLUSION drawn by JOHN MEISTER, Eureka, Calif.

CONTRACT BRIDGE
By B. JAV BECKER

QUIZ
You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:
North East South West
♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

What do you now bid with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠KJ 73 ♦KJ4 ♠AQJ1064
2. ♠864 ♥AJ7 ♦KQK9853
3. ♠K94 ♥KQ8 ♦J7 ♠AJ762
4. ♠J7 ♥AS 643 ♠AQ782

1. Four diamonds. With better than an opening bid facing an opening bid, game must be considered certain and slam is not impossible. Three diamonds though it has the merit of making a three notrump contract possible, is totally inadequate since partner may pass. Five diamonds, which is a stronger bid than four diamonds, might lead to an unmakeable slam. The four diamond bid is forcing and has the advantage of leaving room for a four heart cue bid. If that occurs, six should be bid. Although a four club bid over two diamonds would identify the powerful club suit, and is forcing, it would not show the excellent diamond fillers which North must be worried about.

2. Pass. In view of partner's signoff bid, all thoughts of getting to game should be dismissed. The rule of thumb that it takes an opening bid opposite an opening bid to make a game can

- 5.00—Rural Rhythms
6.00—News and Weather
6.10—Interlude
6.20—Parade of Sports
6.30—Passport to Daydreams
7.00—Rosary
7.15—Interlude
7.20—Maritime Weather
7.30—Sammy Kaye Serenades
8.00—Your Musical Date
8.30—Three Suns
8.45—Rhythm on the Range
9.00—News and Weather
9.05—Top Tunes of our Times
11.00—News and Weather
11.05—Top Tunes of our Times
12.00—News and Weather
12.05—Prayer and Sign Off
- CBA FRIDAY**
7.20 Marine Weather
7.30 A.M. Chronicle
8.00 CBC News and Weather
8.15 Maritime Sportscast
8.20 A.M. Chronicle
8.45 Morning Devotions
9.00 A.M. Chronicle
10.00 National School B'cast
10.15 a.m. Chronicle
11.00 Showcase
11.15 Kindergarten of the Air
11.30 Joan Marshall
11.40 Ruth Harding
11.45 Court of Opinion
12.15 Jamboree Junction
12.30 Maritime Farm B'cast
1.00 CBC News and Weather
1.15 Pages from Life
1.30 Time out for Melody
1.50 Time Signal
2.00 Atlantic School B'cast
2.15 The Happy Gang
2.45 For the Piano
3.00 T.C. Matinee
4.00 Tapestry in Music
4.30 Pacific Playhouse
5.00 Maritime Fish B'cast
5.30 The Arthurian Legend
6.00 CBC Times
6.10 Maritime Sportscast
6.15 CBC News and Weather
6.30 Rawhide
6.45 Roving Reporter
6.55 Byline
7.00 Friday Recital
7.30 The Celtic Heart
7.45 Rawhide
8.00—Chansonettes
8.30 As You Like it "Piano Recital"
8.45—Nations Business
9.00—Music from Montreal.
9.30 Now I ask You
10.00 Songs of My People
10.30 LePetite Ensemble Vocal
11.00 CBC National News Round-up
11.30 On Your Agenda
12.00 Here's the Weather and Sign Off

Wants National Subsidy For The Railways

BIGGAR, Sask. (CP) — CCF leader M. J. Coldwell called Tuesday for a national railway subsidy to ensure reasonable freight rates and fair salaries for railway workers.

"I think the people of Canada would support a railway subsidy," he said in an election speech in this part of his home constituency of Rosetown-Biggar.

Mr. Coldwell said it should be paid if necessary to railways to meet salary demands so they could forgo "self-defeating" freight rate increases.

A subsidy should be paid to ensure that consumers, especially on the farms, do not have to face further freight rate increases and so that no railway employees have to take inadequate wages.

"Agriculture is in a depressed condition and cannot be expected to pay higher freight charges at this time," he said. Recent approval by the board of transport commissioners of "flat" rate across the board increases imposed an additional unfair burden on wide areas of Canada.

ALL HURT TRAFFIC
Mr. Coldwell said every increase since the Second World War has meant a loss of traffic and has been imposed in "a discriminatory manner."

Willed \$100,000 By Employer

DETROIT (AP)—A new door is opening today for Melvin Hoover, who has been opening doors for a living for more than 30 years.

Hoover, a Canadian-born Butler in his mid-50s, was notified Monday that he was named to receive \$100,000 "after taxes" in the will of his employer, Mrs. Louis Mendelssohn, who died recently.

The bequest was "for loyal service and able assistance." He said: "Mrs. Mendelssohn told me before she passed away that she'd take care of me, and she did."

Hoover, a native of Madoc, Ont., whose father, David, now lives at New Leskard, Ont., is divorced. He has two daughters, both married with families of their own.

Mrs. Mendelssohn also willed \$50,000 to Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York.

C. C. F. Propose Health Plan

Every resident of Prince Edward Island would receive free hospital, medical, dental, and all necessary optical and medical care, under proposals contained in a brief on health insurance submitted to the P.E.I. citizens committee by a C.C.F. standing committee on public health and hospital insurance.

In addition the brief recommends that individuals using such a proposed health service be permitted to select any physician they wish.

The C. C. F. committee was

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Found in an opera
5. Store
9. Eskimo dog
10. The Old
12. Fencing sword
13. Salt marsh
14. Mulberry
15. Portion
16. Constructionman (U. S. Navy)
17. Evening service
20. Fastener
21. Skillful
22. Confederate
23. City (Pa.)
25. Pert girl
27. Stocking ravel
30. Chinese dynasty
31. Pope's scores cap
32. Indefinite article
33. Epochs
34. Greeting
35. Country established in 1948
37. God of war
39. Approaches (colloq.)
40. Eyeglasses
41. Fluff
42. Female fowls

DOWN
1. Twofold
2. Employ
3. Piece out
4. Territory
5. Flies aloft
6. Stop
7. Supernatural object (Iroquois)
8. Stick of rouge
9. Lift
11. Kind of goat (colloq.)
13. Of a tailor
15. Saucy
18. Franco's country
19. Hurl
20. Sow
22. Girl's name
24. Pronoun
25. A linked line
26. Token of luck (var.)
28. Moral principles (Siam.)
29. Showers
31. Seaport (Fr.)
33. Merit
36. Measure (Siam.)
37. Open (poet.)
38. Lair
40. Shilling (abbr.)

Yesterday's Answer
36. Measure (Siam.)
37. Open (poet.)
38. Lair
40. Shilling (abbr.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work 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.

ETTA KETT
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA! YOU'RE RIGHT!—NOW, FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHO...
—AH, AND NOW, MISS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY FOR THE JACKPOT QUESTION?

MUGGS & SKEETER
WHAT YA DOING, MISTER ROBBIAN?
I'M COVERING UP THE FURNITURE...I'M GOING TO PAINT IN HERE!
CAN I WATCH YOU PAINT?
SURE, SAMMY... SURE!!

SECRET AGENT X-9
QUIT WHINING AND UNLOCK THE DOOR!
YES, SIR! IT IS OPEN, MR. GLOVES!
GIVE ME YOUR SHIRT, BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
Y-YOU WON'T SHOOT ME, WILL YOU?
A few minutes later...
DON'T SAY I DIDN'T PAY OFF. HERE'S SOME CASH FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLE.

THE LONE RANGER
I KNOW WHY YOU MADE THE SHERIFF THINK WE'D HIDE OUT NEAR ROCKVILLE.
YOU WANT HIM TO GO THERE WHILE WE HIDE SOMEWHERE ELSE...
I WANT HIM TO FIND US NEAR ROCKVILLE.
MEANWHILE, TONTO WATCHES THE LAWMEN LEAVE TOWN...

JOE PALOOKA
FER GOODNESS SAKE? MUST BE AWAY UP NOW. EVERYTHIN' LOOKS SO TINY.
YOU A-MONSTER? IT'S ALL TRUE...I'LL LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW ABOUT YOUR DIABOLICAL EXPERIMENTS!
GOOD! CONTACT HIS VEST WITH THE ELECTROMAGNETIC BEAM!
HMM...WHUTS THIS SUDDEN BUZZING IN MY VEST...WULL, WHAT DYA KNOW...TEE HEE HEE...IT'S TICKLIN' ME. HEBBE I'M ALLERGIC T'N THIS HERE ALUMINIUM GOODS... HA HA-HO HO

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

KAK-KAK! MY WORD, SIR BAGWIN! YOUR TALE STAGGERS MY IMAGINATION!
TRAINING A BOA TO PULL A WILD ELEPHANT'S TRUNK TOWARD ITS TAIL UNTIL IT FELL DAZED IN A SPIN?
—FAP!
OH, QUITE, QUITE—SCHOOLING SERPENTS REQUIRES A SPOT OF HYPER-AN-THE-TICKLISH PART WAS SNEAKING UP ON THE GRAZING IN ITS NATIVE HABITAT AND FASTENING THE BOA TO ITS TAIL!
I STUDIED THE SILENT LOCOMOTION OF THE COMMON CAT AND BECAME QUITE AT HOME ON ALL FOURS—I CARRIED THE SERPENT ON MY BACK!

LIL' ABNER
EF SOME LAFFABLE MISTAKE DID HAPPEN—AN' SHORE-FOOTED ME WAS KILT—
YOU COULD TAKE GOOD CARE O' ALL MAH DEPONDENTS, HUH, J.P. SWEETPANTS?
EXCELLENT CARE!—I DON'T WANT TO SEEM BOASTFUL, YOKUM, BUT I EARN MORE IN A MINUTE THAN YOU EARN IN A MONTH—
DID YOU HEAR THAT, YOKUM? —YOKUM!

GRANDMA
GOLLY, HOW WONDERFUL IT IS...
...I' FEEL SO YOUNG, FULL O' PEP, AN'...
OH, MY LAND...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT GRANDMA JUST CALLED ME OVER AN' GAVE ME ALL THESE DANDY MIRRORS FOR OUR SHACK!!

TILLY THE TOILER
I'M TAKING MR. SIMPKINS' GLASSES TO BE REPAIRED HE BROKE THEM THIS MORNING!
IT'S A WONDER HE FOUND HIS WAY TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT THEM!
HOW DID YOU BREAK YOUR GLASSES BOSS?
I TRIPPED OVER THE BATHROOM SCALE.
LUCKY I DIDN'T BREAK MY WATCH TOO!

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OKAY...!

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