CONTRACT BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Mr. Abel managed to lose this contract by using a safety play in a suit—which endangered the safety of the whole hand.

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
(Mr. Masters)
♠ K 8 7 6
♡ 5 4 3
◇ A 10 2
♣ 7 6 4

WEST (Mr. Champion)
♠ J 2
♡ K J 10 6 2
◇ K 9 6
♣ 9 5 2

EAST (Mrs. Keen)
♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♡ 9 8
◇ J 8
♣ J 10 8 3

SOUTH
(Mr. Abel)
♠ A 5
♡ A Q 7
◇ Q 7 5 4 3
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ◇	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

Mr. Champion led the nine of clubs on the theory that a lead from his best suit, hearts, might give Mr. Abel his ninth trick. The queen of clubs in the closed hand won the first trick.

Mr. Abel elected to make a safety play in diamonds. He led a low diamond to dummy's ace and returned to his hand with the ace of spades. He remembered that the way to protect himself against any 4-1 break with this combination of cards was to lead up toward the 10 on the second round.

So he led another small diamond, Mr. Champion played low, the 10 went on from dummy and Mrs. Keen won with the jack.

She made the obvious return of the nine of hearts. The best play from the closed hand here was the ace of hearts. This would leave another heart stopper in Mr. Abel's hand if it was Mr. Champion who held the king of diamonds.

But Mr. Abel put in the queen of hearts and it lost to the king. Back came the jack of hearts and Mr. Abel ducked. Another heart lead knocked out the ace, and since Mr. Champion had to get in once more with the king of diamonds there was now no way to make the contract.

"I was reading a book last night," wailed Mr. Abel, "and it recommended the very same play I used on the diamond suit to prevent the loss of more than two tricks."

"Sometimes the books don't tell the whole story," remarked Mr. Masters. "There's nothing wrong with your safety play as it applied to the one suit, diamonds."

"In this hand you couldn't afford the diamond safety play. As it happens, if you had simply led a diamond to the ace and returned a small one, you would have made four-odd."

OUR PRESIDENTS

By HONORE M. CATUDAL

1—In Greeneville, Tenn., 129 years ago today, a young school teacher named Eliza McCardle married a young tailor who eventually became President. Which President?

2—Who was President when the Century of Progress Exposition opened at Chicago on this day some years ago?

3—"The interests of all nations are our own also. We are partners with the rest," said the President shortly before we entered World War I. Which President said this?

(Answers on next page)

FAMOUS FABLES

By E. E. EDGAR

HURRY—While out for a stroll, English humorist Douglas Jerrold met an acquaintance who was a colossal bore.

"Hello, Jerrold," said the dull one, "what's going on?"

"I am," said the humorist, quickening his pace.

DETACHED — Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has long been famed for her sharp and caustic tongue, from which few have been spared. At one time, when a heated debate was in progress in the Senate, she was asked which side she favored.

"Neither," replied Mrs. Longworth. "I am impartially malevolent."

WORD GAME

Find 34 or more words in

SCRIMSHAW,

meaning, "a neat piece of mechanical work." Average is 30; time limit, 25 minutes.

Rules of the game—1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words which acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats," "cars," are not used. 3. Only one form of a word is used. 4. Proper names are not used.

Answer to RAMEKIN

rain, rank, rake, remain, rein, ream, reman, rime, rink, aimer, akin, amen, mare, make, main, mane, mark, marine, mean, mire, mirk, mink, mien, miner, earn, emir, kame, kern, kine, inker, name.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

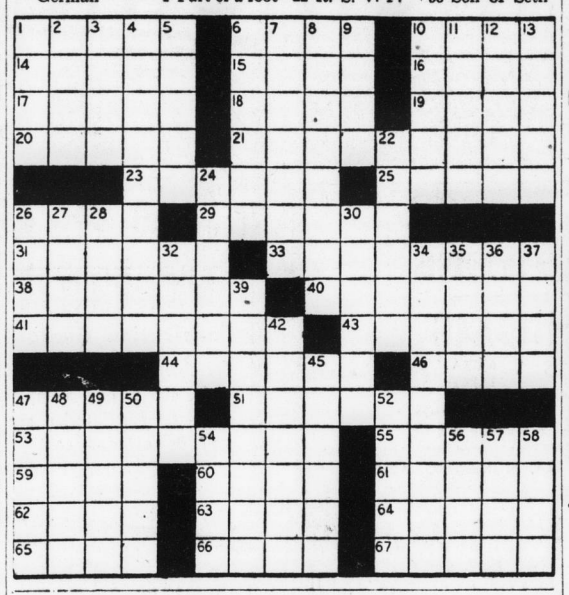
1 Nehru's country
6 Time of day
10 Squalid part of city
14 The lights of Main street
15 One opposed
16 —— sapiens
17 —— words
18 Man's nickname
19 Exchange premium
20 Airport in Azores
21 Man from Budapest
23 Overhang
25 Narrow strips of land
26 Nearly: Colloq.
29 Noble objectives
31 Inspirit
33 Coupling pin
38 Sock supporters
40 Visionary
41 Buried
43 Lament
44 City of canals
46 Prohibitionists
47 Stock exchange: German
51 City north of Naples
53 Short stories
55 Felony
59 Palm thatch
60 Uncle of Sir Lancelot
61 Rubber city
62 —— Chandler Harris
63 Gaelic
64 He loved Francesca
65 Exclusively
66 French-Belgian river
67 Hirelings

DOWN

1 Part of a foot
2 Roman despot
3 Exit
4 Establish
5 Part of the Union of India
6 Ran violently
7 Off key
8 Criterion
9 Monarch
10 Participate
11 Sound reasoning
12 Eskimo boat
13 Mars has two
22 R. S. V. P.
24 South Dakota's capital
26 O'Henry's "The Gift of the ——"
27 North African port
28 Classify
30 Greater
32 Delivered: Tennis
34 Sealskin boats of Alaskan Eskimos
35 Tenth of an ephah
36 Impose, as taxes
37 Very: Fr.
39 Law makers
42 Of various kinds
45 Rater of taxes
47 Stringed instrument
48 Cousin of leek
49 Drive back
50 Laminate
52 Shaft of feather
54 The third vow
56 Press
57 Breakwater
58 Son of Seth

(Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle)

			JAPAN			STEPINS								
	SONORA					PARASOL								
ACHESON						ARIZONA								
DUNNE			KAREN			TAT								
ERST			SIRES			LOGE								
PRO			AUNTS			VAPOR								
SYNAGOG						TREMENS								
		DEM				ERA								
MASONIC						PETRELS								
ALERT			AROSE			NEE								
RIRE			DROLE			STAN								
ICE			BRONK			CHARS								
NATURAL						AMARINE								
ENSLAVE						EASELS								
STEAMER						DRAWS								



A WORD TO THE WISE

By MRS. FRANK COLBY

Some one (perhaps several some ones) in Hollywood and New York has been teaching young screen and TV players a lot of nonsense about the so-called broad A. The boys and girls are not only edifying us ordinary mortals with "ahsk, ahfter, chahce, dahnce," they also are using the broad A in words in which it is never used even in New England, the only part of the country where the broad or half-broad A occurs natively.

A starlet, during the "commercial" on a soap program, tells of "lothering" her face and then "sploshing" cold water on it. Another tells us of her new "brond" of "pot-a-cake" face powder.

Such pronunciations are supposed to be cultured. They are the exact opposite.

Many, but by no means all, New Englanders use the broad A natively in the so-called "ask" words — ask, after, chance, dance, half, laugh, etc. Elsewhere in the country all such words are pronounced with the historically correct flat "a" as in "man."

But such words as lather, splash, brand, pat-a-cake, are never included in the "ask" group in New England or anywhere else, nor does any dictionary list such words with a broad or half-brood A.

Moreover, that the broad A in the "ask" words themselves is more cultured or correct than the flat "a" is a superstition, and nothing more, and is also a libel on cultured and educated people all over the Nation who never use the broad A in any of the words.

For confirmation of everything that I have pointed out in this article, read Paragraph 83, Page XL, Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition.

U. S. Officials Invited To MRA Musical

"The Vanishing Island" new musical show presented by Moral Re-Armament, will have its Washington premiere on the night of June 7 in the National Theater. It will be repeated the following night.

Invitations have been extended to every member of Congress and to high officials of the Government.

The musical show will be brought to Washington immediately after the MRA Mackinac Assembly, to which invitations have been sent to all Senators and Representatives by Minority Leader of the House Martin, Senator Capehart, Republican, of Indiana; Senator Sparkman, Democrat, of Alabama; Senator Wiley, Republican, of Wisconsin, and Represenative Sheppard, Democrat, of California. The assembly, which opened yesterday on Mackinac Island, closes on June 5.

Later the show will be presented in Japan, the Philippines, Formosa, Thailand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Turkey, Greece and nations of the Middle East.

Bazaar and Dance To Assist Children

The Montgomery County Association for Help for Retarded Children will hold a bazaar and square dance from 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School, 4301 East-West highway, Bethesda, Md.

The boys and girls band of the Silver Spring Elks Club will play. The square dance, starting at 8 p.m., will have 15 callers. Admission to the square dance is a contribution to help retarded children.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

By CONSTANTINE CHEKREZI

The British **Reuter's** (ROY-ter) News Agency reported that Czechoslovak President **Antonin Zapotocky** (AHN-toh-nin Zah-poh-TOH-tskee) has awarded the Order of the Republic to three Roman Catholic prelates, including **Msgr. Antonin Eltschkner** (ELT-shkner), Bishop of Prague, because of their "loyal" collaboration with the Communist regime.

In Brazil, the on-and-off candidate for president, **Gen. Juarez Tavora** (Zhoo-ah-RES TAH-voh-rah), is on again after being off for two months. Because of his irresoluteness, political observers predict that his rival, **Senhor Juscelino Kubitschek** (Seh-NYOR Zhoo-seh-LIN-oh KOO-bee-tchek), is sure to win.

From Lima, Peru, come news that the Peruvian Congress has ratified an agreement concluded with **Chile** (CHEE-lee) and **Ecuador** (Eh-qua-DOR) whereby the three countries fixed their maritime frontiers at 200 miles from their seacoasts. Even Soviet Russia does not claim more than 12 miles, where the United States and Britain are sticking to the traditional 3-mile limit.

Toronto, Canada, reports that during his visit there last April, former Premier and Foreign Minister **Georges Bidault** (Zhorzh Bee-DOH) of France had predicted the early signing of the Austrian states treaty, because—he said—Soviet Russia was in a hurry to build up opposition to armament and close collaboration between the West and West Germany. In Canada, again, **Montreal** (Mont-reh-AL) police are keeping a close watch on Mayor **Jean Drapeau** (Zhan Drah-POH) and his family, after a brick was thrown through a window of the Mayor's home. And in Ottawa, capital of the dominion, Prime Minister **Louis St. Laurent** (Loo-EE Sen Law-RUN) has warned that Canada must be prepared for an attack with nuclear weapons at the very outbreak of hostilities.

Eisenhowers to Spend Holiday in Gettysburg

President Eisenhower planned to leave the White House shortly after noon today and drive to his new country home near Gettysburg, Pa., for the Memorial Day week end.

He and Mrs. Eisenhower plan to remain at Gettysburg for the holiday Monday, returning to Washington Monday night.

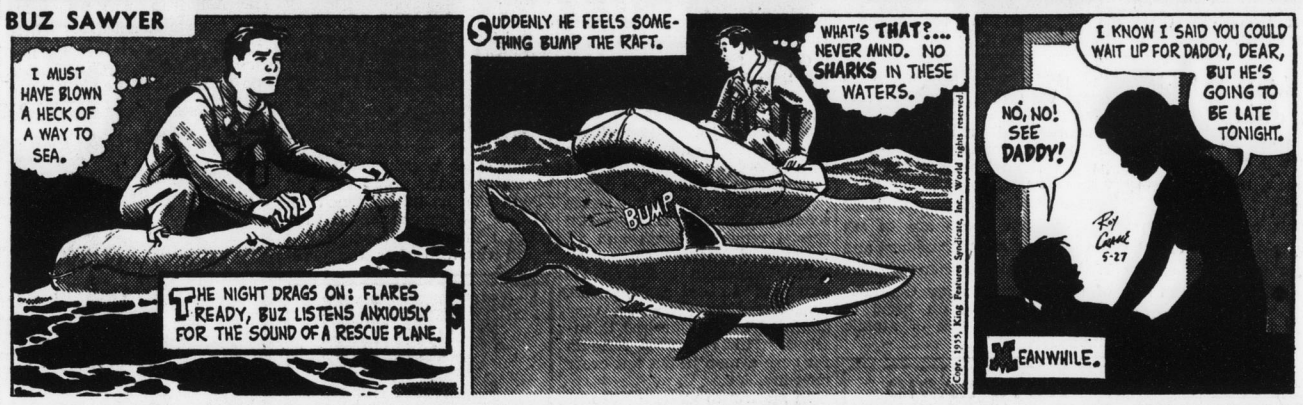
2 Ships Go in Mothballs

NORFOLK, Va., May 27 (AP).—Atlantic Fleet Headquarters said yesterday the escort carriers Mindora and Kula Gulf are being prepared at Boston for mothballing in the reserve fleet. These flattops are in the 10,090-ton class. Each carriers a complement of 844.

POGO

KERRY DRAKE

BUZ SAWYER



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