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How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

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Very frequently in Auction and Contract a player has a suit which is strong enough to take all the tricks but one, and the way or the time to lose that trick becomes a puzzling proposition. Whole books might be written on this subject, but there are a certain few situations that come up so frequently that they should be thoroughly analyzed and understood. As a general propesition, the trick to lose is the first one. Suppose the dealer has bid one no trump, you as second hand bid two hearts, third and fourth hands pass and the dealer bids two no trump; what should you lead with the following hand:

Hearts—A, Q, 10, 7, 6
Clubs—8, 5, 4, 3, 2
Diamonds—K, 7
Spades—10

The proper lead with this hand is the seven of hearts. The bidding indicates that the dealer has at least three hearts to the King or King Jack, so that if you lose the first trick and your partner later obtains the lead, a lead through the dealer's hand will enable you to win the balance of the heart tricks. Suppose, however, you decide to open the trey of clubs and your partner later obtains the lead. Even if he now leads the hearts to you, the declarer must still make a heart trick. In other words, one lead through the declarer's hand is not enough and the chances are that your partner will not obtain the lead more than once. If you must lose one trick in your suit, let it be the first and not the second or third.

Almost the same proposition confronts the declarer when he is playing a no trump hand. Suppose his dummy has a suit such as A, K, 7, 6, 2 or A, K, 7, 6, 5, 2, only two in his own hand and no re-entry. If he wants to establish this suit, he must lose the first trick and hope for the drop on the next two rounds. This method of playing such suits is called "ducking." Other suits in the dummy where the first trick should be lost, if no re-entry, are A, Q, 10, 7, 6 or A, Q, 7, 6, 2. In the first case, finesse the ten of the suit on the first round and, if it fails to force the king, finesse the queen on the second round. In the second case, make no effort to win the first trick. Your only hope to establish such a suit is to find three to the king on your left. Lose the first trick and finesse the queen on the second round. The same rule applies to a suit such as A, J, 10, 7, 6. Play the ten on the first round and finesse the jack on the second.

Still another angle comes up frequently. Suppose you are playing a no trump hand and hold only one stopper in your adversary's suit, for example, A, 4, 2 of clubs. With this type of suit, hold up your ace until the third round in the hope that your other adversary hasn't more than three of the suit and cannot lead to his partner. Of course, there are many exceptions to this situation, but, as a general proposition, it's good policy to lose the first and second rounds of an adversary's suit if you have only one stopper.

There's still another angle. Suppose the opponent on your right has bid one no trump and your partner has obtained the lead and has deliberately led up to a K, J, 7 of clubs, for example, in dummy. Such a lead should tell you that after he loses the first trick he has all the tricks in that suit if you can obtain the lead and come through. In other words, by losing the first trick he has placed himself in a position to win the rest of the tricks in that suit when you obtain the lead.

Much more could be written on this particular subject, but the readers of these articles will improve their game considerably by a study of the examples given. Learn to lose the first trick, if your suit is not set up, not the second or third.

Volcanoes and Gold

How study of volcanoes may help the world to find the new gold mines is suggested by remarks of Mr. H. A. Powers of the United States Geological Survey in a recent announcement by the Hawaiian Volcano Research Association of Honolulu. Many of the world's deposits of gold and other precious metals have been found. Mr. Powers states, in connection with the kinds of rock which volcanoes usually eject in the later stages of their lives, quite different from the rocks ejected in volcanic youth. The volcanoes of Hawaii, one of which is erupting, are still youthful and throw out the kinds of lava which harden into the black rock called basalt. If the Hawaiian volcanoes follow the usual rule, this basalt lava gradually will be repaced by kinds of lighter color, differing also in chemical composition, and hardening to rocks called trachytes. This is the usual history of volcanoes everywhere and all of the basalts from youthful volcanoes are of much the same chemical composition all over the earth. For some reason which geologists do not understand, it is the lighter colored lavas from older volcanoes which seem to be associated with valuable deposits of gold and other metals, probably brought up by the lavas from deep in the earth's crust. If geologists knew exactly why the volcanoes emit these different kinds of lava at different ages clues might be obtained about where to search for mineral deposits still unfound or even about how to make volcanoes grow old faster and disgorge their previous metals that much sooner.

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Report Shows Increase of Radio Users in Germany

Berlin.—German radio users increased by 500,000 in 1931, bringing the present total to close to 4,000,000, according to the annual report of the Federal Postoffice, which also manages Germany's telegraph, telephone and wireless services. Every radio must be licensed, the subscriber paying 50c a month. About 275,000 subscribers, however, were relieved of even this small fee. They are war cripples, the blind, hospitals and unemployed persons.

The Postal Banking Department also shows an increase in the number of accounts—1,014,000, against 992,356 in 1930—but a decrease of $4,500,000 in the volume of business, which amounted to $30,000,000.

The number of telegrams declined 18½ per cent., air mail 17.4, parcel post 9.8, and money orders 8.1. Air mail was carried approximately 21,000 miles over ninety-four lines. For the Winter season—November through February—only twenty-three lines operated.

Do you know that a wise and good man does nothing for appearance, but everything for the sake of having acted well?—Epictetus

Retrenchment Is Necessary Municipally and Governmentally

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Price, Attorney-General for Ontario, in addressing a meeting of fifteen hundred business men in the city of Toronto, in the Royal York Hotel, enunciated the policy of the Ontario Government with reference to retrenchment in expenditure, and pointed out that retrenchment was necessary in Municipal Expenditures as well as Governmental Expenditures. He also stated that in the retrenchment being enacted by the Government, members of the Cabinet would reduce their salaries, while it was also suggested that the Legislative Members indemnities be also reduced.

Colonel Price's speech came at a most opportune time, and he was warmly complimented, not only on his subject matter, but also on the clear, concise way in which he put his suggestions to his audience.

Here are a few of the high-lights from Colonel Price's speech

"The great prosperity in Canada and in Ontario during the past thirty years has spurred us all to evolve and create, explore and develop. Not only has it been so federally and provincially, it has run through the whole warp of our industrial achievements.

"While federally and provincially finances are in a sound position, where all interest payments and refunding calls have from time to time been met and will be kept on a proper basis, yet in a number of municipalities, especially those which have extended very rapidly, where the population has increased and so many improvements had to be made in a short period, difficulties have arisen often in collecting the taxes and in meeting the obligations.

"We are not asking the municipality to do something that the Province is not willing to try. In other words we will set an example. For some time past there has been a Committee of Council, composed of the Treasurer, Messrs. Finlayson, Macaulay and Price, going into the ordinary expenditure of the Province with the idea, if possible, of cutting $5,000,000 off our ordinary Expenditure for 1932. The aim of this Committee has been to cut down expenditure so as to not throw men out of employment but at the same time retrench.

"The Government has had the approval of the Manufacturers Association and the Boards of Trade generally speaking, the Press of the Province are in favour of active and positive retrenchment, which means the cutting down of expenditure. I believe our Opposition in the House will favor action of this kind. It is not so much a political matter as a national matter which needs assiduous and continuous attention.

"The Government, however, are very much in earnest. If cuts are to be made they must be uniform. Almost every service must be taken into consideration. The salaries of the Government members and the heads of all Commissions will come within this category. There is nothing that the Government will ask any person or service, paid and maintained by the Province, to do that it is not prepared to do itself.

"We have waited to see whether there would be a more precipitate upturn, but we have eventually come to the conclusion that it would be a very helpful thing for the Province as well as the municipalities to cut expenditures as far as they can and reduce taxation. The citizens themselves have for the past two years been retrenching and saving money; they must have saved up a very considerable amount of money, waiting, ready and anxious to go into new ventures and create new business, provided there is the necessary impetus. All Governments and municipalities too have felt that during this time it was impossible for them to make any reduction that might create more unemployment.

"The time, however, has been reached when, without interfering with the employment throughout the Province, without hurting business in any way, the average citizen should be made to feel that his sacrifice during the past two years, enabling him to save, should be rewarded. He must be able to go forward with confidence, feeling that there will be no further exactions on the part of the Governmental or Municipal authority. No new taxes.

"There has been a general call for retrenchment. The Province is retrenching. The Government calls on the public for co-operation, not for further demands for expenditure and criticism where cuts are made. We must have the utmost patriotic co-operation in order to achieve effective results.

Wild Geese at Night

(From Voices)

The night was clouds and winds and rain,
Fingers tried the window pane.
The out-of-doors was wholly evil,
One might believe still in the Devil.
Machievous and purposeless,
The earth rocked with unholy stress

Suddenly, clear over all,
Came the reassuring call
Of mariners whose only chart
Is an aching, hungry heart,
Whose only sails are grown so near
Their blood beats in them all the year.
The sailors with the necks so made
That they can use them like a blade
Were traveling without a light
Chaos and the lawless night.

And people hearing them returned
To the slumber they had earned.
It could not be there was no goal,
No plan to pattern, not a soul
Sitting calm somewhere above
With palms above some lamp of love
And planning new and keener things
When these exquisite pairs of wings
He had made so long and right
Helped one another in their flight.

—Robert P. Tristram Coffin.

Shelter

Here in the wood there is no snow—
Only the faint, gray wash of wind.
The crow's cry like the taste of bark:
Here in the wood I go,
Flecking the gentle flow
Of pine waves breaking endlessly on air
With ticking of the twigs beneath my feet.
Here in the brittle wood I go
Sheltered from snow..

—Christy MacKaye, in "Wind in the Grass."

It is in man's nature to hate those whom he has offended.—Tacitus.

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Robert E. Larmour

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In 1905 he was freight claims agent at Winnipeg; in 1906 city freight agent at Winnipeg and the same year was promoted general freight agent at Fort William. He acted in the same capacity during 1908 and 1909 at Nelson, B.C., and Winnipeg. In 1911 he was divisional freight agent at Vancouver and in 1914 was assistant general freight agent at Vancouver. In 1915 he was transferred to New York as general agent and in 1919 became general freight agent eastern lines, stationed at Montreal. In 1921 he was appointed acting assistant freight traffic manager at Montreal and since 1922 has been general freight agent at Montreal.

He is an enthusiastic yachtsman, hunter, and fisherman.

Thoughts on Chance

There is no doubt such a thing as chance, but I see no reason why Providence should not make use of it.—W. G. Simms.

How often events, by chance, and unexpectedly, come to pass, which you had not dared even to hope for.—Terence.

Chance is always powerful let your hook always be cast in a pool where —Ovid.

you least expect it there will be a fish.

To say a thing is chance or casualty, as it relates to second causes, is not profaneness, but a great truth.—R. South.

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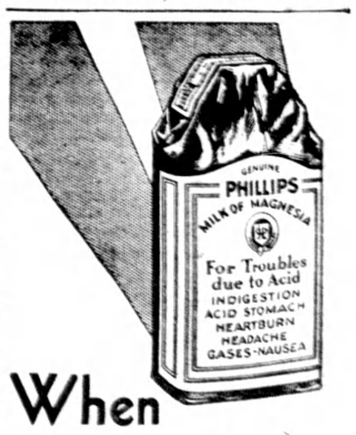

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