

AUCTION BRIDGE ANALYZED

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Wynne Ferguson Says Superstitions at Card-Playing Are Foolish—However, There is One Superstition Which Saves Players.

Most card players are superstitious, but very few will admit it. They have various reasons for their fancies, but seldom admit that the fancies are really superstitious.

Of course, sometimes there are "runs" of winning or losing cards in certain seats, but these runs are not based upon any ascertained or proven fact.

There are all sorts and conditions of superstitions. One well-known player always takes the pink cards and likes his back close to the wall.

There are many players who consider a certain suit or tie or article of jewellery as lucky or unlucky and it is impossible to argue with them.

In changing seats, some players insist that you should always go to the left. Or if they are unlucky, they walk around their chair.

THE PLAYER WITH A SMILE WINS

One of the most peculiar of superstitions is that of carrying mascots. Some players do it in jest, but most of them with the implicit faith that their particular charm or mascot will bring them good luck.

Players who carry such mascots really believe that they have a strong influence on the mysterious thing called luck.

There is one superstition, however, that saves many an old card player. He senses in some mysterious manner that his luck is bad and either plays more carefully than usual or stops playing altogether.

When such things happen, and they do happen every once in a while, sit tight. Never try to "force" your luck, for it cannot be done.

Luck either favors or mistreats us and the only thing to do is to be philosophical about it.

AN UNUSUAL BREAK

The writer witnessed a most unusual "break" of luck the other night. One pair held sixteen aces in four consecutive hands and yet only scored one game.

PROBLEM

h-K 8 7 3 2
c-A Q 10 7
d-A Q
s-A Q J 7 6

h-Q 6
c-K 10 4 2
d-none
s-Q

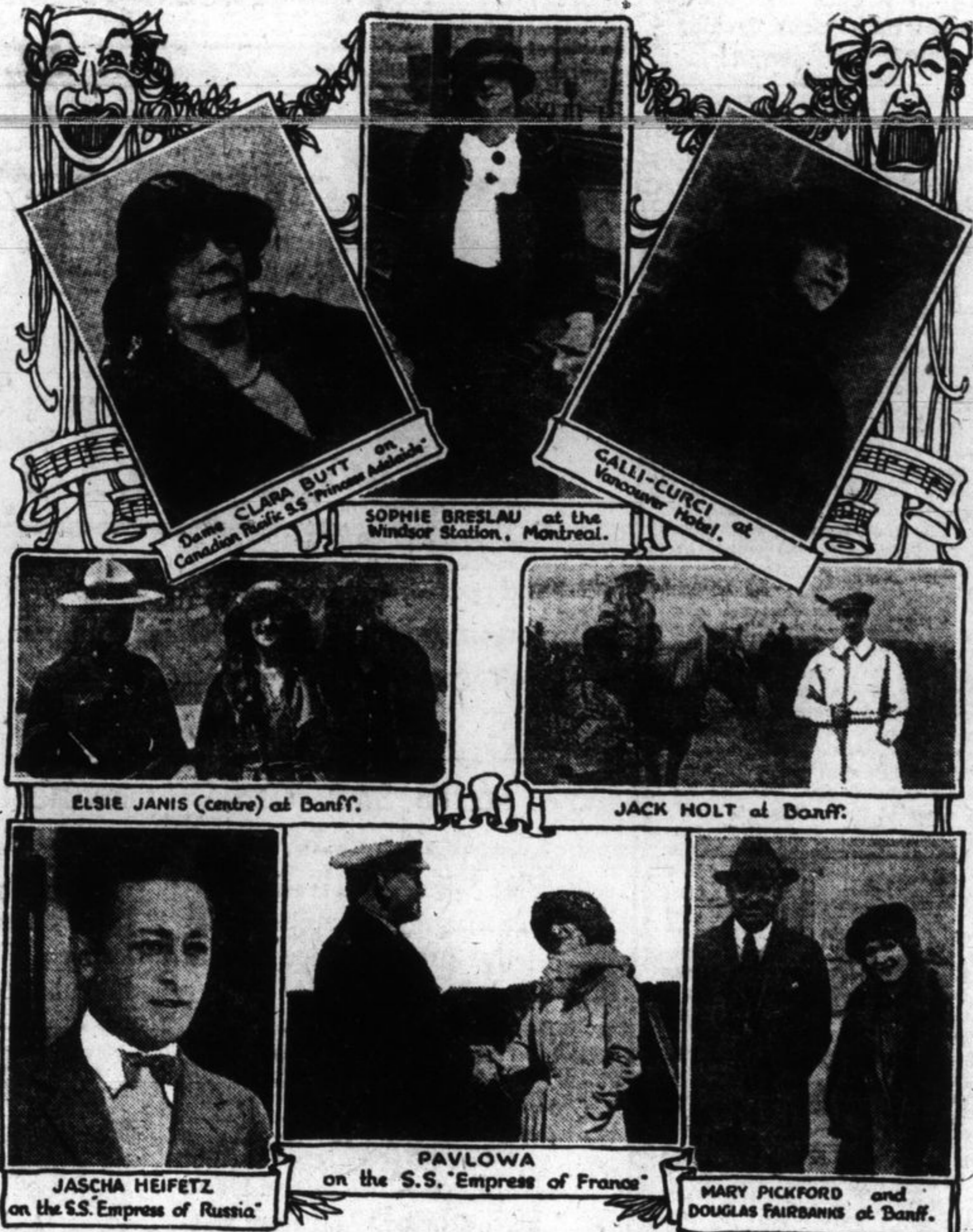
h-none
c-A Q 5
d-none
s-9 5 4 2

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y win five of the seven tricks against any defense? Z should lead the deuce of spades and Y should allow the queen to hold the trick.

If A leads the queen of hearts at the second trick, Y should let him hold the trick and Z should discard the five of clubs.

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Canada Lures World-famous Stars



That the two-fold attraction of Canada's audiences and Canada's scenic and climatic allurements, especially at Banff, is proving irresistible to many great concert, theatrical and movie stars is well brought out by the series of photographs reproduced above, which represents some of the famous artists who have recently visited Canada.

ACTIVITY ON RUM ROW IS INCREASING

Fifteen Vessels Outside Limit in Readiness for Christmas Trade.

New York, Dec. 8.—The liquor fleet lying outside the 12-mile limit, from Atlantic Highlands to Seabright, has nearly quadrupled in size within the last two days, according to reports from points along the New Jersey shore, which tell also of hasty preparations being made to land contraband cargoes in time for the holiday trade.

Mariners said the sudden arrival of so many boats might be accounted for by stiff breezes, which had enabled them to make better time than usual from the Bahamas.

Rum-running activities have been at a standstill for several days, due not only to heavy seas, but to the concentration of large forces of state troopers and prohibition agents at points along the coast.

They have thrown such an effective net work over the highway, connecting the coastal towns that bootleggers are said to have organized a pool recently to insure against the loss of shipments by capture.

RENTED A FARM.

The News From the District At Salem. Salem, Nov. 5.—Several from here attended the sale at William Cave's Mr. Cave has rented his farm and intends moving to Pickering.

Tidings From Clarendon.

Clarendon, Dec. 6.—Miss Ella White and Miss Clodgett are out from Kingston for a few days. Miss White's friends are very pleased to see her home again, if only for a short time.

Colds Stopped in Ten Minutes

There is a new remedy that is very pleasant—it fills the nose, throat and lungs with a healing balsam from the pine woods, and utilizes that marvelous antiseptic of the Blue Gum Tree of Australia.



The Angel of Peace has decided that Europe is no place for her. —From the Tidens Tegn, Norway.

Advertisement for Laura Secord Candies. Includes text: 'Christmas Suggestions', 'Nothing more acceptable than the delicious Laura Secord Old-Time Home-Made Candies', 'The gift that is bound to please', '138 Princess Street Kingston', 'Laura Secord Candy Shops', and 'PRINCESS PHARMACY'.

SAILSTAD CONFESSES HE COMMITTED CRIME

Former President of Eau Claire, Wis., Company is Arrested.

Napa, Cal., Dec. 5.—Three years after a burned skeleton was found in his summer cottage at Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin, identified and buried as his, Edward J. Sallstad, former president of a Eau Claire, Wis., phonograph manufacturing company, was arrested near here at the request of Superior, Wis., authorities on a charge of arson.

That Hang-on Cough Must Go

Home Made Cough Mixture Best of all for the Cough That Sticks. Make It Yourself In Two Minutes.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

recuperate take SCOTT'S EMULSION. The coughing season is on and every home should have a supply of the best cough remedy to be had, and as you can make this supremely excellent cough mixture yourself why pay high prices for the common kind.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Includes text: 'I Had Terrible Backache From Kidney Disease', 'Mrs. M. A. McNeill, Canton Sta., N.B., writes: "I was troubled for years with terrible backache, resulting from kidney disease..."', and 'Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills'.