

SEE POSSIBLE RATE WAR IN OCEAN SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 16.—The possibility of a rate war among transatlantic passenger ships loomed after the German steamship lines withdrew from a subsidiary agreement within the North Atlantic Passenger Conference governing cabin class prices.

John Schroeder, manager director of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American in the United States denied that the action would effect minimum steamship rates or constituted a rate-war threat, but other competitors indicated that if the German lines adopted the minimum rate for all their higher-priced cabins, they would be forced to alter price schedules.

Schroeder said the move was decided on in Germany. He stressed that the companies had not withdrawn from the conference itself, but merely had dropped the agreement affecting prices above the minimum. They may now charge the minimum price for any cabin, but Schroeder indicated that rate schedules would not be changed at present.

COURT ACTION BEING PLANNED
LONDON, May 16 — A court action by the present Spanish Government disclosed that the vanquished Spanish Republican Government had sent to London £1,000,000 (\$3,680,000) in securities which is being used for Spanish refugees.

The present Spanish Government sought to restrain sale of the securities until the court has determined ownership. An early trial was ordered, with the understanding that no more than £100,000 of the securities would be spent in the meantime.

Henri de Redding, a Swiss and proposed administrator of the fund, said the securities were transferred to London by the former Spanish Finance Ministry and were urgently needed for the refugees, "many of whom are dying of starvation."

A representative of General Franco's Government contended the securities had been seized from private individuals and that their transfer was an attempt to deprive the nationalist government of property.

Officials of other companies said the travel trade is in no condition to withstand a costly rate fight since it has already suffered considerably from unsettled political conditions abroad.

Doing the... World's Fair at New York

From a reader in Moncton, New Brunswick, comes the question: "How long will it take me to see the World's Fair? I want to plan my trip if I visit New York."

Frankly we admit that the question is a bit difficult to answer, in view of the fact that we have been here

three weeks and there are still a great many of the exhibits — in fact entire buildings — that we haven't seen. On the other hand, the casual visitor should get around the grounds much more quickly than we have been doing, as it has been necessary for us to study interesting exhibits closely to obtain material for articles. Our best solution is to give the answer of a friend who recently endeavored to estimate the time required to see every exhibit and take a sufficiently long look to know what it was about. He says that a visitor cannot see the entire fair in less than thirty-two days, each twelve hours long, of constant traveling. It must be understood, however, that this is in no way official and is perhaps more of a guess than an actual estimate. Without actually performing the experiment, we doubt if anyone could accurately judge the time necessary.

Since the fair was thrown open to children on certain afternoons at a ten cent charge, the grounds have gone camera-crazy. It would appear that every kid in New York and vicinity either owns or has begged, borrowed or swiped some kind of a camera. They are of every make and description from tiny dollar boxes to expensive movie machines, and the "flashes" will go to any end to get the "shots" they desire. One youngster lay in the hot sun beside the trolley for half an hour, getting the angles his soul craved, and you can see them perched on roof tops everywhere. When the guards don't forestall them for safety's sake, we were in the art division of a foreign pavilion when a matron with more business instinct than human kindness saw a youngster focusing his box. She pounced upon him and made him desist. "Why do you bully the wai?" we inquired mildly. "Because those articles are pictured in a book, and we're trying to sell the book," was the reply.

The bureau which has been established to look after straying or lost kiddies has been having an easy task so far. On the first Saturday of the Fair, when thousands of children packed the grounds, the Department of Welfare was only called upon some thing like half a dozen times. All of the lost children were between 8 and 13 years of age.

Flower lovers would find the Fair a veritable paradise. In addition to the blooming beds which decorate the numerous parks and rest greens on

CONDEMN PASSING DIVORCE BILLS "IN BATCHES"

OTTAWA, May 16.—The passing of divorce bill through the House of Commons in batches without discussion was denounced as a "farce" and a "shameful practice" recently as 18 divorce bills were passed in as many minutes.

The House was in merry mood as it settled into the routine of adopting each bill clause by clause, with occasional asides being added by the members for their own amusement.

Finally Arthur Slaght (Lib. Parry Sound) protested against the "farce" of going on with the "pretence" that any attention was being given these bills or that the members had any knowledge of what they were enacting. He urged that the practice end with this session of Parliament.

When a few more divorce bills had been put through J. F. Pouliot (Lib. Temiscouata) added his protest against "this dirty, stinking legislation."

It was clear in almost every case that the evidence was fabricated by a key-hole investigator who miraculously could see all that went on in a room.

He charged that the business was kept going for the benefit of lobbyists who paid \$25 licence fees and then charged applicants \$500 to get a divorce through.

Dan Melvor (Lib. Fort William) submitted that Quebec should look after its own home life and not send up legislation which permitted a "kind of legalized prostitution."

(All provinces but Quebec and Prince Edward Island grant divorces through their own courts). Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice interjected that Quebec had a good many fewer divorces than the other provinces.

The grounds, the exhibit "Gardens on Parade", presented by the Horticultural Exhibition, presents a gorgeous panorama of the most beautiful specimens obtainable throughout the United States. In addition to vast mixed displays, there are separate flower shows entitled: The Rose Show, the Carnation Show and the Daffodil Show. In the fifty outdoor gardens there are about half a million blooms spread in a galaxy of color over a 5½ acre area. More are being constantly added. Incidentally, the first award for merit, a gold medal, was won by an exhibitor from San Francisco with an entry of peonies. The peonies were sent by the firm possibly as a goodwill gesture, considering the rivalry between the San Francisco and New York Fairs and they stole the show.

Each week one of New York's five boroughs presents a series of free, open-air entertainments, in conjunction with addresses and formal receptions. Business and professional leaders of the particular borough are guests at the time. Bands and orchestras from the various high schools and boarding schools in the borough render concerts, and some of the presentations are remarkable. For example, the Newton High School band, in Queens, consisted of seventy pieces. It played such selections as Souza's "El Captain," Otis Taylor's "Victory Overture," and the "Cossack Invocation and Dance" by Lenikov. The bands participating have been selected after a series of previews and "elimination concerts" which were begun months ago. Vocal and instrumental solos and chorus renditions are also given during the concerts. At the conclusion of the series the belles of the borough compete for the title of Miss Manhattan or Miss Bronx, as the case may be.

It is reported that the public are expressing an unusual interest in the Japanese Pavilion, large numbers desiring admittance even before the pavilion had been opened. We mention the fact without implying what international or at least psychological significance it may have, if any. A keen student of foreign relations would be in a much better position to translate the tendency in broad terms than we are. The Japanese Pavilion is one of the most elaborate entered by a foreign nation. Germany alone of the R-ne-Berlin-Tokio trio has ignored the Fair. Italy is represented by a magnificent structure.

Note — Anyon... desiring to ask questions concerning the Fair, to make suggestions or offer comments on this column, will please address D. W. Griffiths, Director, New Brunswick Bureau of Information, The New Brunswick Exhibit, Canada Pavilion, The World's Fair, New York.

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WINNING CONTRACT

By the Four Aces

(David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken, world's leading team of four, inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.)

A REMARKABLE FREAK HAND

East, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

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♠ K J 9 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ Q 10 9 7 6 3
♣ A
West
♠ A
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ 4 2
♣ K J 9 5 2
North
♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ 4 3
♦ A K J 8
♣ 8
South
♠ —
♥ A K J 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 10 7 6 4 3
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Dbl. 3♣
Dbl. 3♥ Dbl. 3♠
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

One of the queerest freak hands we have ever occurred in the recent Vanderbilt Cup tournament. As could be expected, there was a wide variety of contracts, with every one being doubled and set. At one table South gained the doubtful privilege of playing the hand at four clubs doubled, and West opened the Ace of spades. South ruffed the opening lead, led a trump to dummy's Ace, then ruffed a diamond to get back to his hand. Upon laying down the Ace of hearts, he received the startling information that West held all the remaining hearts and trumps.

From this point on both dummy and East were completely out of the play. South played the club seven. West won with the nine and returned a trump. Declarer next forced out the Club Jack, whereupon West cashed his King and threw South back in with his last trump. And now the exchange shifted to hearts. South played a small heart; West won and naturally had to return a heart. South again played a small heart. West won and on the heart return South captured the balance of the suit.

By this series of throw-in plays South managed to confine his losses to three trump tricks and two heart tricks to hold his loss to 500 points, which was quite an achievement considering the remarkable distribution. You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A J x x
♥ K Q J x x
♦ A x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. Your hand (which should take six tricks) is strong enough to invite game. However four hearts would be an overbid as your partner's hand must supply four tricks.

Score 100% for three hearts, 70% for two notrump (slightly unsound with two small clubs) 50% for four hearts, 30% for passing.

QUESTION No. 134

Merwin Maier is your partner. You are the dealer and hold.

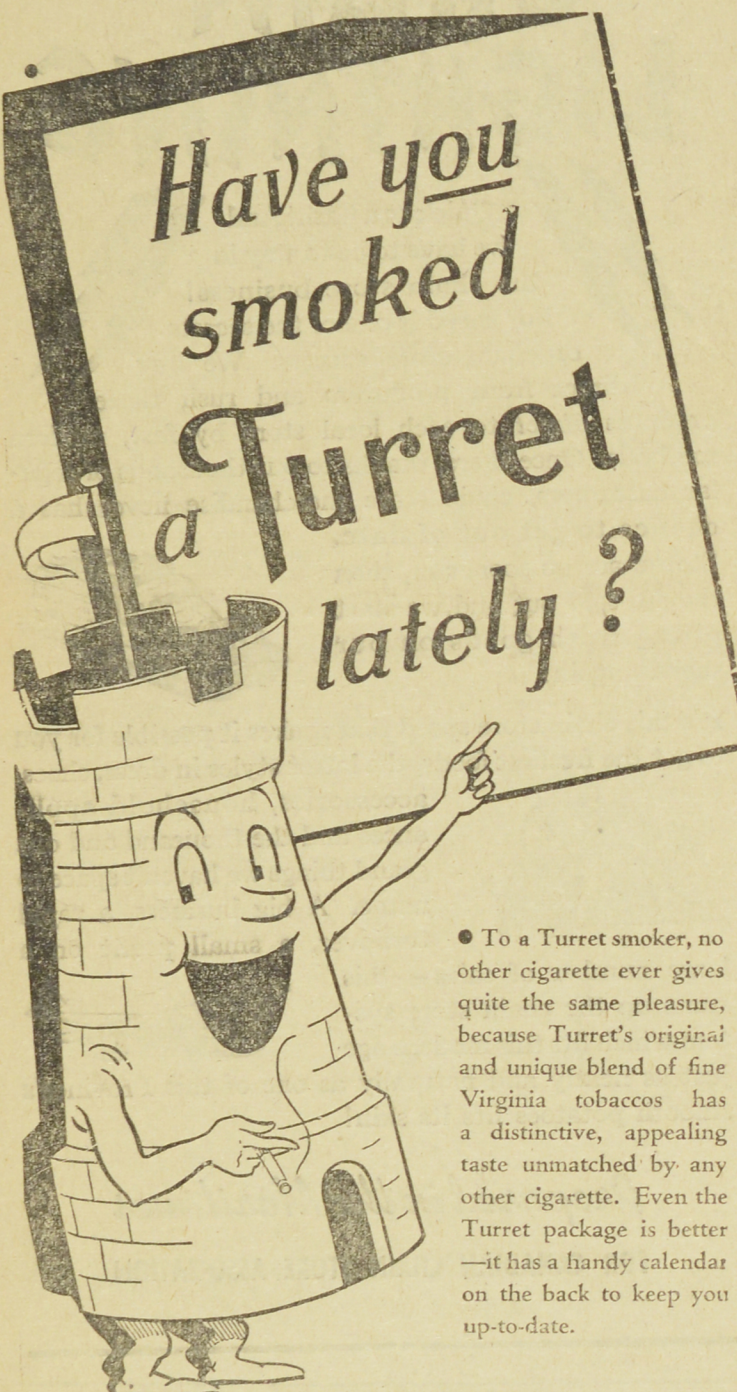
♠ A K x x x
♥ A x x
♦ A x x
♣ J x

The bidding:
You Burnstone Maier Schenken
1♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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