

BRITISH TRAIN SETS RECORD

London — (UP) — The moguls of the Great Western railroad to Tim Lewis, driver of the Cheltenham Flyer, world's fastest train: "Here take this buggy out and shave two minutes off the Swindon-Paddington run."

Tim winked at the fireman, eased out the throttle, and away they went. Something happened. Sixty one minutes later they skidded into Paddington, having lowered the scheduled time, not by two minutes but by four!

"Had a tough break," apologized Tim. "We lost two minutes at Didcot. Repairs—had to go slow."

The moguls smiled into their well-lathered sleeves. What Tim meant, they knew, was that he had eased the flyer down to around 75 miles an hour in order to play safe.

It was over the same stretch of line last June that the Cheltenham flyer set up her world's record. At that time she did the 77½ miles at an average of 81.6 miles per hour, touching 92 at maximum speed.

Tim's average was 76, and his best 97. Let the whole truth be known, however: Tim was hauling eight coaches and 265 tons; the load last June was six coaches and 195 tons. You don't have to be a railroad man to get the difference.

Museum Gets Rare Great Auk Skeleton

Berkeley, Cal. — (UP) — Sober and stiff, dressed in white front and black coat, the Great Auk, living in large colonies, once made the north Atlantic coast look like a large banquet hall the evening of a formal affair.

A skeleton of this now extinct bird is the property of the University of California museum of vertebrate zoology. The last of the Great Auks was killed in 1842 in Newfoundland, according to available data.

The skeleton is a composite grouping of bones found in mounds where they were buried by Indians who valued the bird highly as food. The bird stood 30 inches high, but through lack of use, the wings were only six inches in length. Its inability to fly made it easy to kill and eventually led to its extermination.

There are only four or five skeletons of Great Auk known, including the one in possession of the university here.

Program to Restrict Banking Is Suggested

Philadelphia, Pa. — (UP) — A program resigned to restrict radically the field of banking investments is suggested by Dr. William D. Gordon, state secretary of banking.

"The purchase of stocks should be prohibited from and after the date of the passage of an act," he said. "Banks now holding stocks should be given a reasonable length of time to dispose of them."

"The laws should be changed so that banks could only invest in bonds of the highest character."

Philadelphians Plan Trip Up Amazon River

Philadelphia, Pa. — (UP) — A group of Philadelphians are planning a trip up the Amazon river to the "River of Doubt."

The expedition has procured a 124 ton windjammer and expects to leave here by November 15, according to Irving Alexander Williamson, young Ardmore sportsman, who will lead the party.

Stranger Robs Traveler After Giving Him Ride

Kansas City, Mo. — (UP) — Samuel Oswald, waiting for a train at a depot, was surprised when a stranger offered him a drink to "brace you up."

Several hours later he woke up equally surprised to find himself robbed of \$150. The stranger had dragged him to a weed patch.

THE LOVER'S PRAYER.
I pray not to the gods that be
Or ever were;
I only echo randomly
My thoughts of her.

I pass a thousand things that seem
Both meet and wise,
And shape a little prayerful dream
About her eyes.

Vast lands and mansions, limousines—
They have no charms
Like moonlight and a world of green,
She in my arms.

I fling no plea for that or this
Across the space,
But some god bear my absent kiss
To touch her face.

—Will Chamberlain.
TIT FOR TAT.
From Vart Hem, Stockholm.
He: Where are all the nice girls this evening?
She: Out with the handsome men.

New Fire Alarm Box Handcuffs Operator

St. Louis — (UP) — A fire alarm box which will hold the giver of an alarm until firemen arrive to prevent false alarms, was exhibited at the International Association of Municipal Electricians convention here.

When a person reaches through a hole in the box to give the alarm, he is handcuffed until the arrival of firemen, who carry a special key to unlock the handcuffs.

Out Our Way



Discovery of Gold in South Africa Changed Destiny of the Continent

When the Find Was First Made, the Announcement Was Discredited by English Capitalists in Kimberley, and Not Until a Year Later Did the Rush Begin — The Rand Nothing Like the Gold Fields of Salisburgh in '49, or Any Other New Mining District.

Of all the astounding romances of wealth the world has ever known, nothing has equaled the discovery of gold on the Rand, Louis Cohen, last of the South African mining pioneers, writes in *Tit-Bits*, London.

When I say that up to the present year more than 2,000 million pounds' worth of the precious metal has been taken out of the reefs which lie along the Witwatersrand, it will be realized what money was made by the fortunate ones who got in first.

And yet it might still be hidden to this day. As far back as the 60's a humble English "trekker" named Jennings, exploring the Transvaal for a farm, espied a humble homestead which took his fancy. The owner was walking about, a homely figure of a Boer in rough clothing and to him Jennings said:

"Do you know of any good farm around here?"
"This is a good one," reported Mynheer.

"What is the name of it?" asked Jennings.
"Langlaate," said the Boer.

"Do you want to sell it?"
"Ja!" (Yes), quickly.

"How much do you want for it?"
"Twelve oxen."

"Oh, no," replied Jennings, knowing the Boers and their little ways—as he thought, "I'll give you eight."

But the farmer would not agree, valuable as oxen were, and the two men parted. Twenty years later gold was found on the farm, and out of its acres of apparently barren land — refused for a paltry twelve oxen — were taken 75 million pounds' worth of gold. And today the Langlaate mine is still doing strong.

Actual Discoverer Unknown
The identity of the man who actually discovered gold on the Rand is one of those mysteries which are likely to remain unsolved until the end of time. It has been claimed, however, that a Boer named Bantjes found gold-bearing ore at Roo-deport in 1895 and imparted the thrilling secret to an Englishman known as Alexander, who was shrewd enough to rush off to Kimberley, where the English capitalists had their headquarters.

It must have been a strange sight. There was Alexander with a paraffin tin full of ore in the Market Square of Kimberley, showing Hermann Eskstein, the metal that was destined in a few years to change the map of Africa.

Although the demonstration caused great excitement in Kimberley, it did not convince the skeptics. Alexander went away empty-handed, and it was nearly a year later that the sharp-witted Joseph Robinson, frozen out of the diamond business, received a telegram from a friend in Pretoria that gold had been found some 30 miles from Pretoria.

This time Robinson made no mistake. He set off by coach, accompanied by Sauer, and drove across the veldt for some days, to arrive in time at the spot where the Boer Bantjes had first struck gold. A crude hasty crushing with pestle and mortar revealed the presence of the golden metal.

A Farm House of Gold
Who will declare that the age of romance is dead when I say that Robinson, searching for the nearest homestead, came across the stone-built farmhouse of Langlaate and found that it was built of gold-bearing stone, taken from the very reef itself.

Centenarian Believes Jazz Age Too Speedy

Meriden, Miss. — (UP) — J. H. (Dad) Smith, who celebrated his 101st birthday recently, believes the jazz age is too fast for the human body.

People of yester years lived much longer and could stand much more than those of today, he said. "Dad" pointed out that until hospitals and doctors came into prominence, such things as pneumonia, blood pressure, gall

stones and other ills were seldom heard of.

"Dad," who served in the Civil War and received 22 bullet wounds, attributes his long life and his present good health to the observance of early hours and long rests, to a menu of no bread and meats, to loose clothes and to home made medicines manufactured from herbs.

PEACH CONSERVE RECIPE
Use 4 pounds peaches, 1 can sweetened pineapple, 1 orange, 1

By Williams

Johannesburg. Only after he knew for certain that the great gold-bearing reefs were no flash in the pan did he visit the Golden City, accompanied by the American mining expert, John Hays Drummond, who subsequently became the American ambassador in London.

Those who were never in Johannesburg in its early days can hardly realize the extent to which the British public was plundered by the company promoters. These crafty individual needed nothing more than buy a cabbage patch, call it by some alluring name, to start all the credulous sharemongers running after the stock which, literally speaking, was worth exactly the paper on which it was printed.

So-called financiers became millionaires by loading off on the public blocks of worthless shares whose values were sent sky-high by alleged rich strikes. Occasionally the wheeze would be carried by stories of the Rothschilds or some other famous banking house — taking a hand in the concern. I have known hundreds of apparently sane people in the Golden City fall victim to tales that they could easily have disproved if they had taken a 2-mile walk outside the city.

Dishonesty Was Rampant
There was many ways of getting rich quickly in this land of sin, sand and sorrow. As I. D. B. (illicit diamond buying) had been a prevalent industry at Kimberley, so I. G. B. (illicit gold buying) speeded up to be one of the standbys of ruffraff of Jo'Burg. To steal from the mines was not difficult for the police of those days were just as corrupt as everybody else connected with the "industry."

Hard on the heels of the gold-seekers came confidence men who exploited the "gold-brick" to a degree of perfection never known before or since. They whispered to a man that a friend of theirs had obtained a brick of gold from someone, and it might be bought for half of its value if the buyer could be trusted to keep his mouth shut. They were only bricks of dark lead. It was all done in a gilded corner with never a chance to make a test.

A bit of a slump came over the "industry" when a notorious I. G. B. was found dead in his lodgings; he had been making a good brick in a rough furnace and the fumes had killed him.

From the mines themselves the quantity of gold stolen was immense, and until its possession in a raw state became a criminal offense the traffickers and their native confederates had the time of their lives. Occasionally it would happen that the detective force would raid the luggage of some gentleman who had hurriedly departed, leaving behind him a nice little parcel of gold lifted from one of the big mines.

Gophers and Rattlers Together in Harmony

Ocala, Fla. — (UP) — In the sandy portions of Florida live the diamond back rattlesnake and the gopher tortoise. Often they live together and no battle between them ever has been recorded.

The gophers burrow under the ground and in time of fire or cold, the snakes join them. Ross Allen, director of the Florida Reptile Institute at Silver Springs, decided to conduct an experiment. He placed a number of gophers in the pit with 100 rattlers. The gophers crawled about and were undisturbed.

Allen forced a rattler to bite a gopher. In two hours and 10 minutes the gopher was dead. It's a dangerous life they lead when the rattlers move in.

on, 1-2 pound seedless raisins, 1-2 pound almond and chopped almonds, sugar.

Peel and slice peaches. Squeeze juice from orange and lemon and cut rind in thin strips. Combine peaches, pineapple, rind and juice of orange and lemon and cook until peaches are soft. Measure and add as many cups of fruit. Cook 15 minutes and add raisins and nuts. Use white radd if you can get them. Cook 10 minutes longer and turn into sterilized jars. Seal.

Rainmaker
"A fellow tried to produce open air grand opera in my town."
"With what result?"
"We had rain for two weeks."
"It might pay him to take his scheme around the country."—Cleveland News.

Way to a Woman's Wrath
Relax—I hear that Smith makes his wife's life miserable.
Relax—Beats her, does he?
Relax—No, he just refuses to argue with her.

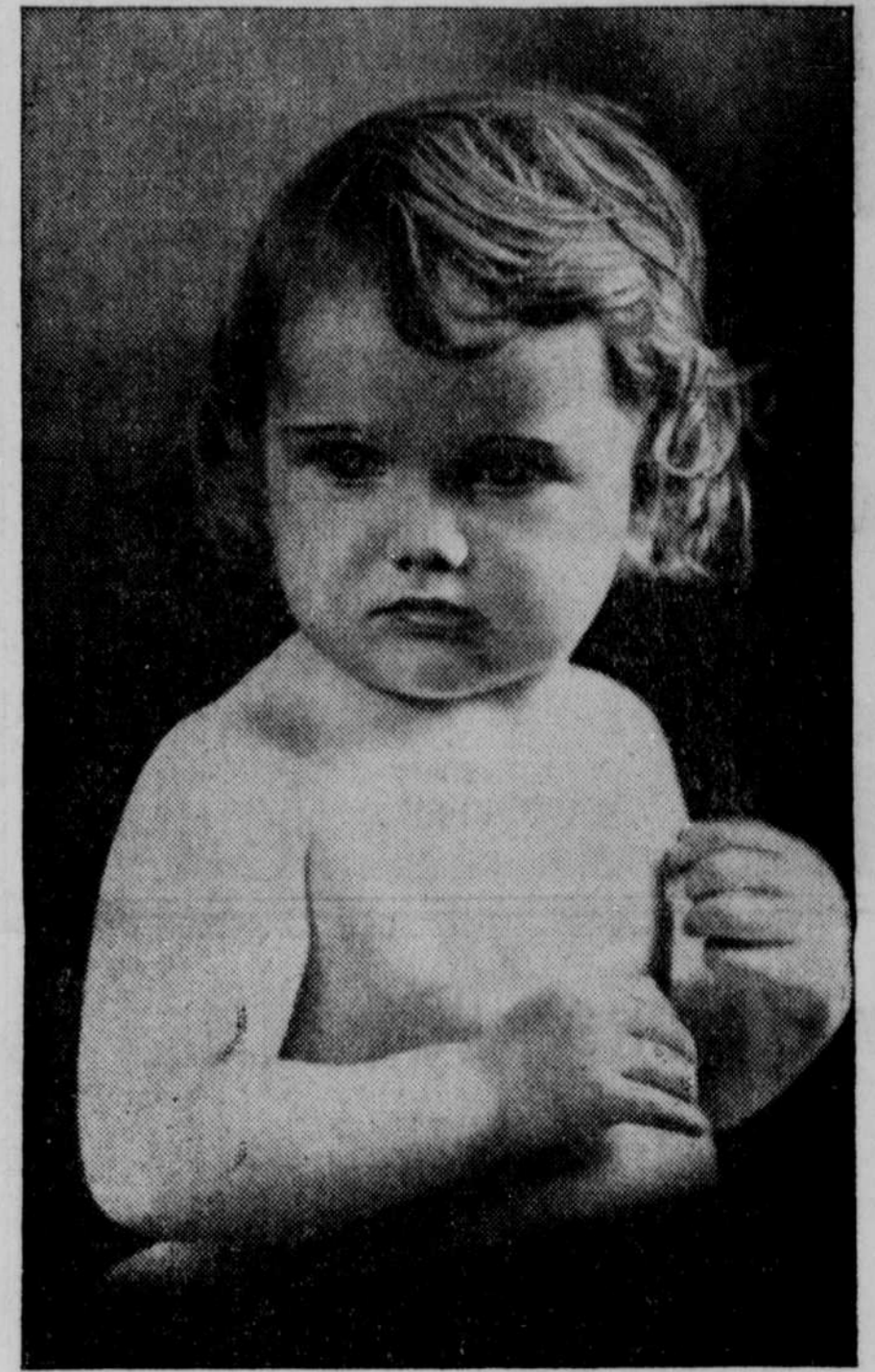
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Usual Beginning
"How'd the fight start?" asked the traveling salesman.
"Same as most fights start, answered Cactus Joe. "Each feller thought the other was bluffin'."

WON IN THREE BABY SHOWS

Mother gives credit to Eagle Brand



Little ROSE MARIE HAGGERTY of Pueblo, Colo., at 1 year, 7 months.

"WE STARTED our baby on Eagle Brand at three months," writes Mrs. W. F. Haggerty, 1016 Carterette Ave., Pueblo, Colo., "and she is perfect now. She has won in three baby shows, and I think Eagle Brand ought to have the credit. She is 1 year, 8 months old now, and has never been sick, not even a cold—and I will send our family doctor's statement if you wish."

"The texture of her skin is just like velvet. I sure have praised Eagle Brand, for I think it has made her beautiful."

"The other day, I was visiting at the hospital and one of the men called a doctor to see her and he asked was she bottle fed and when I told him Eagle Brand, he said, 'Well, Eagle Brand ought to see her' so that is why I am sending the picture."

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