Rainbow Gold

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SYNOPSIS

Dan Prescott and Gordon Westerby find gold in the arid bush of Australia. They stake their claim and start the long journey to the coast.

Westerby has a fiancee, Gladys Clements in England, but when they arrive in Sydney he marries a pretty blonde.

Gordon forwards a photo of Dan to former fiancee, Gladys Clements, in London and when Dan arrives she believes he is Gordon. Eve Gilchrist, a typist, obtains work in Medlicott's office, the broker who is floating the mine.

"He doesn't like the role assigned to him," Eve observed. "He's quite unsuited to it."

"That's nonsense, Eve." Medlicott said impatiently. "He is not asked to mislead anybody by as much as a word. He has only to be himself and tell the truth. Instead of that, he hands out a string of yarns that wouldn't deceive a baby in arms. Ask him to be himself, will you?"

Eve got no chance on that day; and at breakfast next morning, when she picked up her newspaper, the "Record Courier," she realised that Medlicott's apprehension was only too well-grounded. The first things that caught her eye were the headlines:—

SHAREPUSHERS ACTIVE AGAIN

BEWARE OF AN AUSTRALIAN

DESERT GOLD MINE

'WHERE IS DANDONG?"

"During the past few days (Eve read) we have received countless letters about the activities of Mr. Milton Medlicott, who describes himself as an 'outside broker'. The writers of these letters are all heavy losers, as the result of following the advice so lavishly dispensed from the office of Mr. Medlicott, and some of the matters revealed to us are now under investigation.

"Among the Medlicott activities foremost, at the present moment, is an effort to sell shares in the Dandong Gold Mining Company. Inquiries show that the sole source of information about this alleged gold mine is a pamphlet, widely circulated by Milton Medlicott. This brochure is vividly written, evidently by somebody with a real gift for literary work, and tells a fascinating story in an alluring way.

"From it we gather that a gold mine, rich as Eldorado, was discovered in the heart of the Australian desert by two diggers. Their adventures, and the fabulous treasure they unearthed, are set out in detail. The pamphlet holds its sting, like a scorpion, in the tail; for on the back page is the customary form of application for shares."

"Medlicott, following the custom of 'outside brokers,' employs a staff of persuasive 'solicitors,' whose mission is to induce the public to sell their holdings in sound securities and to invest the proceeds in such wild ventures as the Dandong Gold Mine. It should be sufficient for our readers when we inform them that shares in this mine are not listed for Stock Exchange dealings, and they will have themselves to blame if they are lured into any loss by the specious language of the pamphlet.

"Among the 'solicitors' we have been able to identify a man named Prescott, who claims to be one of the adventurers who discovered this gold at the foot of the rainbow. A gentleman who has had good reason to regret his connection with Medlicott recently entertained Prescott, his intention being to find out what he could about this glittering proposition.

"He describes Prescott as a tall, bronzed man, of engaging appearance, who wore faultless evening clothes, and talked glibly and convincingly—for a time —of his gold-seeking experiences. Unfortunately for him, his host, with a view to testing him thoroughly, had been at pains to acquire some accurate information about certain sides of bush life in Australia.

"'He took me for a greenhorn," our informant chuckled. 'And I led him on from one tall story to another, by pretending to take it all in. In the end he was gravely telling me yarns that would have turned De Rougemont green with envy.'

"'Can you supply a sample?" asked the 'Record Courier.'

"'Well, I asked him if he had ever seen a buyip; and he told me, with all the assurance in the world, that he had almost succeeded in taiming one which he caught young. Only some careless person fed it with peanuts, and it died. I could have told him that the buyip was a purely mythical monster, and a superstition of the aboriginal tribes. He might as well tell me he had tamed a young banshee. But I pretended to believe him, and he thought he was impressing me. You remember, de Rougemont was detected when he talked about flying wombats. This man was more ignorant of Australia than deRougemont.'

"'Then you are not investing in his mine?'

"'Having made inquiries from official sources, I was told that no such place as Dandong was known. It does not appear in the latest Australian gazeteer. That was enough for me.'

"For the present, no further information is forthcoming about Dandong. It is the place where the flying wombats nest and the young buyips are tamed; but is there any gold there. Until more reliable information is supplied by Mr. Milton Medlicott or Mr. Prescott it may be assumed that the gold is real as the mythical animals mentioned. There is much of that sort of gold — at the foot of the rainbow."

Eve's first emotion after reading the article was one of furious anger at the injustice of it. But when she read it a second time, and more carefully, anger gave place to a very deep apprehension. On the face of it, a very damning attack had been made upon Dan and upon Medlicott; but how was it to be answered? She worried over that all the way to the office.

TO BE CONTINUED

Seek 2,400 Planes Fr U.S. Air Force

Washington. — Decision to seek funds to give the United States an air force "second to none" emerged recently from a conference between General Malin Craig, army chief of staff, and Chairman McSwain, South Carolina Democrat, of the House military committee.

McSwain arranged to go before a House appropriations sub-committee to press for inclusion of money for 800 up-to-the-minute fighting planes in the war department's appropriation for the next fiscal year.

At a cost of around $70,000,000 annually, including accessories and ground equipment, he said, 800 planes would have to be provided yearly for three years to meet what the war department considers minimum needs.

"Nations are like men. If they let the poison of hate run through their systems, they pick up a gun and kill, but if they restrain this motion, the blood cools." — Sir Gerald Campbell.

"It isn't fashionable any more to keep the same husband too long."—Annette Kellerman.

Rural Schools

In an address recently delivered at Queen's University Dr. Duncan MacArthur, deputy minister of education for Ontario, openly deplored the fact that the boys and girls of the country had not the opportunities of receiving as good an education as those in urban centres. In speaking as he did he undoubtedly pointed out the great weakness in the educational system of this province. It is, of course, impossible to impart the same quality of instruction in isolated rural schools with poor equipment as is given in the towns and cities. Perhaps in some instances the people of those districts are themselves to blame because of their desire to procure cheap teachers. This is unquestionably a very short-sighted policy, inasmuch as the boys and girls in the country, because of their meagre opportunities, deserve to have the very best teachers that can be had.

The remedy for this state of affairs is the establishment of consolidated schools. It is not reasonable that these individual schools, with only a small number of pupils, should be maintained to the detriment of the instruction offered. In these days of good roads and motor buses it would be a simple matter to collect the children and convey them to larger schools supplied with the best teachers and all the necessary equipment. It is not a sufficient answer to say that many of the brightest students in the universities started in these isolated schools. If the advantages were greater, the number would be vastly increased. Some years ago the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, when he was Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education, recommended a scheme of township schools, but owing to the opposition, raised against it nothing was done. Dr. MacArthur will prove himself to be a real benefactor if he can successfully carry out a scheme that will provide better facilities for the education of the children in the rural communities at a reasonable cost.—Brantford Expositor.

"Streamline Girl" Title is Awarded

Chicago—Now it's the "streamline girl of 1936" and the "streamline matron."

The holders of the titles are Miss Helen Bell, daughter of the Laird Bells, of suburban Winnetka, and Mrs. James Getz, daughter-in-law of George Getz, treasurer of the Republican National Committee.

They were chosen from scores of smartly dressed women attending the annual Emmerson House benefit ball last night by Mrs. Helen Hughes Dulaney, creator of new effects in modern art, and Walter Frazier, architect.

The judges' definition of "streamline" was "simplification of everything, absence of non-essentials in dress, and good carriage."

Air Hostess Picked Like Actresses

She Must Be Young, Slender and Attractive, Says Plane Line's Chief Stewardess

She must be attractive, she must be young, she must be slender. She must be able to turn down proposals without offending — and she must think only of her career.

Movie actress? Wrong. Air transport hostess.

"I often think it would be much easier to qualify for the movies," Miss Lena Kraft, chief stewardess for one air line said with a sigh recently.

"We have to watch our pounds just as much as Joan Crawford ever did. We can't weight over 118, you know."

That is a requirement met by thirty-two pretty young women who were trained in Kansas City for positions as hostesses on one of the big commercial air lines.

None is over 5 feet 4 inches tall. None is more than 26 years old. All are registered nurses.

A rigid three weeks' course was given the first group of hostesses—selected from hundreds of applicants the nation over—who will be placed on TWA transport planes.

"Most of them," said L. A. Rainey, a pilot and "professor" of the class, "will be based in Kansas City.

"Those going on eastbound liners will work two days and then have two days' rest. Those going west will make the round trip in two days and then rest three days."

"The schedule is for 110 hours of flying monthly. In that way, the young women can have time between trips to enjoy a normal social life," says The Associated Press.

There's often romance on a plane, too, take it from Miss Kraft.

"Proposals? You bet we get proposals," she said. "Still, having been nurses, we are used to it. About the first question we are asked is 'Are you married?' and the answer to that one is easy. If we were married we couldn't hold our jobs."

Not long ago a stewardess on Miss Kraft's staff dropped aviation for matrimony. Another is thinking it over now.

If You Want Your Family To Like Vegetables

Change the Ways in Which They Are Served and Add Variety

Upon the sales ability of the cook and her ingenuity hangs the problem o[illegible] not her family gets f[illegible] of ve[illegible] all tr[illegible] to [illegible] ser[illegible] sugar-coats [illegible] cook must do, figuratively speaking.

Here are a few hints for making vegetables popular. If they are that kind, cut them invitingly and serve raw like radishes. In this list come carrots, turnips, cauliflower hearts, koblrabi and beets.

ADD CELERY AND NUTS

Shredded and mixed with celery and nuts or even with fruits for salad, you may use many vegetables that would be refused if served straight.

Careless cooking is often the reason for the unpopularity of vegetables. Boiled just right, according to the kind of vegetable and served hot with plenty of butter, almost all vegetables are palatable.

A good sauce helps.

An unpopular vegetable served in combination with one that everybody likes is a good plan—carrots and peas, for instance.

Appetizingly browned in butter or French fried in deep fat, even parsnips could go to the top of the class —and baking is another aid.

Also you may disguise them in meat stews, pot roasts, and soups.

Souffles, scallops and casseroles offer unlimited possibilities.

So do gelatin dishes and loaves.

USED IN DESSERTS, TOO

Then, of course, there are marmalade and butters where you use carrots and tomatoes, and vegetable sandwiches with peanut butter or mayonnaise. Garnishes and cocktails you have already thought of, no doubt. But how about puddings, cookies, cakes and breads made with vegetable juice or finely chopped vegetables?

How To Be Happy Though Married

Denver, Colo. — For a long and happy marriage, F. E. Bush, 85, and Mrs. Bush, 70, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary advise:

"Pay your bills.

"Don't argue with your husband—or wife.

"Don't use liquor or tobacco.

"Stay out of doors as much as possible.

"Lead a simple life.

"Do some physical labor every day."

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DOCTOR TELLS HOW PEOPLE ARE FOOLED

Dr. Rabinowitch Debunks Some "Pure Olive Oil" As Cotton Seed Oil

MONTREAL — "So-called pure olive oil, packed in Italy and in Spain are in many cases made of cotton seed oil," declared Dr. I. M. Rabinowitch, M. D. C. M., D.Sc., F R.C.P., director of the department of metabolism at the Montreal General Hospital, and assistant professor medicine and lecturer in Pathological chemistry at McGill University, in a recent address here. "If there are any public health representatives in this city I may say without fear of libel, that I could name them 22 products of allegedly olive oil that are sold on the market that contain no olive oil or a very small percentage, but all contain cotton seed oil."

Dr. Rabinowitch dispelled a lot of ideas which housewives have in regard to the importance of such well-advertised words as standard, prime, first grade and so on. "How many people know that eggs bearing the word "standard" are the lowest grade on the market?" he asked. "Or that 'fancy California first grade asparagus' is the lowest possible grade, and that extra fancy, select and extra select go ahead of it?"

PUBLIC'S GULLIBILITY

As an illustration of the gullibility of the public the speaker instanced salmon, declaring that the psychological effect of advertising was that people thought salmon to be good had to be pink. "White salmon is just as good as pink salmon, but the difficulty as to get people to think of salmon in any other terms than pink salmon until an advertising agent thought up the phrase "This salmon is guaranteed not to turn pink.' Dr. Rabinowitch gave some examples of tests made in his laboratory at the General Hospital of soaps that contained from 25 to 51 per cent. of soap, of butter supposedly [illegible] per cent. sa[illegible] ing.

Then he came on to the question of nutrition and dieting, and warned his audience about following any general dieting plan without consulting physicians, declaring that no two people were alike in the effect that certain foods had on them, and that those women who went in for indiscriminate dieting and perhaps lost 20 or 30 pounds found themselves within a year or so in the sanitarium suffering from tuberculosis.

HARMFUL EFFECTS

"Notwithstanding the advice which is given by apparently ethical medical men and which we read almost daily in the newspapers, I am going to point out the harmful effects of this system," declared Dr. Rabinowitch.

"I want to speak against the dissemination of medical knowledge amongst those who have not the proper training to fully appreciate that knowledge. The medical profession has not and we hope never will hesitate to spread that knowledge which by preventing disease will lessen individual suffering and tend to the promotion of national welfare, but I doubt if this has not led to practices not only of no benefit to the public but actual impairment in health. Amongst those who are giving such advice there are individual men whose ability to deal with this phase of the health problem cannot be questioned nor can there be any doubt of their sincerity, but there is no doubt in my mind that this high and laudable practice has led to disaster."

SCIENCE OF NUTRITION

After pointing out that the human system was continually breaking down and building up tissues through the demands made on it, Dr. Rabinowitch said that in order to keep healthy this breaking down and building up of constituents must be kept balanced — if the breaking down exceeded the building up a person lost weight and if the building up exceeded the breaking down a person gained weight, and the science that dealt with that was known as nutrition. There were other factors besides energy, and even if two people of the same age, weight and sex were given the same food and the same number of callories they would differ, for callories were not the only consideration in construction of diet. There were other constituents in food essential to life and promotion of growth, and these he listed as vitamins, and their efficient absorption through the gastro-intestinal tract.

"Some people are naturally fat and some naturally thin," declared the speaker, "and it is a tragedy to see people who are naturally overweight, according to standard, attempting to diet, when they are healthy in every other respect. They may lose weight but they end up in six months or a year in a sanatarium. These are not accidents or rare occasions but quite the common ending. It is important to recognize that the standard which we use in determining whether a person is normal, over-weight or underweight for height are statistical, they are averages based on large groups of people. The mere fact that you are not average may not and need not necessarily imply you are overweight — in other words the physician does not deal with averages but the individual, and that alone points out the harmful effects of indiscriminate diet.

"The problems of food and nutrition are not simple. There is no one diet which is suitable or all people nor is the same diet suitable for the same person at all times. Proper ad- [illegible] knowledge

"Advancing years can have no terrors for those whose minds are occupied." — Frank H. Vizetelly.

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The Royal Bank of Canada Presents Strong Statement

Total Assets Have Crossed the Eight Hundred Million Mark — During Year Deposits Increased Over $50,000,000 — Liquid Assets at $423,673,881 Are Up From $382,172,-287 and Are Equal to 58 Per Cent. of Total Liabilities to the Public.

Reflecting the definite improvement in financial conditions throughout the large field it serves, The Royal Bank of Canada is issuing to its shareholders a statement that shows very substantial growth during the year.

As a result, total assets have crossed the eight hundred million mark. Deposits have again duplicated the remarkable gain of the previous year by increasing more than $50,000,000. At the same time, holdings of high grade Government bonds have increased to $209,453,208, up from $150,708,385. Of special importance is the tendency of current loans to move upward, as a result of the gains that have been evident in many lines of business.

Shareholders will note with satisfaction the high esteem in which the Bank is held as reflected by an increase of more than a hundred million in deposits over the last two years.

Strong Liquid Position

The general statement, which is for the year to November 30, shows total assets of $800,919,700, up from $758,423,904 in the previous year. Of this large total, liquid assets have reached $423,673,881, as compared with $382,172,287 and are equal to 58% of total liabilities to year. Of this large total, liquid assets are cash on hand and deposits in other banks of $157,630,042. The outstanding change in liquid assets is an increase in the holdings of Government securities of $58,744,823.

Commercial Loans Up

Current loans of $328,821,416, against $326,782,534 at the end of the previous year, show a moderate increase which is encouraging when it is taken into consideration that as against increased demands from industry on account of improved business. Liquidation of slow loans carried during the depression has continued and the general experience on this Continent is that commercial loans of banks are still decreasing. Call loans in Canada also show a movement in an upward direction and are reported at $26,328,679, up from $23,430,645, a gain of close to $3,000,000. Call Loans outside of Canada at $19,216,857 are down $10,690,196.

This is likely due to the very low rates of interest obtainable in the leading financial centres of the world, mainly London and New York.

Large Gain In Deposits

Of interest to the general public, as well as to the shareholders, is the showing made in deposits. These now stand at $688,366,512 and are up $51,000,000 during the year. This follows on an increase in the previous year of over fifty millions, which makes the gain for the two years over 17 per cent. As was to be expected, Saving deposits in Canada have continued to gain and the decrease in interest-bearing deposits is understood to be due to a policy of cutting out of the payment of interest on a large proportion of the bank's deposits outside of Canada.

Profit and Loss Account

With lower interest rates prevailing, profits show a slight decrease, but were sufficient to provide for dividends and the usual charges and make a contribution to Profit and Loss Account.

Total profits amounted to $4,340,-552, as against $4,398,217 last year. $2,800,000 was applied to dividends, $200,000 transferred to Bank Premises account, $200,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund and $1,037,772 for Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, leaving a surplus of $102,700 to be added to Profit and Loss Account, which now stands at $1,609,554.

The statements issued this year by leading Canadian institutions have shown that Canadian banks have never been in as strong a position as they are at present to meet commercial demands as they develop.

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Send your result in on or before Jan. 3rd, 1935, with an entry fee of Twenty-Five Cents, no stamps. 10 percent. will be shared between those who send in two errors, 15 percent. with one error, 25 percent. for a correct list. All entrants will receive the results. The more entries received, the more PROFIT to SHARE.

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