

One of the worst American railway accidents for many years occurred when a train from Los Angeles to San Diego, left the rails on a curve only four miles from its departure-point at Los Angeles. Although it was only a small train, it was packed with passengers; and first reports put the death-roll at twenty-nine --- and the number of injured, at one hundred and forty.

During his tour of Europe, the new President of Brazil and his entourage, paid a visit to Vatican City and were received by the Pope. Senhor Kubitschek was given the Papal blessing --- and good wishes for his forthcoming term of office.

From Dutch New Guinea --- the week's news pictures include a journey by the Resident, and Government officials, to the village of Katan Kampong. They travelled by native canoes; and the flooding of the river, enabled them to navigate across country. The visit was in connection with the proposed scheme, for turning this district of marshland into prosperous rice-fields.

And from the Soudan --- this was the celebration of a landmark in their history, as the national flag was hoisted. For the first time, the Soudanese Parliament met as the Governing body of an independent republic. Big crowds gathered to hear the speech of their Prime Minister, Ismail El Ashari --- as the joint Anglo-Egyptian rule, came to an end.

From Japan, the news story is of an epidemic in Tokyo's model Zoo. Many of the penguins contracted chest diseases, and several of them died. The Zoo's veterinary surgeon was baffled --- but presently hit on a strange cure. It was a kind of vapour treatment, made from a remedy for curing athlete's foot. The cure worked --- and the patients were soon back to normal good health.

We have to come back to Britain, to find the year's most un-seasonable story. A resident of Brighton --- Mr Ernest Trory --- gave a swimming party for his birthday --- and they really did go into the sea. It was so cold, the bangers were issued with two lots of skin.

LOTS OF SKIN

Everybody happy.

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