to describe my first night; it horrible dream to me. first spell in prison was one

After nine months, he tel ngs and chains were remove neck, but the fetters he y-with the exception of thi during his whole captivity. guarded was Neufeld that it of the question. But he more than once, without, ho success. Father Ohrwalder an more fortunate, but the fa clear away only made Ne n more hopeless. For a shore ever, he enjoyed the position at large, and was engaged in th of saltpetre. Later he wa to the Khartoum arsena lescribes as in "as perfect work as when Gordon made it into lwich workshop." But on hear Slatin had got clear away to ain ordered him to prison. On was liberated, and set to tr gold and silver from certai had been discovered in the od. but that, of course, was no nd so the time passed. The English at Last.

came news of the approach army, and the latter portion feld's book, in which he tells of the final arrival of the es, is the most interesting. Th nent, of course, was tremendls of war were the order of th ght. Never, we are told, was ter served with intelligence he Khalifa; his messengers ar few hours in the early days towards the end. Sava Mr

rison heard that the gunboats aching, and then we heard the n of the guns gradually near owing louder. Before we had culate as to whether the great ned on the roof of a gaoler's running down to say that the re passing Halfeych. At th we were smothered in dust a shell had struck the top wall, richochetted to the oppo nd fallen without exploding or of the women. . . . The ai Med with what to us chained ppeared to be the yells and legions of the damned le shuddered and looked helplessl ne to the other. Then I n he shells were all flying high etting to my feet. I rushed-a shackles allowed-stumbling to of the open space, tried imp, called on all to come an Yes, I had gone mad left me, and I was .

en my arms and leaping up shell which a second late ther in to death seventy-two in the mosque. heard the shrill cries of the knew that someone was being

and guessed correctly that i glish at last. the Sirdar's Welcome.

the gaoler appeared, "frighthis life, as we could tell by his ell Neufeld that the place was English "brothers," that a big.

he was told was the dreadad asked for him, and that he d an age while the chain wa from my shoulders, and then, I made my way to the gate I was crying dry-eyed; I plurred group, and then I was of my senses by hearing Engthe only words of a European and hand for seven long years urred group and through th a voice. 'Are you Neufeld?

And then a tall figure rds me and gave my hand It was the Sirdar. at my shackles the Sirda these be taken off now? The next thing I remember officer slipping off his horse to the saddle and trudging side, after the terribly try us day he must have had." d has a good deal to say con irdar and what he calls "say He holds that Lord Kitchgrave error in extending to rderers" the advantages of rfare, and we are told "the

felt called upon to extend to st England the loss of many T FROM CAR AXLES.

tem of train lighting shows an vance on all previous methods the old idea of generating ent by the revolution of the with an effectiveness never Where, as in early sysarrent for lighting has bee a dynamo in the baggage power from the locomotive lose its light as soon as d from the train; but now earries its own light-creating fitted with a dynamo and a ery. When the train is standery. When the train is star-

the train attains a speed of an hour, the dynamo is auto meeted with the mechanism nits the power of the revolv the lights are then fed direct nits the power of the revolvthe lights are then fed directThis does not in any waysed of the train, or call for
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man, missionary, of Skidewho has gone to Kings

The Molly Gibson Mining Company is he wagon road which is to open com- let the first of the month. munication between the mine and the west arm of Kootenay lake, at a point omplete, and with a crew of 40 men at will be vigorously prosecuted during the work, it is expected that the road will winter. e through by the end of November. In Recent work done on the Silver Belt evelopment, but a shipment of some 200 tions is sacked for moving as soon as the road is completed.

Slocan Mineral Float.

Last week the Jackson shipped 65 tons The force on the Noonday is to be in-

reased and shipments resumed. of zinc ore to England last week. Work is being pushed ahead on the The Cup will employ during the win-

the dump.

the usual success.

proving very satisfactory. W. W. Warner has taken a contract for 400 feet of tunnel and 200 feet of

upraise to be driven on the Madison. Work will be resumed next week on the Sarah Jane, one of the claims of the Neglected group, close to New Denver. crosscut tunnel is being driven to Mollie Hughes to tap the ledge some distance below the workings driven on the lead. In the upper workings ore is showing all the distance of the tunnel,

something like 100 feet.-New Denver The Boundary Country.

drill capacity.

Drifting in the Mother Lode, Deadwood camp, at a depth of 285 feet, is said to be greatly improving in value. Mr. W. L. Hogg, of Montreal, has sacking ore for shipment, and will conbonded the Calumet and Hecla tinue development all winter. group, Wellington camp, for \$60,000. group comprises the Calumer, Hecla, Hilltop, Hilltop fraction, El Rio, Beaver, Glenora and Key West claims. Mr. Hogg has stated his intention to push work vigorously, and to endeavor to pick up one of the Winnipeg leads.

leading shareholder in the British Columbia Copper Company, which owns the Mother Lode, has organized the No. Mining Company under the laws of all winter. West Virginia to operate the No. 7 and other claims in Gentral camp. On the of which are 450 feet of drifts and crosscuts. The principal values are in gold

at an early date. A force of men is now working on the copper. on the property ing done from that level. There are two leads on the Crescent, one of which is high grade, running as high as \$125 to the ton in all values. The crosscut ton the smaller of the leads at about 40

The buildings on the War Eagle, Greenwood camp, were commenced last week, and the machinery will be installed as soon as the buildings are ready. The three mines-the War Eagle, Golconda and Buckhorn-will be developed under the superintendence of Captain Shields, who is now in charge of work on the Minnehaha in Camp McKinney. Active development will be commenced

on all these properties in a few weeks. The drift in the Oro Denoro, which is now in about 80 feet, has recently run nto the most striking body of ore that has yet been exposed in the Boundary Creek country. The whole face of the A large drift is in solid copper ore. block was taken to Eholt by Mr. O'Neill, and it created considerable excitement among railway men who have extensiveinch of waste in the whole face of the drift. The ore is similar in character high in copper. This drift will be continued and will cut through two or three other ledges that can be traced on the surface.

Ymir Camp.

The Good Hope mineral claim, on Wild Horse creek, about six miles from Ymir, has been taken over by capitalists. The Blackcock mine is about to start work. The management intend to begin operations in about two or three weeks with a force of seven or eight men, and will push the work forward all winter. taking on more men as required.

The Ymir mine has succeeded in se curing 22 men from the outside. The management claim they have 57 men now at work in the mine, and producing sufficient ore to keep the 10stamp mill running continuously. As the mill treats in the neighborhood of 100 tons a day, the Ymir should ship \$30,000 in bullion, ore and concentrates this month.

Work is being vigorously pushed on the Tamarac. In September there were 226 feet of work done in the mine, as against 126 feet for the preceding month At a point 300 feet from the bottom of shaft in the north drift an upraise has been started, which will be driven to the surface for the purpose of expioring the vein, and so as to furnish air. At the same time a winze will be driven down on the vein at this point for the purpose of exploring the vein at

Manager Phil. White of the Wilcox the construction of the smelter adds connected with the Dreyfus affair.

ting everything into shape for the winter months, as work is to be pushed vigmade last week on No. 2 tunnel, showing up a large body of ore, giving good values. This tunnel will be run 900 feet to tap the ledge on the Fourth of pushing the work on the construction of tract for the remaining 550 feet will be

Lardeau-Duncan.

the mine itself a force of 22 men is emgroup on the north fork has shown up an ployed on development. No ore is being enormous body of ore. The showing is aken out, save such as is met with in about eight feet wide, of galena and car-The Eva group on Fish creek was

bonded the other day to outside capital by Messrs. Tweedie and Hutchinson, of Comaplix. This property is the most extraordinary strike in point of value that has been made in the Lardeau division. The mineral obtained from this property The Bosun made a shipment of 20 tons is gold, and the croppings run from \$400 to \$600 in gold.

Hartney. There is eight tons of ore on ter a force of between 30 and 40 men. The Sunshine also will be worked, and Two inches of clean ore is showing in it is expected that a large shipment of the breast of the new workings on the ore will be made during the course of the winter. With the adjoining Towser. Considerable prospecting has been there ought to be in the neighborhood done this season on Wilson creek, with of 50 men employed in the Silver Cup hill during the coming season.

The crosscut tunnel on the Ruby has The Primrose has laid in a stock of been driven 55 feet. Four men are em- supplies and is letting contracts for winter work and shipping ore for smelter ployed on the property.

A. J. Marks is inspecting the Califor- tests. The property consists of seven nia this week. Recent developments are claims, on which several thousand dollars have been expended in development work. The ore carries high values, especially in silver and lead. The company expects to be ready to enter the list of

regular shippers shortly. The Old Gold Mining Company has been taking out some very high grade galena ore during the past week, and another trial shipments is being sent to the smelter. The company owns eight different properties, has good buildings. and has done a large amount of development work. The mines are being stead ily worked by a good force of men. The ore is of a very high grade, and of such The compressor plant was started last a character as to admit of cheap smeltweek on the Snowshoe. It is of five- ing. It is not the intention of the management of the company to begin regular shipments before spring.

East Kootenay. The owners of the Swansea are now

The following claims of the North Star group have been surveyed: The Brandon, Canton, Jack Pot, Full House, Daffodil fraction, Carnation fraction, Emerald fraction and Cromarty.

The Paradise group on Spring creek continues to improve. There is 76 feet James Tichener, of New York, a of ore which will average across the vein \$80 in all values. The ore is sand carbonates, and is easily worked. Development on the claims will continue

Sixteen men are now employed in the development of the Delphine. A winter No. 7 is a 139-foot shaft, at the bottom camp has been established, and work will be continued all winter.

The tunnel on the Empire mine on and silver. The lead on the surface has Sand creek has been driven 30 feet on been opened by means of open cuts for the lead, showing a great improvement distance of 700 feet. A mining plant in the character of the ore. Supplies has been ordered, and it is hoped to are being sent in and work will be conplace the property on a shipping basis tinued all winter. From all appearances the ore runs from 12 to 14 per cent.

to a creek. The discovery was made by an four feet of solid galena on the claim.

has been run 30 feet, and is expected to Excess mineral claims, situated in Isadore Canvon about five miles from Fort Steele on the railway. The shaft is now down 65 feet, and the ore, which carries gold and copper, is said to be 200 per cent, better at that depth than on the surface.

The new tunnel in the Chickamon Stone to crossent the ledge is now in 285 feet, and it is expected to tap the main ledge within 40 feet. This will give much greater depth than the old tunnel which was run on the vein. The force has not vet been increased, but work is going ahead rapidly with the number of men now employed.

Forty Miners Ouit Work. Owing to the refusal by the management to pay \$3.50 a day, seventeen miners quit work at the Athabasca mine, two and a half miles south of Nelson, on Thursday. There was also shares. There does not appear to be an shaft. The men wanted \$4 a day, and the management were unwilling to pay more than \$3.50. The men working in to that aiready found on the Oro Denoro, the shaft quit, and the others that were giving good gold values and running asked to take their places, on refusing, were discharged. In all, twenty-six men came down the hill. All the men are not members of the union, but all are alike firm in the determination to stand out for the scale of wages that is now recognized as the "Kootenay Standard," namely, \$3.50 for miners and \$3 for muckers or carmen, and 50 cents a day extra for work in wet shafts or tunnels.

-Nelson Tribune.

Greenwood Smelter. lumber is being hauled to the site for ver to the ton.

and carpenter shops. increase output of ore warrants.

A glance at the business done by a stones are being used to pile the ore in. sme'ter will convince any one that directly and indirectly it will be the important factor in making Greenwood a great business city. Its French chamber of dennties yesterday close relation with mining operations that the government will initiate a prowill centralize business here.

has a force of men at the property get- to the pay roll of the city nearly \$5,000 The greater pertion of this is spent in the city and consequently orously all winter. A rich strike was the volume of the business is inches to that evient. But when the smelter running full blast, the business it at I will be ved little harris

With a 300-ten furnace fie pay roll will July. It is now in 350 feet, and a con- amount to between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a month. Between \$20,000 and \$25,000 The Bulklog tunnel, on the line be will be paid to the railway for trans- tween Robson and Columbia, is being portation. The ore treated will repre- pushed forward to completion at a very sent at least \$125,000 a month, Now The force of men now at the Towser all this money will be interchanged satisfactory rate. During the past 12 miles from Nelson. There remains The force of men now at the Towser all this money will be interchanged satisfactory rate. During the past something over two miles of the road to exceeds 12 men. Work on this claim right in Greenwood through the Green month 200 feet of rock was removed at wood banks. Every business trans the eastern end and 80 feet at the westaction directly benefits the city. As ern end. Connection should be made by the country becomes developed, as the smelter is enlarged and brings the business of the mines in the surround- some time in March. At present the ing camps in the city, it will be impostrack passes over the tunnel, a series of sible to estimate the advantage the switch-backs serving as a temporary smelter will be to the city.-Boundary means of access to the Burnt Valley on Creek Times. Grand Forks Notes.

contracts with mine owners. He is prise. greatly impressed with the Boundary | Mr. J. A. McCallum, city clerk, is orcountry and will visit the various camps, ganizing a debating society. naturally feels elated at the magnitude other denominations and richness of the ore bodies recently opened up on the lower level of the Re-

Summit camp, with Major Leckic, man-ager of the Republic and the B. C. The kon river, arrived in the city on Wedness-seventeen hours' ride west of Hopetown, trealers, and has now 11,000 tons of cop- be will spend the winter. per ore on the dump. Shipments will be Ex.-Ald. A. M. Herring returned on

Hardy mountain, less than two miles. Yale district. On the former creek a he had a diamond in his hand. He from Grand Forks. He states that the return from a shipment of two carloads of ore to the Trail smelter was very satbeing carried out on an extensive scale, working the bottom, which is undoubted-Are Ordering Plants.

Mr. Frank R. Mendenhall, agent for turned to Rossland from a visit to the stance which may have to be threshed ment, and estimated its weight at Boundary creek section. In reply to out before him in the district court, says 21 3-16 carats. A little later this stone way, and the prospects of spurs to many mining properties there. The demand for that section Mr. Mendenhall sold to the Jewell mine a four-drill compressor McKinney, a 30 horse power hoist and a sinking pump; to the Ernest Spragett horse power boiler, to reinforce a plant that is already large,

Silverton Properties. mens gold copper deposits developed. A deal has been consummated by which the turned over to one of the mens at Abbotsford and placed in St. here, on the property of the Berlin Missionary Society, at Phiel, camps were pitched and the work began in earnest. In 1870 new diamond diggings were pipe. turned over to one of the strongest mining syndicates operating in the province, and this company has already made arrangements for the thorough develop-Crescent in Skylark camp under the su- A new discovery was recently made on ment of this property. The Rockland perintendence of J. M. Burke. A shaft Number Two creek, below Horse Thief and Rustler claims are situated on Red mountain near the head of Right Mile depth of 75 feet, and crosscutting is be- Indian, who sold it to Mr. Foster, of creek, and about six miles from Silver-Windermere, for \$800 cash. There are ton, with which place they are connecthas taken over the Copper Crown and position. It is to the demonstrating of the value of this deposit that the present company will devote their energies, A crosscut tunnel has been driven which is now in a distance of 140 feet, and side of the ore demosit. The face of the nel ahead.

this property, the upper one of which is sion. in 35 feet, and has cut the top of an ore chute. The lower tunnel has been driven on the ledge some distance down the mountain with the intention of cutting the ore chute exposed in the upper tunnel, at difficulty at the Silver King mine over dopth. This tunnel is now in 96 feet, ly purchased King Mining Company the rate of pay for working in a wet and from five to eight inches of clean ore has been encountered. It has still 40 feet to rum before it will be directly below the ore showing made in the tunnel above. The character of the ore is high grade galena, carrying some zinc, there developing the property all winter, and also a superannuation fund.

amount of work done on it, shown up re-markably well. 'The ledge, which aver-Rev. L. Norman Tucker, M.A., secondand open cuts and shallow shafts have war in South Africa: During the past month over \$4,500 been dug on it every few feet. The strike was paid out by the British Columbia of this vein is easterly and westerly, and said necessity, of war, as men Copper Company, Limited, in wages to it has about a 30 degree pirch southerly men working on the smelter site. Judg- into the mountain. The whole ledge is ing from appearances they gave good more or less mineralized, but the best give expression to our unalterable devovalue for the money. A long and solid streak of or appears to be next to the Mother Land; our sincere satisfaction retaining wail for blast furnaces, blow forceall, and is from four to six inches house and engine house has been built; wide. The character of this streak of the force and engine house has been built; wide. The character of this streak of the force and engine house has been built; wide. been laid and the excavation for the black sulphurers of silver, and giving as-

store houses, boiler house, blow house A: the Noonday mine they are storing away ore in the old stopes, as the ore The work is not being rushed as Mr. socters are not able to keep up with the Johnson has fixed a time for its com- miners and sort and sack the ore as fast pletion. Early next spring he will as it is coming out of the mine. All the have a 300-ton furnace ready and will available space on the outside is piled is possible to get them, and so the old Africa.

It was rumored in the lobbies of the

the western side of the tunnel

Mr. G. O. Buchanan, Kaslo's lumber-F. M. Chadburn, ore buyer for the man, has perfected the organization of Hall Mines smelter, Nelson, B. C., is in a lumber syndicate. A capital of \$1,-Grand Forks with the object of making 000,000 is said to be behind the enter

Clarence J. McCuaig of Montreal, who The Rev. R. W. Trotter, of the Bap floated the companies that acquired the tist denomination, is preparing to build War Eagle, Payne and Republic mines, a chapel. The first church in the valley is in Grand Forks after visiting Republic and the Boundary camps. He ians, though it has been used freely by

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Captain J. H. Maclean, who, during

isfactory. The development work is considerable distance, with the object of After many wanderings he went to an pound, fed, and if ill, treated by the ly very rich.

machinery there is very great. While in ed over to the father of one of the childplant with all the necessary equipment. Mr. Campbell says he lost, but, when he the Kettle river, he disposed of a 30 it was given to another man living across of the Earl of Dudley for \$125,000. horse power boiler, hoist and a pump; to the international boundary. The prothe Kamloops Mining Company, of Camp | vincial police are now sifting the matter.

Clifford Ackerman, the nine year old penhew of Mr. T. Ackerman, went Sawmill Company, of Grand Forks, a 60 through the ordeal of parting with one of his legs on Monday. As the result of ar thress the trouble settled in one leg.

VANCOUVER. the body of a Japanese man that had

upsetting of his fishing boat over a month ago. The news of the death of Mrs. Benwhich will have to be driven 100 feet nett, beloved wife of Major Bennett, a further before it encounters the lower popular officer of the local battation, was heard with sincere regret in all parts of tunnel will then have a vertical depth the city on Wednesday afternoon. The tary at that time, Lord Kimberley, and of 180 feet. New ore cars and steel sad occurrence took place as the direct the mine was known as the Kimberley rails have been ordered, and will be at result of an injury received by the demine. Later some small diggings were yellow, which are most valuable, being once put in, and a force of men em- ceased lady nearly a month ago, due found in the Orange Free State, Kossiplayed continuously in driving this tun- to a fall from her wheel. At first it was fontem and Jagersfontein, from which light shades are least valuable, and the Within three miles of Slocan City is would be the only result, but unfor have since been taken. situated the Rainbow group, owned by tunately the jar to the lower limbs ap-Messrs. Hicks, Barber, Callahan and pears to have affected the whole system Tobin. Two tunnels have been driven on and culminated in fatal cerebral concus-

Contractor Martin Kelly has the first scowload of stone at the Granville street bridge, False creek, for the new

At the Anglican Synod for Westminster diocese it was decided by a unanimous vote to divide the diocese into two, by severing the Kootenay, Okanagan and Boundary portions, and naming them the diocese of Kootenay. The Rev. Baugh Allen was elected clerical secreand very closely resembling that of the tary, and Mr. J. G. C. Wood lay sec-Enterprise on Ten Mile. At present build- retary. The synod has passed camons ings and ore bins are being erected, and providing for the raising and investing it is the intention of the owners to con- of a clergy widow's and orphan's fund

The Silver Tip group of claims at the The committee of the Diocesan Synod mouth of Twelve Mile creek has, for the of New Westminster passed at its meetages nearly twelve feet in width, has ed by the Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Q.C., heen traced the full length of two claims the following resolution concerning the

"Resolved, that, while regretting the tion and loyalty to the cause of the Rhodes. rights and interests of our common Em- inal capital of twenty millions. upper ore bins has been started. The say values as high as 350 ounces in sit- pire; our deepest sympathy with the families of those who have fallen in batcaptive, and our earnest prayer that the evils of a long and bloody war, and that freedom and justice may soon be established, on the best and surest founbuild other furnaces as rapidly as the up with ore, the chutes are as full as it dations, throughout the whole of South

> "And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor-General of Canada and the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the Imperial parliament" The resolution was carried unanimous-

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Children-Largest Diamond Ever Discovered.

The discovery of diamonds in South Africa goes back only a little more than over it, Mr. McCuaig visited the B. C. mine in the past season, was master of the 30 years. One day in 1867 the children seventeen hours' ride west of Hopetown, atter was purchased a year ago by Mr. day, but went east on the Atlantic ex- on the bank of the Orange River, were machinery until every bit of foreign McCuaig, James Ross and other Mon- press, bound for Chatham, Ont., where playing with some stones they found in matter has been removed, and the dia-

its bed. An ostrich hunter named O'Reilly hapmade to the smelter in January. The stock will not be offered to the public until the B. C. is a dividend-payer.

Major R. G. Edwards Leckic recently bonded the Yankee Boy and Yankee Girl, a group of properties situated on Hardy mountain, less than two miles.

Ex. Ald. A. M. Herring returned on Tuesday from an extended trip through the Kootenay, Lytton, Yale, Siwash or creek mines, where ne has been looking after his several mining interests. He reports considerable activity on Siwash and Ruby creeks, in Yale district. On the formet creek a head a diamond in his hand. He number of men are placer mining and promised the Boer half of whatever it making good wages. One company 18 proved to be worth, and wanted to fol-

the Jenckes Machine Company, has reed on Wednesday morning of a circum- He recognized it as a diamond in a moqueries he said that the entire section the Columbian. A gentleman named was sold to Sir Philip Wodehouse, then to the west is looking well. The people there are now the completion of the west is looking well. The people there are now the completion of the west is looking well. The people there are now the completion of the west is looking well. The people there are now the completion of the west is looking well. The people the people the people the people that the present them from stealing diamonds which they find while at work. As each man leaves the wine the present them from stealing diamonds of the west is looking well. The people there are now the completion of the west is looking well. The people there are now the complete the people the people that the people the of mind over the completion of the rail- fortnight ago, and it was found next from the same locality, which weighed the skin and submit to a search of morning by some children on their way 87-8 carats, and it was sold to the same to school, and, subsequently, was hand- person for \$1,000. One of the most beautiful of the South African diamonds beautiful of the South African diamonds caught. The companies try to prevent ed over to the father of one of the childed over to the father of one of the childed over to the father of one of the childed over to the father of one of the childlater came from Van Niekerk's farm on
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South Africa," weighing 83½ carats,
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The beautiful of the South African diamonds

aught. The companies try to prevent
stealing by offering premiums for the
finding of large stones, but, strange to
say, all of the precautions have not pre-To the Bonanza Mountain Company, of demanded his property from the father found by a Kaffir. The brilliant later To the Bonanza Mountain Company, of demanded his property from the Bonanza mountain, on the north fork of he could get no satisfaction, being told cut therefrom came into the possession of the Ford of Dudlor for \$195,000 ing the market through private persons.

Immediately after the first report of these discoveries the Orange River was nized by all authorities, as being of crowded with white, black and yellow eruptive origin, the diamond in it must Europeans, Kaffirs and Hottentots, and here and there they succeeded in finding a few diamonds. Thence the search hibition week he was brought from his spread to the bed of the River Vaal, and neys, or "pipes," as they are called, the pointed. The operation was successful, discovered, again by children playing The depth of the mines is very great and though the voung patient is natural- with stones. This was not on the banks a level in the Kimberley mine being 1. very weak, he seems to be picking up. of the river, but on the high table land 250 feet down, and in the De Beers On Tuesday Coroner McGuigan went Toits Pan, between the Vaal and the to the central shaft. This prevents many out to Steveston to hold an inquest on Modder Rivers. It was in the mud accidents, and is a great economy in which had been used to build his house been found floating in the water. The that the children saw a shining object, the amount of work done in these mines, ton, with which place they are connected by a good pack trail. The property ed by a good pack trail. The property ed. On Wednesday the body was iden-

roots. Kopje. The old mines were abandoned, and then came De Beers New Rush. The town of Kimberley was later founded in the neighborhood of this mine, being and science in one, Good eyes and judgthought that a bad bruise to the knee some of the diamonds of the first water

Dispute Over Ownership. The confusion and disorder of the the claim of the Orange Free State to Kimberley and the mines around it. The diamond itself, British government held that this was British territory, and to make its claim

good purchased the claim of an old Griqua chief to this land. The British referred the matter for arbitration. The decision was in favor The Youth's Companion will maintain of Great Britain, and meanwhile, with a its fresh and varied interest for young huge rush, thousands of miners had and old by presenting articles from the come into the country. The Free State pens of eminent men and women and protested against the decision in vain, for England claimed that its power was tion. necessary to preserve order, and

000 for its claim, Several of the wiser miners began to combine for the formation of companies to purchase machinery that they might to the deeper levels where the famous "blue ground" lay filled with diamonds. By 1885 many of these companies were at work, and then a further combination of their interests took place in the formation of the De Beers Con- E. Wilkins, who tells of "Sereny Meria this synod, we desire, at this crisis, to ing spirits in this combination were the who under the title, "For Life and Libredoubtable Barney Barnato and Cecil enty," relates a thailling adventure of

Under the able management of the the foundation for sample mill has one is galena carrying some zine and to the front to assist in protecting the dend of ten millions annually on a non-The latest improvements in mining ma chinery have been of course adopted, and exquisite calendar for 1900-the last tle and with those who have been taken the best engineers are now engaged in conducting the work. The "yellov God, who is rich in mercy, will avert earth" of the surface, in which the early prospectors found their wealth has been dug through and the "b'ue ground" is being worked to unprecedented depths. This peculiar formation appears to be practically inexhaustible, for soundings

have never been able to get beyond it. Methods of Mining.

of this, and the large companies haul the ants.

KIMBERLEY DIAMOND MINES. | blue ground to the surface and spread recions Stones Were First Located by spread out to disintergrate naturally. It is spread out on the floors surrounded by armed guards night and day, and there it is first harrowed by two engines some 500 yards apart, dragging the harrows

There it stays for six months or a year, and is then sent to the crushing works, where it is washed and rolled by monds alone remain. Some bits that do not pulverize under the harrow are call-

inconvenience. They are engaged for a specified number of weeks, during which they are kept in a well-guarded comly very rich.

a Dr. Atherstone, who was the first to captain Pittendrigh, S.M., was inform-recognize the great value of his "find."

of service are they paid and permitted to leave, when they return with what wife and set up housekeeping in their

All kinds of precautions are taken to mouth, ears and nose. Even if he were vented the largest diamonds from reach-

The diggings at Kimberley have done much to explain the formation of the diamond itself, for kimberlite is recoghave been formed by the tremendous heat generated at the time of the eruption. In fact, the mines look like chim blue ground running down toward the centre of the earth like a huge water

where their existence had not been sus- 1,200 feet. Most of the mining is now pected. It was on the farm of Du done underground by galleries running weighing eighty carats clinging to the quarter tons of dynamite, 65,100 feet The richest mine of all, however, was 32,500 fuse caps were used. This mine (twelve and one-third miles) of fuse and found in July, 1871, on the Kolesberg-never yields less than 900 pounds of dia monds annually, washing 2,409,030 tons of blue ground for them.

The sorting of the stones is an art ment are necessary. Here are found some with deep tints of brown, pink and classified as fancy stones. Those with

pure white rank next. The largest diamond ever found in the world was discovered here in 1893, and is known as Excelsior. It weighed 971% carats, and was discovered at Jagers frenzied fortune hunters was tremend- fontein. It far surpassed the De Beers, ous, and political confusion followed in found some time before, which only weighed 4281/2 carats, yet was quite a

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