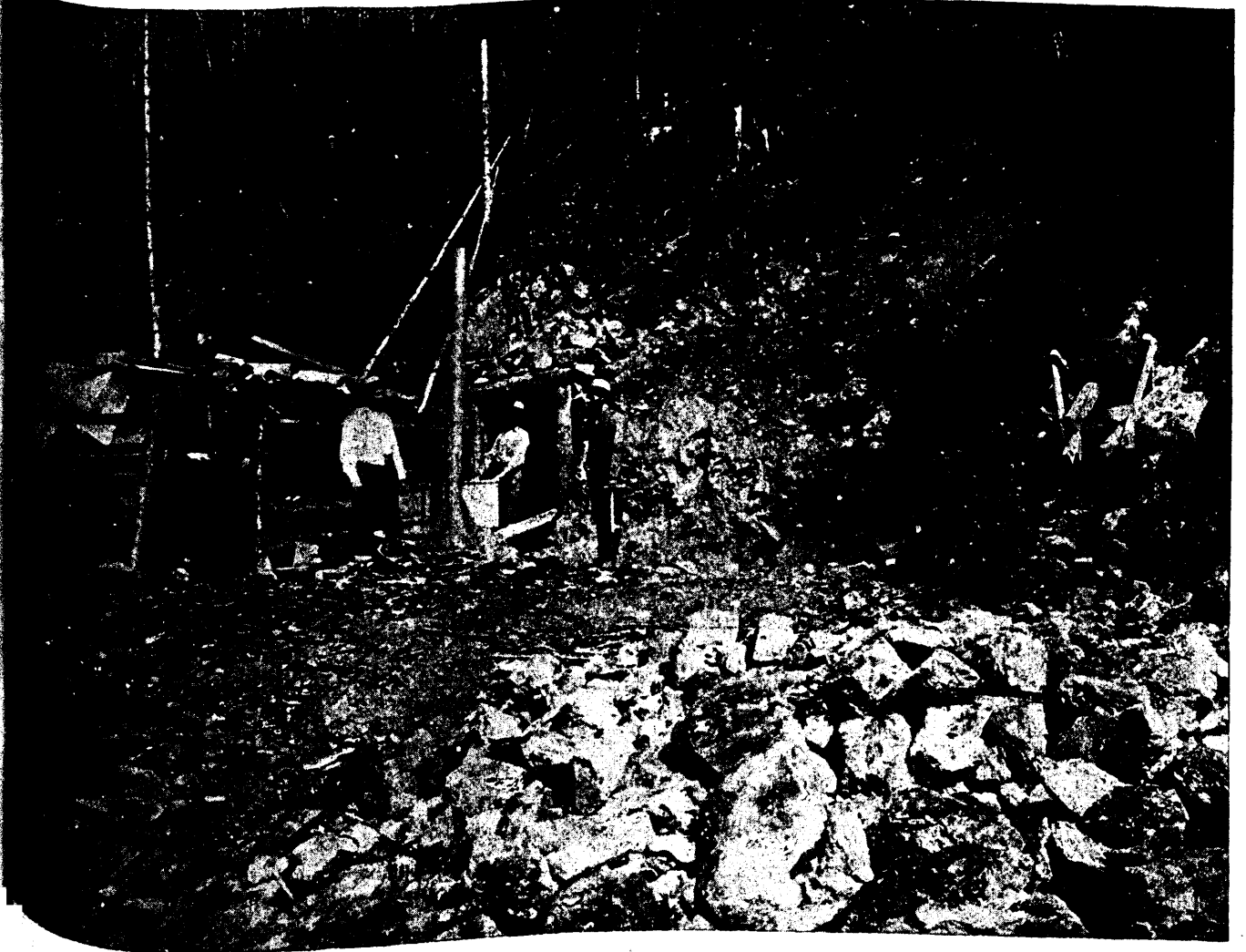


ere had not been a change of officer—but to  
 the office altogether, phew! that was a sur-  
 the surprise of the north indeed, and deserving  
 much prominence in your London letter. This  
 noon I have been having a little trip round the  
 gleaming from brokers, financiers, and secre-  
 of leading British Columbia and Canadian  
 their opinions of the step just taken by your  
 Government. Of course, Mr. Semlin's adminis-  
 on may have an alternative proposal to make; it  
 been whispered that they contemplate telling the  
 what they wish it to know through the  
 (or office) of a city firm of estate agents. Well  
 it is sufficient commentary on this to shrug  
 shoulders very pronouncedly. It would be a  
 thing to be able to record the removal of the  
 to the City, a reform I have been clamouring  
 one paper or another ever since I have written  
 British Columbia affairs. But do draw the  
 placing the B. C. Agency in the city of some  
 firm, who will depute a clerk at a pound a week  
 after those who may want to obtain import-  
 information regarding the Province. Mind, I  
 not a word to say against this particular firm  
 estate agents, if a decision has been made. But  
 how one does not combine an auctioneer or 's-



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tate agents' clerk with the work pertaining to the  
 office of an Agent General, and we all regret this



VICTORY VEIN, MOUTH OF TUNNEL.