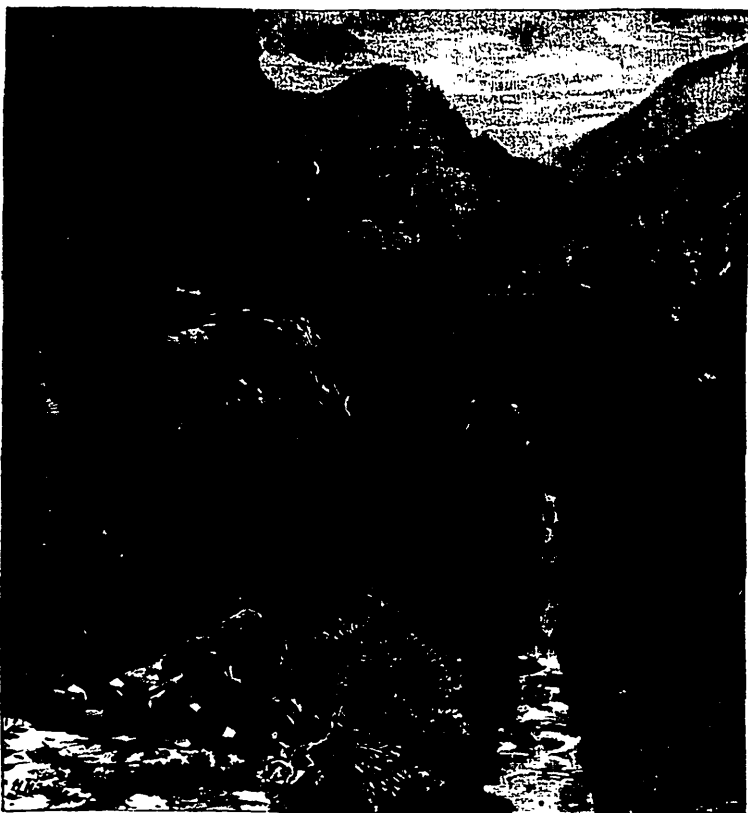


A striking feature is the sharp trachyte needles, which thrust their splintered peaks into the region of eternal frost.

Before emerging from this wonderful chasm the bed of the gorge rises to nearly level with the roadway. The sedimentary strata are twisted and folded as I have seen them nowhere else. At these great altitudes water boils many degrees below the normal 212° at the sea level, but boiling water is by no means as



CANYON OF "THE RIVER OF LOST SOULS."

hot. It takes about seven minutes to cook an egg, and nearly all day to cook the beans which are the staple food of many of the canyons.

The little town of Silverton has only a few score of houses lying in the bottom of a cup-like valley surrounded by snow-clad mountains; but the output of ore has increased from \$40,000 to \$2,000,000 in three years. I visited some of the mines and saw the whole process of reducing the ore. Hundreds of diminutive burros carry the ore from the mines far up the mountain