



SOUTH AFRICA'S WEALTH

GOLD and diamonds—diamonds and gold! There, in a nutshell, you have the secret of South Africa's wealth and a great deal of her history.

The figures for 1909—the last available—show that South Africa exported in that year \$32,850,000 worth of diamonds and no less than \$166,500,000 worth of gold! In this well-favoured continent men think in millions and, at times, they pay in millions too. When De Beers bought out their biggest rivals in the Kimberley Diamond Mines they gave \$26,693,250 the biggest cheque ever paid by one business firm to another! But gold provides the greater part of the wealth of South Africa, and the Transvaal yields, year by year, nearly one-third of the world's output, or over \$150,000,000. Of this vast amount, about \$140,000,000 worth of gold comes from the Witwatersrand district alone. The ostrich farmers of South Africa export annually over \$10,000,000 worth of ostrich feathers and nearly \$20,000,000 per annum goes into the pockets of sheep-rearers, for wool. To-day, in the Union of South Africa alone, without Rhodesia, there are 5,176,000 people, mostly coloured races. In other words, in a land four times as large as the United Kingdom there are only two-thirds as many people as

in London. The hope of South Africa, however, lies in the fact that her white races have "buried the hatchet," and are now loyally working together for their mutual benefit, and to secure for themselves, in the words of General Botha, "a bright and harmonious future."