

A SOUTH AFRICAN BOOM

Stirring Times in All the Great European Financial Centers.

EXCITEMENT ON 'CHANGE.

Some of the Multi-Millionaires Who Owe Their Fortunes to Lucky Strikes.

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NEW YORK, July 13, 1895.—For many almost a year London and for that matter all England have been slowly growing more and more excited over the gold mines of South Africa.

It is rather strange that this country, which has so long had an interest in booms of every sort, should have thus far paid so little attention to the rise of South Africa.

Perhaps the most remarkable product of the gold fields is B. I. Barnato, known from Capetown to London as "Barney" Barnato.

Probably he has done more for the gold industry in the world than any other man.

Within the last year it is currently given out in London that he has made perhaps £10,000,000 in the sale of mining shares and in promoting mining enterprises.

He is exceedingly fond of the theater and of gay people and at the end of curious stories are told of his princely gifts and odd performances.

A Bonanza Statesman in South Africa. Oddly enough it was through the diamond mines and the gold mines that Cecil Rhodes came to be the Premier of Cape Colony and practically dictator of South Africa.

The De Beers Consolidated Mines, Limited, valued to-day at \$70,000,000 or \$80,000,000 and Piet Maritzburg, £2,000,000.

South Africa has thus far produced perhaps twice as many millionaires as did California, and the remarkable feature of the whole matter is that, if the engineers are right, it is practically his handwork.

It is an interesting fact that these calculations are based upon the reports and investigations of two American engineers, Hamilton Smith and Hennen Jennings, both of whom are well known in California.

rescued the Kimberly diamond mines from disaster and who have since directed their operations. It may interest some Americans to know that the American engineers, of whom there are perhaps a dozen prominent ones, are receiving salaries ranging from £2000 to £15,000.

Not only has American brains had a great deal to do with the development of the new mines in the Transvaal, but even American machinery is employed there in preference to that of England, France or Germany.

The Main Features of the Gold Fields. "The principal gold fields are grouped about the town of Johannesburg, which lies inland just a thousand miles northeast from Capetown.

"Johannesburg lies on the uplands of the Witwatersrand, that is, 'Freshwater Ridge,' and for the most of the year is a very pleasant place to live in. It is nearly 6000 feet above the level of the sea; it is surrounded by a fertile country, and with tree planting and other improvements that are being made rapidly, it is becoming a pretty and attractive city.

"Johannesburg itself is a study. It has sprung up entirely within the last ten years, principally within the last seven or eight years, and is a typical boom town.

"The mineral wealth of the Transvaal, however, is not confined to the Witwatersrand. There are other gold fields along the northern and eastern edge of the republic, and not very far distant from Johannesburg are extensive coalmines.

"The Neck of Mock Fook, a Highbinder, Is the Bone of Contention.

An Official's Opposition to the Murderer Disliked by Sam Yup Highbinders.

There came near being a riot in Chinatown Thursday night. At a stormy meeting of the Six Companies the friends of Mock Fook, who is charged with murdering Quong Jong on Washington and Stockton streets, were advocating that the Chinese Consul-General, Li Wing Yu, should proceed to secure his release on the ground that he was entirely innocent of the crime charged against him.

The Ning Yung Company, of which Mock Fook is a member, asserted that Mock Fook was a good man, having been employed for thirteen years as a cook for a gentleman's family.

While this stormy meeting was progressing, six or seven hundred Chinese, members of the Ning Yung, Hop Wo and others of the Six Companies, assembled on Commercial street to await the decision arrived at in regard to the action to be taken in Mock Fook's case.

For a brief space of time the two officers had more than a party to keep back their very serious trouble. As it was officers were compelled to use their clubs very freely in order to break up the mob and clear the streets.

same reef, when it had been developed later, that led Hamilton Smith, the well-known American mining engineer, to declare that 'There have often been mines of short length far richer than these of the Rand, but nothing approaching them ever have been, so far as regularity and extent are concerned.'

Character of the Gold Deposit. "The deposit is held in a broad bed or vein that takes the shape of something like an enormous bowl. So it happens that the same deposit will be found at a deep level some miles away from the outcrop of the reef. The English law is that a claim extends into the earth on vertical lines and not according to the 'strike' of the vein as in the American system.

"When the Rand was first opened up, a town was forthwith established right on top of the reef, but when later it was found that underneath the streets and stores were valuable beds of gold, the Government officials, selling the lots at auction, or rather selling ninety-nine-year leases, These yielded a large sum, and have since increased enormously in value.

"The cobble pavement does no longer be recommended on streets of suitable grade the cobbles be removed and replaced with a smooth macadam surface.

The Estate, Valued at a Half Million, Left to His Widow.

Yesterday Clinton E. Worden, son-in-law of A. N. Towne, examined the contents of the late railway manager's private box and, as expected, found a will.

CHINESE TONGS AT WAR.

Some Interesting Figures From the Merchants' Association.

Some interesting figures have been furnished regarding the street-cleaning force of the association.

THE STREET COMMITTEE.

Petition of the Richmond Club to Prohibit the Sale of Burial Lots Denied.

Ten Thousand Miles or Thirty.

WORK ON THE STREETS.

Superintendent Ashworth's Annual Report Made to the Supervisors.

COST OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Cobble Pavements and the Private Contract System Are Scored.

Superintendent of Streets Ashworth yesterday filed his report with the Board of Supervisors for the fiscal year ending June 30.

For the better preservation of our pavements the cobble pavement should not be used on streets of suitable grade.

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KEEPING CLEAN STREETS.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES FROM THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED REGARDING THE STREET-CLEANING FORCE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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PETITION OF THE RICHMOND CLUB TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF BURIAL LOTS DENIED.

TEN THOUSAND MILES OR THIRTY.

something be done to prevent the flying line and brickbat from settling on and damaging the cars.

COORSING.

Drawings for the Buns at Kerrigan's and Casserly's Parks.

There will be a thirty-two dog stake run off at Kerrigan's coursing park to-morrow.

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VACANT CHAIR IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAY NOT BE FILLED AT PRESENT.

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ASTOUNDING BARGAINS

Below we present a few quotations that will prove most interesting reading to all who appreciate EXTRAORDINARY VALUES, for the SWEEPING REDUCTIONS named are fair samples of the SACRIFICE PRICES prevailing this week throughout our vast surplus stock of

STYLISH AND SEASONABLE GOODS!

At 5 Cents a Yard. 275 pieces TENNIS FLANNELS. These are not the common goods usually offered as leaders, but close, heavy fabrics, in useful colorings; worth 85c and 10c a yard.

LADIES' BLACK HOISERY. At 25 Cents a Pair. LADIES' BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, high spliced heels and toes, Peerless fast black, extra good value for \$4 20 a dozen, will be closed out at 25c a pair.

GLOVES! GLOVES! At \$1.00. 100 dozen LADIES' 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDRRESSED KID GLOVES, in all the new shades of tan, modes and styles, extra good value for \$1 75, will be placed on sale this day for \$1 a pair.

LADIES' WHITE AND COLORED WAISTS! At 35 Cents. 75 dozen LADIES' COLORED WAISTS, regular price 50c and 75c, will be closed out this day at 35c each.

HANDKERCHIEFS! HANDKERCHIEFS! At 6 1/2 Cents Each. 100 dozen LADIES' SHEER WHITE SCALLOPED EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS (slightly imperfect), regular price \$2 a dozen, will be closed out at 6 1/2c each.

EMBROIDERED FLOUNCING! At Half Price. WHITE SCALLOPED AND HEMSTITCHED SWISS FLOUNCING AND DEMI-FLOUNCING, in short lengths, from 1 to 4 1/2 yards, will be closed out at half price.



not sufficiently enthused over it to tolerate the carrying of a ton of dead weight in battery cells. Both the conduit and the storage battery in this striving for the lead in a race where victory meant an enormous fortune have been constantly evolving material improvements, and practicable railroads of both types have been inaugurated in the streets of New York as a rule with somewhat limited success.

THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE BUFFET TROLLEY-CAR.—The trolley party had which last year set the staid city of Philadelphia has reappeared in a pronounced form. Formerly the ordinary car, provided possibly with an extra supply of lights, was chartered by a party for a certain number of hours and after taking a brass band on board sped merrily countryward. This year a momentous innovation has been made. The great event of the excursion season in Philadelphia is the introduction of "icecream trolley-cars." These cars are among the most beautiful vehicles that were ever turned out of a shop.

REVENUE FROM ELECTRIC HEATING.—An electrical journal calls attention to the fact that Ottawa, Canada, has proved itself one of the most progressive utilizers of electricity on this continent. The running of 50,000 lights in a city of 40,000 inhabitants speaks volumes, and it is doubtful if any other city in the world can approach such figures. But even more interesting is an item in the report of the local central station, just presented, showing an income of \$421 from heaters. This is a new item in similar balance sheets. Although the amount is small, it is much larger than the motor account used ordinarily to be, and as it involved only an outlay of \$12, it is sound as well as promising business.

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