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Johannesburg, Jan. 30.—The largest diamond ever discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,032 carats and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is locally valued at \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. The famous Koh-i-noor, which is valued at \$600,000, weighs 123 carats, though it is said to have weighed 900 before it was cut. There is immense excitement here and at Pretoria as a result of the discovery.

The famous Koh-i-noor, or "Mountain of light," is a crown jewel, and is always on exhibition at the Tower of London. This stone, interesting alike for its historical associations and for its intrinsic beauty, was, according to Indian tradition, obtained before the Christian era from one of the mines of Golconda. From the Rajah of Oojain, who seems to have possessed it at the beginning of the Christian era, it passed to successive sovereigns of Central India, and in the early part of the fourteenth century was added to the treasures of Delhi by the Patan Monarch Aladdin.

PASSED TO LION OF THE PUNJAB.

It remained in the possession of the ruling families of the empire until the eruption of the Persian conqueror, Nadir Shah, who saw it glittering in the turban of the vanquished Mohammed Shah, and proposing an exchange of head-dress as a mark of friendship, bore it away with him, and gave it the name by which it is still known. After the assassination of Nadir it passed through the hands of Ahmed Shah of Cabool to Shah Shujah, who paid it as the price of his liberty to his conqueror, Runjeet Singh, the "Lion of the Punjab," in 1813. On the annexation of the Punjab to the East Indian Company's territory in 1849 it was stipulated that the Koh-i-noor should be surrendered to the Queen of England, to whom it was accordingly delivered by the company, July 3, 1850. At this period its weight was 186 carats.

WAS THE EYE OF AN IDOL.

The diamond so long in the possession of the Sultan of Matan, of the island of Borneo, is remarkable for its size and purity. It weighs 367 carats, and should be worth at least \$3,500,000. It is shaped like an egg, with an indented hollow in the smaller end. It was discovered at Landak.

The Orloff diamond, purchased for the Empress Catherine II. of Russia, is about the size of a pigeon's egg, and weighs 195 carats. It is said to have formed the eye of a famous idol in a temple of Brahma at Pondicherry. A French deserter robbed the pagoda of this valuable stone. After passing through the hands of various purchasers it came into the possession of a Greek merchant, who received for it from the Empress \$450,000, an annuity of \$20,000 and a title of nobility.

The Austrian diamond is of a beautiful lemon color, and cut in rose; its weight is 139 carats. Its value is less than it would be but for its color and the form in which it is cut, ranking as worth \$500,000 instead of \$750,000.

TRANSCONTINENTAL SURVEY.

Discussed in Parliament—Mr. Foster Looking for Information.

In the House of Commons recently Hon. George E. Foster asked whether the Minister of Railways had any information to give the House in reference to the surveys for the transcontinental railways between Quebec and Moncton.

Mr. Emmerson replied that the survey parties would report to the Transcontinental Railway Commission, and that no report had yet been transmitted to the department by the commission, who were required to report annually.

Mr. Foster became insistent in his demand for information because of reports he had read in the Globe, contending that the House was entitled to all the information avail-

able. Members ought not be required to wait for the annual report.

Mr. Emmerson suggested that Mr. Foster would have to exercise the same patience he was himself called upon to display, and await the presentation of the reports in the usual course.

Hon. John Haggart reinforced Mr. Foster's demand with the suggestion that the commission must be under some department, probably that of railways and canals, through which the reports of the surveyors might be communicated to the House.

Mr. Foster insisted that if the action of the Minister of Railways as to the duties of the commission in this respect were authoritative something would have to be done at this session to remedy the difficulty, as the members of the Opposition would not wait until the annual report was presented for information.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that Mr. Foster would have to wait, at all events, until there were reports to bring down. The discussion was, he pointed out, premature. In reply to Mr. Haggart the Premier said he assumed probably there had been interim reports made to the commission, but so far as his knowledge went there had been no final report.

To the Point.

The late General Russell Hastings served with distinction in the civil war, and his wartime reminiscences were amusing.

He was describing one day a time when the soldiers' pay had been in arrears.

"A young westerner, full of braggadocio," he said, "walked up to his captain during the temporary trouble, saluted and said sternly:

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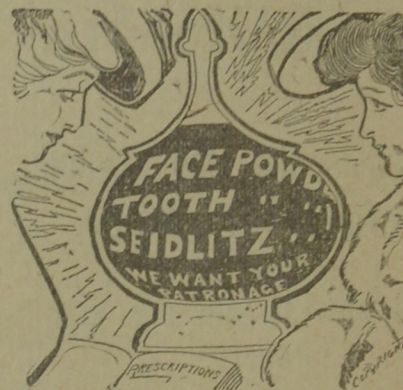
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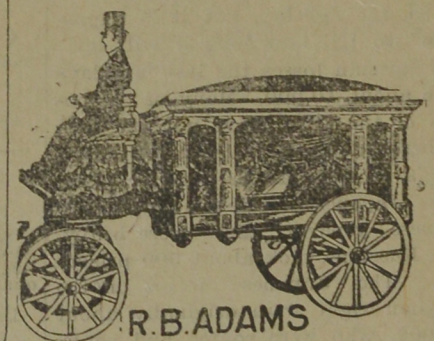
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