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- 1. Pyrites, sine and copper are being extracted from mines at Kerdahali, Bulgaria. About 2,240 laborers are working in these mines. The mines operate twentyfour hours a day and there are three 8-hour shifts. The mines are administered by a Bulgarian-Soviet company, but the majority of the personnel is Russian.
- 2. Ores from the Kerdzhali mines are refined at factories built by Siemens. After this preliminary process the cres are shipped to Russia by way of the Damube. In October a small amount of these products was sent to Czechoslovakia, and that country supplied Bulgaria with steal wire in return.
- 3. The director of the lead mines at Kerdzhali, Bulgaria, is a Russian named Mistaker. The daily cutput of refined metal is twenty wagens of melted lead or iron ore.

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