

LODOVICO GIANINI, one of the original shareholders in the Hidden Secret Mine, Kalgoorlie, was born at Montagna, in the Province of Sondrio, Italy, in the year 1867, his father being the late Petro Gianini, a farmer of that place. He came to Australia at the age of twenty, landing at Melbourne, and afterwards spent some little time at Broken Hill before coming to Western Australia in March, 1892. Ever since that date he has been identified with the mining industry



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and has worked in various mines, including Bailey's Reward at Coolgardie, Lake View, Boulder, and other properties on the "Golden Mile." He spent about a couple of years in prospecting, and in 1893 was among the first to arrive at Kurnalpi, where he passed a similar period. Mr. Gianini was one of the promoters of the Hidden Secret Mine from the time it was originally prospected, and until two years ago held the principal interest in the mine, still remaining a large shareholder. This mine, which is still owned by the small syndicate of men who founded it and were instrumental in its development, has paid over £40,000 in dividends, 10,000 tons of ore producing in the crushing about £90,000 worth of gold. Mr. Gianini has revisited his native land on three occasions, and has acquired financial interests there. In 1909 he travelled widely through the Continent and England, and subsequently spent the greater part of the year prospecting in East Africa, when he found gold-bearing

country on the Gash River, at the head of the Blue Nile. He was married in Italy in 1909 to a daughter of Signor Grassi, of the Italian Civil Service, and has one daughter.

GIULIO DAVINI (better known on the goldfields as John Davey), one of the proprietors of the Hidden Secret Mine, Kalgoorlie, was born near Lucca, Italy, on June 14, 1861, and received his education in his native town. After engaging in farm work for a time and while still quite a boy he worked on the Corsican Railway, and at intervals was employed in the vineyard industry. At twenty years of age he joined the Italian army, and after three years' service emigrated to Australia. Upon his arrival in New South Wales in 1886 he proceeded to the Cobar Copper Mines, and after a year in this district accepted employment in the construction of the railway line to Bourke. From here he went to the Richmond River district, where he was identified with the sugar industry for seven years, subsequently taking passage for New Zealand and working on the Napier Breakwater. After again landing at New South Wales he revisited his native country, remaining for about a year, and on his return to Australia settled in the Western State, where he again engaged in railway construction on the Southern Cross to Coolgardie section of the eastern goldfields line. Upon the termination of this work he turned his attention to mining, and was identified with various enterprises on the "Golden Mile." Whilst prospecting in company with Mr. William Dowling in 1899 he was successful in discovering the mine now known as the Hidden Secret, since when the whole of his time and energies have been devoted to the development of this mine, which has proved one of the paying propositions of the district.

ADRIAN SWANSON (familiarly known on the fields as "Alf" Swanson), Linden, North Coolgardie goldfields, Yurrilla, part-owner of the Democrat Mine, situated at Linden, was born at Oskar Shamm, in Sweden, on April 19, 1874, and is the youngest son of the late Mr. Alfred Swanson, of that place. He received his education in his native

town, and upon the termination of his scholastic training sailed for Melbourne, Victoria, in the s.s. "Neuernberg," arriving in 1889. Here he entered upon a commercial career with a firm of auctioneers, at the same time acting as interpreter for various legal firms. In 1894, at the time of the mining boom in Western Australia, he came to this State and spent three years at Fremantle in the stevedoring line of business. The attraction to try his fortune on the fields proved irresistible, and leaving the coast he passed through various experiences all over the mining belts of the State, his first venture being at the Donnybrook field. Thence he went to Burtville and the Mount Margaret district, subsequently visiting Marble Bar, Bamboo Creek, and other mining centres of the north-west. In 1908 he became one of a party of prospectors, five in number, who journeyed east of Kookynie, and striking Linden—then deserted save for one man—took



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up three leases, on all of which gold was found in payable quantities. In August of the same year the party struck good ore on a newly-acquired lease known as the Democrat, and subsequent developments have proved the mine to be one of fortune's prizes. The first crushing produced 7 oz. over the plates and 3 oz. in the tailings, and as far down as 200 ft. an average of 5 oz. to the ton was taken from over 900 tons of stone. The mine is owned by Mr. Swanson, his brother, and Mr. Loydon, all of whom are very sanguine as to the