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MINES AND MINING.

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JAS. T. LAIDLAW, Pres.
H. W. ROSS, Sec.

H. W. Ross Gives Some Interest
ing Information of Smelters
and Railroads.

No meeting of the Sullivan Group Mining Company was held at Spokane on the 9th, as was advertised. Sufficient stock was not represented, and the meeting was postponed indefinitely, but there seems to be no doubt but the \$250,000 will be raised and the work of completing the Marysville smelter will be begun in a short time.

It is learned in a private letter from H. W. Ross, who is at Spokane, that he had a talk with Senator Turner in which he stated that many of the stockholders objected to George Hull being on the board of trustees, and that they had a man by the name of Van Dyke of Ohio to put in his place, who will take an active interest in the management of the property.

Mr. Ross says that the Senator is very sanguine of the success of the Sullivan and that it is the intention to reorganize its affairs and begin extensive operations with a probability of constructing a railroad to properties up Perry creek or some other tributary of the St. Mary's to get dry ores for his smelter. The C. P. R. will examine the routes over the divide at these points in connection with the Spokane and Kootenay branch. Mr. Ross expects to show the smelter and railroad companies sufficient advantages to them to build road through that section. He also says that the people of Spokane are enthusiastic over the advent of the Spokane and Kootenay branch. As it not only brings them into close trade relations with East Kootenay, but it will revolutionize freight rates to that city. Heretofore Spokane has paid the same rate as is paid to Seattle, and the additional rate from Seattle back. It is expected that when the C. P. R. gets its branch line into Spokane all this will be changed.

Mr. Ross will leave Spokane in a day or two for the East to be gone a month or six weeks.

Lead Production on Increase.

New York, April 11.—If lead remains at present quotations there seems no reason to doubt that the production this year of the metal will reach record-breaking figures. The lead mining industry in the United States may be said to embrace a wide area. Lead is found in the majority of the so-called mining states, and where the ore is not found in large quantities it is usually present as a by-product. Comparatively little lead is found in California, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Alaska. The largest lead producing territories outside the Coeur d'Alenes district in Idaho are Colorado, Utah, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois. The gain in the lead ore production of Colorado and Utah since 1897 is nearly 100 per cent in each state.

In the Joplin-Galena district of Missouri and Kansas lead and zinc are rarely found alone. In the output zinc predominates. Lead, as distinguished from the zinc product, is treated at Joplin

and the surrounding refineries instead of being shipped to the Kansas gas smelters or to the zinc works in Illinois and Wisconsin. The ore has been found at all depths, and, in fact, there is no uniformity of the deposits. In some properties the ore has been encountered at the grass roots, and again in others not until a depth of several hundred feet was reached was the ore formation struck.

The increased demand for lead which has been generally felt for the last few years led to the formation last year of the National Lead Company. This company absorbed many of the producers of the West, and is credited with having a working agreement with the American Smelting & Refining Company.

The latest section of the United States to show large lead deposits is in Owen County, Ky. Whether this section is destined to become a large producer no one can as yet tell.

Down from Weaver Creek.

William Walsh, Wm. Kidd and Jack Glenn returned from Weaver creek Thursday, where they have been engaged in placer mining since October 14th. It is reported that the party was most successful, taking out a considerable amount of the yellow metal. One nugget was valued at \$70. Tom Roberts is still at the mine, but is expected to come out in a few days. The average depth of the snow during the winter was eight feet.

East Kootenay Stock.

	Asked	Bid
Crow's Nest Coal	\$125.	\$68.00
North Star	14	13
Sullivan	44	34
St. Eugene	47	45

Silver-lead Quotations.

New York, April 11.	
Bar Silver	398
Mexican dollars	388
Lead	4.675
Copper	14.75
Spelter	5.70

London, April 17.—Silver, 22 11-16d; copper £62 11s 3d; lead, £12 12s 6d; spelter, £22 5s d.

Market Conditions.

Lead declined slightly in London, but remained quiet in the local market.

Copper closed strong in London. New York prices were unchanged.

Spelter declined 5s in London, while local prices remained unchanged at \$5.70.

Postpone Sullivan Meeting.

The meeting of the Sullivan Mining Company, scheduled for April 9th, but on account of the eastern interests desiring J. W. Van Dyke of Lima, Ohio, to be a trustee, it was necessarily postponed. The postponed meetings will be held April 25th and May 9th.

Mining Notes.

The opening of lake navigation on Lake Superior, now but a few days distant, will find the smelters bare of copper.

In Southeast Kootenay, interest in lead during the past month has been centered in the upward trend of the market; and in an endeavor to ascertain if

the Dominion Government will legislate in favor of a tariff on lead.

A sight which reminds one of early days may be witnessed any day at Wild Horse creek, three miles from Fort Steele. There are the miners, the giants, stiuce boxes and the grains of gold.

Every mining district in British Columbia should begin making arrangements for a grand mineral display at the World's Fair at St. Louis.

Fighting in Domingo.

The British cruiser Troubridge arrived at Ss. Thomas, D. W. I., Wednesday from San Domingo. She reports that fighting took place on Sunday night and Monday morning, between the revolutionists and government forces during which several men were killed and many were wounded.

BIG CRUISER LAUNCHED.

Description of the Big Ship.—The Proudest Young Woman in America.

Newport News, Va., April 18.

It is estimated that 25,000 people witnessed the launching here today of the armored cruiser West Virginia. It was almost noon when the big ship glided from the ways to take its place in the list of the American navy. A distinguished party attended the event headed by Governor White of West Virginia and his official staff, and including the West Virginia senator and representatives and prominent officers of the army and navy who came from Washington. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Katherine White, daughter of the West Virginia governor, and who had as her maids of honor her sisters, the Misses Grace and Ethel White and Miss Ashton Wilson, daughter of ex-Governor Wilson.

As the sound of the hammer under the West Virginia's keel slowly died away the waiting multitude was breathless in anticipation of the rapidly approaching moment when the 5,000 tons of shapely constructed armor would leave the ways. Suddenly from the depths below came the measured sound of a saw. As though by magic command every sound was hushed and a stillness fell over the expectant mass of humanity; every ear was strained to hear the sound of the mighty steel blade cut its way into the large oak plank which alone separated the sliding and the greased ways. As the bottle of champagne was surrendered to Miss White the silence that prevailed the yard was oppressive. Suddenly there was a snap, the cracking of timber, and for an instant the monster hull quivered on its bed.

Gathering strength and clutching the gayly decked bottle more firmly as the ship started down the greased ways, Miss White, the proudest young woman in America, quickly broke the bottle against the receding bow. As the beautifully decorated bottle was crushed into a thousand fragments against the impressionless steel prow of the mighty warrior the fair sponsor drew a breath of gratulation and from her parted lips with womanly sweetness fell the words: "I christen thee West Virginia."

The great cruiser, radiant in bunting, red, white and blue, swept gracefully down to meet

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ESTIMATES ARE DOWN.

Liberal Appropriation for Public Works—How it is Divided.

Southeast Kootenay Gets \$17,000.

The estimates for the forthcoming year are down, and Southeast Kootenay gets \$17,000 which is a very fair amount considering the state of the Provincial Treasury.

The estimated revenue for the coming year is somewhat less than the estimates for last year, the totals being \$2,222,565.67 and \$2,193,476.66 respectively. The estimates of expenditures, on the other hand, is slightly in excess of that provided for, being \$2,491,566.91, as against \$2,475,467.31. The increases are found in the public debt, salaries, maintenance of public institutions, hospitals and charities, administration of justice, education, transport and miscellaneous public works shows a reduction of almost \$100,000. In the estimated revenue the land sales are shown at \$160,000 as against \$180,000 in 1902; land revenue at \$50,000, compared with \$37,000; timber royalties, etc., at \$250,000, a gain of \$170,000. Timber leases, miner's licenses and mining receipts generally are declining, while the Chinese refund amounts to \$100,000 in place of last year's \$10,000. Forshore leases are the only new head of revenue, calling for \$5,000. The cost of the civil service is materially increased by additions in almost all the departments. The projected public works include a new court house at Nelson, for which \$40,000 has been provided and the completion of the reformatory with barns, schools, etc., in Vancouver, for which \$8,000 is appropriated. Among the votes of special interest to Kootenay are: Court house, Greenwood, total \$5,000; fish hatcheries and ladders at River Inlet; Quesnel dam, and at Seaton Lake, \$24,000; protection works at Kicking Horse river, \$3,500; towards experiments of clearing bush lands, \$40,000; roads in Northeast Kootenay \$14,000; in Southeast Kootenay \$17,000; West Kootenay, Revelstoke, \$14,000; Slocan \$14,000; Nelson, \$14,000; Rossland, \$15,000; surveys, \$1,500; coal miner's examination, \$3,100; immigration, \$4,000; revote to Lemon creek bridge and road, \$2,250; \$1,350 for coal mines commission \$2,100 for mining association mediation committee to Fernie, and \$5,662 for the destruction of wild animals bounties.

Hotel at Morrissey.

Plans have been prepared for the building of a hotel at Morrissey mines for Mr. N. Hanson. The building will be three stories with bar, office, reading and dining rooms and kitchen, etc., on ground floor; a billiard room, bath and bedrooms on second floor. The building will be lighted by electricity, have electric bells, water and all modern conveniences. The building will be a credit to the owner and the new town.

Big Guns for Amen Dinner.

New York, April 17.—The Amen Corner Corporation, one of the most unique organizations in the metropolis, is to give its annual dinner at the Fifth Avenue Hotel tonight. The dinner of the Amen Corner, for a number of years, have been given in the honor of an individual, but this year the dinner is to be given in honor of every member of the Amen Corner Republicans, Democrats, Mugwumps, Prohibitionists, Socialists and all sorts and conditions of men.

A SECOND PAYMENT.

Bob Dore Received a Second Payment on the Grace Dore Nickel Claim Wednesday.

The Grace Dore is bonded to Eastern Canadian parties for \$20,000. A small first payment was made in December, the second payment was received Wednesday, and a third payment will fall due in June. It is reported that the vein on the Grace Dore is about 4 feet in width, and carries nickel values of 9 per cent; also values in cobalt.

Will Fish Sunday.

The fishing season may be said to have commenced. Many small parties were organized, and tomorrow will fish in the vicinity of Bull River, Wild Horse creek, and along the Kootenay. Other places also will receive their quota of fishermen.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Sir Oliver Mowatt Dying—Political Pointers—Local News.

Massacre in Balkans.

A Constantinople dispatch, April 11, says Bulgarians have destroyed a small village with Musselman population. One hundred and sixty-five persons were massacred, the women being subjected to indescribable mutilation.

Sir Oliver Mowatt Dying.

Toronto, April 15.—Sir Oliver Mowatt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, took a turn for the worse late last night. Early this morning he was suffering great agony. Physicians report Sir Oliver's condition as very grave, and it is not expected he will survive the night.

Political Pointers.

Now that the estimates are safely tucked away, and Smith Curtis' resolution killed, what are the opposition legislators going to do.

There promises to be a lively war over the cancellation of the Columbia and Western grant in Southeast Kootenay.

The finance minister announces that the budget will probably be deferred until Monday next.

E. C. Smith, M. L. A., for Southeast Kootenay contends that it would be a business calamity to have a general election at the present time.

Local News.

Harry Mather was a Cranbrook visitor Thursday.

W. D. Swift, Lincoln, Kansas, was at the Imperial Friday.

G. F. Patwell, Fish Lakes, was in town Thursday.

M. King, Cranbrook, was at the government office on business Friday.

A. Bain, Spokane, was at Fort Steele Friday. He will work a mining property on Tracy creek.

Tom Roberts returned Thursday from a winter's placer mining trip at Weaver creek.

Peter Matthiessen and Charles Campbell came over from Cranbrook Thursday on business.

Al Mutz of the Fort Steele Brewing Company, Fernie, was in town Friday.

Albert Banks visited Perry Creek Friday, to ascertain the conditions of the snow, preparatory to getting the steam shovel ready for operations.

The Easter Vestry.

The usual Easter Vestry meeting in connection with St. John's Episcopal church was held on Monday evening. A number of sojourning companions from Cranbrook, Fernie, Marysville and Wardner were present. Two candidates were exalted to the Royal Arch degree. After the closing of the Arch, visiting companions and members sat down to an informal banquet which had been provided in the dining hall of the Masonic temple.

Companions Clapp, McKim, Small and Masso, of Cranbrook; Companions Hargreaves and McCabe, Wardner; Companions McLaren, Marysville, and sojourning Companion R. Burns, Fernie, were in attendance.

R. A. M. Convocation.

The regular monthly convocation of Rocky Mountain Chapter, R. A. M., was held on Tuesday evening. A number of sojourning companions from Cranbrook, Fernie, Marysville and Wardner were present. Two candidates were exalted to the Royal Arch degree. After the closing of the Arch, visiting companions and members sat down to an informal banquet which had been provided in the dining hall of the Masonic temple.

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The church wardens elected for the ensuing year were Messrs Watson and Liddicoat, and the sidesmen were Messrs Clark and Judd.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the choir, and to Mrs. Miller as organist, whose valuable services are much appreciated by the congregation. A vote of thanks was also passed to Miss Winnie Armstrong who officiated as organist during Mrs. Miller's indisposition.

The Vicar of Cranbrook will hold morning service in St. John's church Sunday next, the 19th, when the Holy Communion will be administered.

New Settlers Coming.

The Cook brothers are on their way from England and will take up their residence at Fort Steele upon their arrival.

E. B. Hart who went to South Africa has returned and is at present at Toronto. He will visit Fort Steele shortly and purchase several carloads of horses for the Northwest market.

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THE Rossland Miner in an editorial has been handing the member for this district rather roughly and certainly in a very unfair manner. E. C. Smith has said that he would prefer that the reserve on the coal and oil lands in Southeast Kootenay be opened to the prospector, but if that should be found to be impossible then that it should be held in perpetuity for the province or leased to a syndicate over which the government would have control. We must confess that we do not favor either of the latter methods, and are of the opinion that if Mr. Smith will demand from the government, as a matter of justice to the prospectors of this country who have been the means of discovering the riches of this reserve and who have made it worth what it is today, that his wish will be granted and the reserve lifted. In the end the lands will be opened up by capital and syndicates will be formed but the prospector will have received his share of the prize, and the country will be that much the better for it. We are satisfied that the government do not intend to do the unfair thing in this matter, and they have shown good faith in their treatment of the Columbia and Western claim. It now rests for them to grant licences to all those who have prospected and staked claims in these fields and who have made application for them.

In supporting the present government E. C. Smith has not broken a single anti-election pledge. He has stated that he cannot support such a steal as was proposed in the land subsidy bill of last session but he has never been adverse to the granting of a land subsidy when made under the proper restrictions. He has stated that a land grant should be liable to taxation upon a specific date which would not allow of any invasion, and that such lands should be administered by the government. We consider this a very fair treatment of the question and much the same as the system which was advocated by E. V. Bodwell when he ran against the present premier in Victoria. The present government has promised a subsidy bill without the bad features of that of last session and if they bring down such a bill it should be supported by every fair minded member of the legislature.

There is a very large area of land in the Kootenay valley available for settlement, either for agricultural or grazing purposes.

While Christians all over the world were observing Easter Sunday, the members of the Jewish faith were celebrating the Feast of the Passover, one of the most important days in their religious calendar. It is the first time in seven years that the two religious holidays have fallen on the same date.

The rich discovery of coal in Southeast Kootenay, on reserved lands, is of much importance to the province. And the prospec-

tor will surely have the benefit of his find.

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Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 26th March, 1903.

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Commencing at a post planted about one mile north of Barnes' Ranch on Little creek west of the hill known as "Wild Horse Hill," thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to the place of beginning.

JACK BELIE,
Dated the 10th day of February, 1903.

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NOTICE.

Take notice that thirty days after date we the undersigned intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the District of South East Kootenay for licences to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands situated East of Lot 4589 and north of the Flathead River in the said district.

1. Commencing at a post planted on a creek flowing southerly into the Flathead River and being Isaac Briggs's Southeast corner post, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

Isaac Briggs, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 3rd, 1902.

2. Commencing at the southwest corner of Isaac Briggs and being the northwest corner post of John D. Allan.

John D. Allan, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 2nd, 1902.

3. Commencing at the southeast corner of Isaac Briggs and being the northwest corner post of Lemuel L.

Lemuel L. Langley, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

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5. Commencing at the northeast corner of Lemuel L. Langley and being the southwest corner post of James W. Adams.

James W. Adams, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

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6. Commencing at the post planted by W. C. Drury, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

W. C. Drury, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 2nd, 1902.

7. Commencing at the northwest corner post of George Judd, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

George Judd, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

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8. Commencing at the northwest corner post of George Judd and being the northeast corner post of Judson B.

Judson B. Langley, Locator.
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George Douglas, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 2nd, 1902.

12. Commencing at the northwest corner post of George Douglas and being the southeast corner post of Hugh Watt, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

Hugh Watt, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 2nd, 1902.

13. Commencing at Maud Langley's northwest corner post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to a point one half mile east of James D. Gordon's northeast corner, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

Maud Langley, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 3rd, 1902.

14. Commencing at Maud Langley's northwest corner and being Arthur W.

Vowell's northeast corner post, thence

south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Arthur W. Vowell, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

October 3rd, 1902.

15. Commencing at Maud Langley's northwest corner and being James Clarke's southwest corner post, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

James Clarke, Locator.
W. J. Langley, Agent.

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16. Commencing at a post planted by the north west corner post of Clas. Nelson's claim,

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Big Cruiser Launched.

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the blue waters of the James; and in their embrace complete the symbol of the starry flag. Cheering was incessant and the air was laden with caps and hats as the enthusiastic multitude gave full vent to their patriotic feelings. The big hull had meanwhile floated gracefully out to midstream where she was brought to and anchored. For a quarter of an hour the tugs and other small craft with which the river was filled kept up an incessant tooting of their whistles in honor of the latest addition to Uncle Sam's navy. When everybody had finished cheering the christening party, numbering some 500 persons, boarded the steamboat Newport News which conducted them to Old Point Comfort. Here they were the guests at an elaborate banquet furnished by Calvin B. Orcutt, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, the builders of the West Virginia and a number of the other crack cruisers and battleships of the United States Navy.

The cruiser launched today, when completed, will be one of fastest ships in the service. She will be 502 feet over all, nearly 60 feet beam, will displace more than 15,000 tons, and draw 24 feet of water. Two sets of triple expansion engines will develop 23,000 horse power which will drive her at a speed of 22 knots. Her bunker capacity will be 1,850 tons, and she will carry 43 officers and 783 men.

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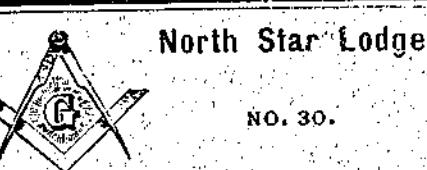
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1903.

LOCAL NEWS.

Tom Penwick was up from the ranch on Tuesday.

D. McLaren, Marysville, was at Steele on business Tuesday.

R. Burns, Cranbrook, was a visitor at Steele Tuesday.

Harry Fairfield was in town Monday.

Andrew Neidig was up from Fish Lakes Sunday.

M. Durick came down from Marysville Sunday.

T. Rader, a prominent Movie hunting man, was in town Wednesday.

A. Grimes, Fernie, was registered in the Imperial Wednesday.

Townpeople are gardening this week. The season is about one month later than usual.

G. E. Pawell passed through Fort Steele Monday on his way to Fish Lakes.

Frank Haines, Cranbrook, spent Easter Sunday with friends at Fort Steele.

R. L. T. Galbraith and J. A. Harvey were at Elko on business Monday.

Colin Brown, representing Cauchill, Leamont & Co., Vancouver was in town Monday.

Thomas Crane, manager of the new townsite Morrissey Mines, was in town Monday.

Mrs. A. C. Nelson and Miss Watson visited Cranbrook Saturday last.

Nuts, candies, and figs at KERSHAW'S.

Wm. Myers was engaged in building an ore car for the Kootenay King mine Wednesday.

Government Agent Armstrong went to Fernie on official business Wednesday.

Some of the ladies of Cranbrook were over this week taking stock of the metropolitan fashions.

G. F. C. Carter went to Fish Lakes Tuesday. He will work with the Kootenay Central survey party.

Frank McCabe and E. A. Hargrave drove up from Waudner Tuesday. Mr. McCabe reports lumbering active at that point.

Joe Martin threatens to leave British Columbia if he does not receive the leadership of the Liberal party in this province.

F. Clapp, A. S. McKim, E. Small and A. Musso, Cranbrook, were attending a convocation of R.A.M. at Fort Steele Tuesday evening.

Gus Theis came down from Perry Creek Sunday. Mr. Theis says that placer mining in that vicinity will be five weeks later than last year.

Albert Banks returned from Spokane Saturday, where he has been engaged in promoting a mining enterprise.

Barrister W. R. Ross, Fernie, spent a few days in Steele this week on business connected with the Perry creek mines, in which he is interested.

From private sources, we learn that G. E. Henderson of South Dakota, and others interested in the Bull and Elk river water power, will return to Steele about the 25th inst.

T. G. Proctor, general manager of the Kootenay Valley Company, accompanied by V. Hyde Baker, returned from Banff's Flat on Tuesday.

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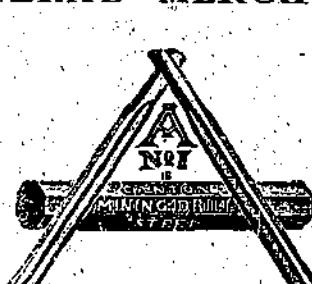
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