PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Dr. A. J. Sayre

Picher, Okla. April 5, 1929.

Dr. R. R. Sayers,
Chief Surgeon,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Informal monthly letter.

Dear Dr. Sayers:

During the month we did a total of 841 examinations, divided as follows: original examinations of men, 351; re-examinations of men, 459; originals, women, 26; re-examinations, women 5. During the first part of the month the examinations were fairly light, but during the last two weeks a marked increase was noted due to the opening up of a number of mines in the district. The number of examinations during the last week was especially heavy. Expectations are for this heavy increase to continue for some time, which is due to the large number of mines opening up, and some of the officials are predicting a shortage of labor in the district and I believe there is going to be a tendency to relax in the employment of men of low grade.

During the month the two-room addition to the clinic was finished and equipped. The venereal clinic was opened the 20th of the month, and on the Friday following the first examinees were given, 18 in number. Since this time there have been 69 men and women placed under treatment. Of these 19 had gonorrhea and 40 had syphilis, and one cystitis. This work will probably reach a good many during the coming month, as the men are apparently favorably impressed with the work so far.

The new mining law recently passed requiring all hoistermen to have a special examination is causing many hoistermen to be re-examined who have taken the clinic examination heretofore this year. This examination is more detailed on the eyes and hearing and requires considerably more time, with probably but little benefit to the men as a whole over the regular examination, but as the State requires it we have undertaken to do it for the companies, and accordingly most of the small companies not cooperating with the clinic are going to send the men here for the hoistermen examination. This may have a tendency to pull these little companies into the work of the clinic.

Conditions in the district as a whole appear to be much more favorable than they have for the last two years. A large number of mines are opening up and many that have been in operation are increasing

their personnel. The production of zinc has decidedly increased, and there is some warning now being posted against again overproducing. However, there seems to be a feeling that as long as the Mexican situation lasts that they had better make as much as possible. The increased production and the spirit of optimism at the present moment has had a decided influence on business in general and it is improving very rapidly throughout the district. This has become especially noticeable in the last week.

I believe this is about the news of the district for this month.

Yours respectfully,

F. V. Meriwether

F. V. Meriwether,
Surgeon-in-charge.

cc Dr. Lanza.
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I hope this prosperity continues until June

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MINING COMPANIES COOPERATING WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF MINES—METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY—TRI-STATE OPERATORS CLINIC FOR SILICOSIS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Company	General Mgr.	Exams. to March 1, 1929	Exams. to March 30, 1929
American Lead & Zinc Co.,	J. W. Johnson	82	[illegible]
Beck Mining Co.	L. T. Sheldon	78	78
O. W. Bilharz Min. Co.	O. W. Bilharz	2	2
Cortez King Brand	W. T. Landrum	88	108
Childress Lead & Zinc Co.	Frank Childress	226	226
Commerce Min. & Royalty Co.	F. J. Robison	359	453
Consolidated L & Z. Co.	N. F. Bendelari	544	591
Crystal Mineral Trust	E. Van Drevel[illegible]	46	46
Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	George Potter	514	609
Evans Wallower Lead C[illegible].	F. C. Wallower	62	64
Federal Min. & Sm. Co.	O. W. George	214	265
Interstate Zinc & Lead Co.	C. F. Dike	77	93
Kansas Exploration, Inc.,	J. C. Barton	62	73
L. & G. Mining Co.	T. F. Lennan	0	0
Missouri-Kansas Min. Co.	C. Erb Wuensch	342	342
Missouri Mines, Inc.,	M. H. Lov[illegible]an	0	0
New Chicago Mines Corp.,	A. M. Gaines	169	173
Oko Mining Co.	T. F. Lennan	0	0
Quapaw Min. Corp.,	T. F. Lennan	3	3
Skelton Lead & Zinc Corp.,	Frank Childress	206	240
St. Louis Sm. & R. Co.,	L. W. Ledyard	95	106
Tulsa Lead & Zinc Corp.	George Provine	5	7
Wolfe Mines Corp.,	T. H. Weeks	264	275
Vinegar Hill) Century Zinc) Smith-Davis)	S. H. Smith	187	196
		3,625	4,024

Examinations form mines not cooperating in work of Clinic, for Employment and Diagnosis. (Total to March 31, 1929.)

Diagnosis	87	Rialto	1
Ladies & Children	218	Eastern	1
Blue Ribbon	2	Wade	2
Black Eagle	4	Shoal Creek	1
Employment	2,426	Howe Mine	4
Boska	6	Peru	1
Kansas Line	3	Mary Ann	1
Blue Pigeon	1	Texas Min. Co.	3
Universal Ex.	7	Ilhawa	2
Lawyers	7	Clark Min. Co.	[illegible]
Anna Beaver	11	Golden Hawk	1
Tri-State	6	Crestline Products	1
Admiralty	6	Buckeye Min. Co.	1
United Zinc	2		2,713
Dorothy Hill	3	Orig. Exams (Men)	351
Pioneer	4	Re-exams. (")	459
Euterpe	2	Orig. Women(	26
Demarks	1	Re-exams "	5
cc - Dr. Sayers		Total during March	841
Dr. Lanza		Previous total, fisc. yr.	5,996
Dr. Meriwether		Total to-date	6,837

MINING COMPANIES COOPERATING WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF MINES—METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY—TRI-STATE OPERATORS CLINIC FOR SILICOSIS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Company	General Manager	Exams. to Jan. 1.	Exams to Jan. 31	Estimate of total for exam.
American L. & Z. Sm. Co.	G. W. Robinson	88	88	165
Adams Mining Co.	A. S. Winther	0	0	100
Anna Beaver Min. Co.	A. S. Winther	311	[illegible]	350
Beck Mining Co.	Luther Sheldon	5	6	72
O. M. Bilharz Min. Co.	O. M. Bilharz	83	83	126
Cortez-King Brand		330	344	300
Childress L. Z. Co.	Frank Childress	164	164	250
Commerce Min. & R. Co.	J. F. Robinson	596	602	568
Consolidated L. & Z. Co.	F. N. Bandelari	723	742	699
Crystal Mineral Trust.	E. Van Dreveldt	24	24	52
Eagle Picher Lead Co.	Geo. Potter	834	839	1063
Federal Min. & Sm. Co.	P. W. George	649	698	903
Golden Rod M.&Z. Corp.	Edgar Z. Wallower	550	552	526
Interstate Zinc&L. Co.	C. F. Eike	106	106	380
Kansas Exploration, Inc.	J. C. Burton	279	290	450
L. & G. Mining Co.	T. F. Lennan	3	3	85
Missouri Kansas Zinc Co.		0	330	
Missouri Mines Inc.		0	43	
New Chicago Mines Corp.	E. H. Wolff	161	163	360
Oke Min. Co.	T. F. Lennan	1	1	17
Quapaw Min. Corp.	T. F. Lennan	68	68	118
Skelton L. & Z. Co.	Frank Childress	227	227	300
St. Louis S.& R. Co.	L. W. Ledyard	153	153	80
Tulsa L.& Z. Co.	George Provine	53	53	90
Velie Mines Corp.	Frank Weeks	95	96	140
Vinegar Hill Zinc Co.) Century Zinc) Smith Davis & Co.)	S. H. Davis, agt.	482	515	403
		5923	6531	7086

Examinations for Mining Companies not cooperating in work of Clinic and for employment

Name of Company	Exams	Name of Company	Exams
Tri-State	11	Harve Min. Co.	1
Admiralty	3	Royal Blue, Joplin	1
Pioneer L.&Z. Co.	5	Red Skin Books	1
Rialto	1	Canadian M.& Dev. Co.	1
Dorothy Bill	4	Dogwood Min. Co.	1
Mathusha	8	Tredwell	1
Lawyers Min. Co.	4	Van Buren	1
Denoda	1	Sparks Min. Co.	2
Vantage Min. Co.	1	Nuttig	3
M.& H. L. & Z.	4	Lucky Senator	1
Mary Ann	2	Mike Evans	1
Eastern	3	Howe	1
Wauga & Children	129	Employment	1324
Shoal Creek mining Co.	1	H. H. H. Mining Co.	1
Tom L. Mining Co.	1	M.& H Mining Co.	1
W.B.T.Mining Co.	1	Athletic Mining Co.	1

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