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Reported Lead Poisoning Case

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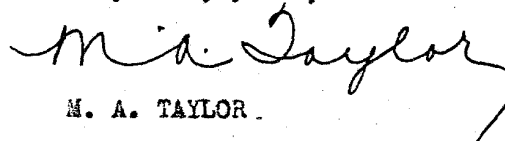
Today, we were called upon by a Mr. John L. Fitzpatrick, an attorney for the Maryland Casualty Company. He is working on a compensation case for the Panther-Panco Rubber Company of Chelsea, Massachusetts. One of their women employees is suffering from an ailment which she attributes to the use of leaded gasoline instead of naphtha for cleaning rubber soles and heels.

I would like permission to quote in writing to Mr. Fitzpatrick from Pages 1, 2 and 3 of Section XIII of our Safety Manual so that he may use this information before the Compensation Commissioner.

In this connection, the compensation doctors, a group appointed by the State, have reported that the illness was connected with the use of lead treated gasoline and state that their experiences have shown gasoline so treated is highly toxic.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has promised to send me copies of the Commission's findings in this respect, so that our Medical Department might take any action which they may deem necessary, should they believe that this Commission has erred in their findings.

Very truly yours,


M. A. TAYLOR

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