

September 15, 1931.

Mr. R. M. Roosevelt, Vice President,
Eagle-Picher Lead Company,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am very much surprised and disturbed to learn that your Company has made a shipment of lead oxides in paper bags to a storage battery manufacturer. As you know the question of the use of paper bag containers for shipping lead pigments was informally discussed by our Directors some time ago and the opinion was unanimously expressed that the hazard to public health on account of the probability of breakage was so important that paper should not be used. It also developed that they were not then being used.

The rupture of even one paper bag might cause the lead industries serious embarrassment. We cannot afford to take the risk. The lead industries are already plagued with enough adverse publicity without encouraging more.

No user of lead pigments who has the welfare of the public at heart will urge the use of paper bags for the slight saving involved. Nor should any paper bag manufacturer press the use of his product on our pigment industries if he has any appreciation of the danger of using it in our industries.

I hope you will not repeat the practice for it will only lead to wholesale adoption with consequences that might be very deplorable and costly to our business. I would very much like to know the name or names of those who are insistently urging you to use paper bags.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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