PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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December 6, 1929.

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

SUBJECT: Informal monthly letter.

Dear Dr. Sayers:

This month's report shows 787 examinations made. Of this number 271 were orginals of men, and 447 re-examinations of men; 54 were originals of women and 5 re-examinations of women. This gives us a total of 4501 examinations made this fiscal year. Of this number 2404 were for companies not cooperating with the clinic, employment, and women and children, or more than 50 per cent of the physical examinations now being made are for people for which we receive no contribution. This month's report shows a decided drop in the men examined. This has occurred mainly in the last 10 days of the month.

The field is going through one of the most severe depressions since the clinic was established. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the mines in the field have closed down for an indefinite period of time. Many of the larger companies are only operating a small per cent of their mines and these in order to keep married men with families that they have on the pay rolls employed. Some of the companies are operating on a two and three day basis, and the Golden Rod company has shut down completely for an indefinite period of time. The talk is that during this week additional mines will go down and it is expected that probably not over 25 or 30 per cent of the average tonnage will be produced by the middle of this month. This disturbance in the production is alleged to be due to the London market, the failure of the European cartel, with the resulting marked drop in European prices of zinc, which has reduced the price of ore to such a figure that it can be imported into this country, paying the present import duty and where no distant shipment has to be made in this country, probably with some profit. The result is that the price of zinc has to decrease correspondingly in the local field to protect the flooding of the country with European zinc. At no time have I heard it intimated that the stock price in New York was associated in any way with the slump in price. Apparently it started here a little before the crash came. This situation will in the end work a serious hardship upon the clinic. The present personnel will not be fully employed in examinations until this depression is over, and when they return to work they usually do it at once and this will throw an unusual burden probably in the early spring, upon the clinic to examine men as fast as they are employed

by the mines. This sudden demand for men will cause many of the companies to take on men of low classes that they would not otherwise employ. This occurred last year and is responsible for many of the men with low classes now working in the field.

During the month Dr. [illegible] reported for duty. He is an old navy man and for the last two or three years has been residing in Arizona for his health. He is settling into the routine and so far has shown no bad habits. As the work has been very light since his arrival I am not yet able to say as to his qualifications. In accordance with telegram we are expecting the arrival of Dr. [illegible] tomorrow.

An attempt was made to start the work in the x-ray room the last week, but found that the x-ray machine in moving from Pace to Ishawood was broken and that we would not be able to start until we could obtain a service man to repair it. Probably the transformer will have to be sent to the factory.

During the slack times I have put some of the doctors and other help on preparing the annual report. We are progressing nicely and if this depression continues we will probably be able to have the report in the first months of the incoming year.

During the month Mr. J. F. Robinson of the Commerce Mining and Royalty Company died in Denver where he had gone for treatment from a kidney specialist. It is understood that Mr. John Robinson will officially take his place as president of the Commerce Mining and Royalty Company.

Last Saturday Miss Marjorie Sayer and Mr. Walter Lambert, Dr. Holloway's assistant, quietly married, and astonished the community by their announcement the following Monday. Miss Sayer will continue in her present position indefinitely.

I believe this is about the news for the month.

Yours respectfully,

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

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

Company	General Manager	Exams. to Oct. 1 to 31	Exams. to Nov. 30, 1929.
American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.	J. [illegible] Johnson	4	6
Beer Mining Co.	L. T. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cortez King Grand Mines Co.	[illegible] T. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cabin Metals Corp.	C. [illegible] Nicholson	[illegible]	7[illegible]
Concorde Mining & Royalty Co.	J. F. [illegible]	[illegible]	149
Consolidated	F. B. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eagle Picher	George Potter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans-Wallower Lead Co.	F. C. [illegible]	[illegible]	74
Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	[illegible] George	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas Exploration, Inc.	J. C. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Mining Company)			
[illegible] Mining Company)	T. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L & G)			
Missouri Kansas Zinc Corp.	C. [illegible]	0	
Mid-Continent	[illegible]	71	[illegible]
New Chicago Mines Corp.	[illegible] M. [illegible]	8	[illegible]
Interstate Zinc & Lead Co.	C. F. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible] Capelli	0	[illegible]
Skelton Lead & Zinc Co.	Frank Childress	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	L. R. Ledyard	91	104
Tri-State Zinc Incorp.	M. L. Lovemen	2	3
Tulsa Lead & Zinc Co.	George Provine	28	28
Tulsa Mines Corporation	F. [illegible] Rocks	61	70
Century Zinc)			
Smith-Davis)	L. [illegible] Davis	76	73
Vinigar Mill)		1728	[illegible]

Examinations for mines not cooperating in work of Clinic. for employment and Diagnosis (Total from Nov. 1 to 30.)

	Oct.	Nov.
Diagnosis	[illegible]	100.
Ladies & Children	186	[illegible]
Employment	1680	2027
Blue Ribbon	13	14
Black Eagle	2	2
Rocks	1	1
A. E. Winther	6	8
Admiralty	3	3
United Zinc	1	2
Dorothy Bill	4	6
Pioneer	3	3
Rialto	3	3
Rose	1	1
Fern	1	1
Creetline Prod.	1	1
Mike Evans	0	1
Paul Revere	1	1
E. M. E.	1	1
Diamond Joe	1	1
Iron Mountain	1	1
Canadian	1	1
Good Luck	1	1
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Original Exam.	Men	[illegible]
Original Exam.	Women	34
Re-examination	Men	[illegible]
Re-examination	Women	[illegible]
		[illegible]

Total to Nov. 30, 1929 [illegible].

Co-Dr. Sayers

Dr. Lanza
Dr. Meriwether.

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Company	General Manager	Exams to Sept. 1 to 30	Exams to Oct. 31 1929.
American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.	J. W. Johnson	4	4
Beck Mining Co.	L. T. Sheldon	8	10
Cortez King Brand Mines Co.	W. T. Landrum	28	200
Canam Metals Corp.	C. W. Nicholson	21	23
Commerce Mining & Royalty Co.	J. F. Robinson	86	86
Consolidated	F. N. Bondelari	234	286
Eagle Picher	George Potter	163	190
Evans-Wallower Lead Co.	F. C. Wallower	19	21
Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	P. W. George	100	315
Kansas Exploration, Inc.	J. C. Barton	107	126
New Chicago Mines Corp.	A. M Gaines	6	8
Interstate Zinc & Lead Co.	C. F. Dike	30	40
Mid-Continent		48	71
Quapaw Mining Company) L & S)	T. Fl Lemman	4	5
Ramage	J. R. Capelli	0	0
Skelton Lead & Zinc Co.	Frank Childress	63	63
St Louis Smelting & Refining Co.	L. H. Ledyard	78	91
Tri-State Zinc Corporated	M. B. Loveman	1	2
Tulsa Lead & Zinc Co.	George Provine	28	28
Velie Mines Corporation	F. A. Weeks	4	61
Mo. Kansas Zinc Corp.	C. N. Vacash	0	0
Vinigar Mill) Century Zinc) Smith-Davis)	S. R. Davis	80	75
		1081	1729

Examinations for mines not cooperating in work of Clinic. for employment and Diagnosis (Total from Oct. 1 to 31.)

	Sept.	Oct.
Diagnosis	65	86
Ladies & Children	125	126
Employment	1256	1500
Blue Ribbon	13	13
A. S. Winther	6	6
Dorothy Bill	3	4
Pioneer	2	2
Paul Revere	1	1
Becka	1	1
Admirality	3	3
Rialto	3	3
Hose	1	1
Crestline Product	1	1
H. H. H.	1	1
Diamond Joe	1	1
Iron Mountain	1	1
United Zinc	1	1
Canadian	1	1
Good Luck	1	1
Black Eagle	0	2
[illegible]	0	1
Tri-State Z. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Original Exam.	Men	483
Original Exam.	Women	43
Re-examination	Men	631
Oct. Total.		1167

Total to Oct. 31, 1929. 3744

cc—Dr. Sayers
Dr. Lanza
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