

State inspector of coal mines reports

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These reports of the Kansas State Mine Inspector mostly concern coal mining, though by 1929 the scope of the reports broadens to include metal mines. The content of individual reports will vary. The reports address mining laws and mining districts; industry production and earnings; fatal and non-fatal accidents; accident investigations and transcripts of oral interviews; labor strikes; mine locations; mining companies and operators; and proceedings of mining conventions. The reports document the political, economic, social, and environmental impacts of more than seventy years of mining in southeastern Kansas.

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Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

- 167. William Paucher, miner; sprained back while pushing a car; March 12, 1923.
- 168. J. J. Desselle, miner; piece of coal fell on knee and bruised it; March 23, 1923.
- 169. E. Coates, miner; strained side by pushing car; March 27, 1923.
- 170. Frank Adamson, miner; arm strained by pushing car of coal; March 28, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 171. Mike Costa, miner; finger caught between cars and nail torn off; March 14, 1923.
- 172. Joe Sesso, miner; finger cut; March 17, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

- 173. L. W. Rowe, day man; second finger of left hand mashed; March 9, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

- 174. John Stec, jr., miner; knee sprained by fall of coal; March 17, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 18.

- 175. L. Marshall, motorman; side strained by lifting car on track; March 15, 1923.
- 176. F. Kotnik, motorman; sprained back while pushing a car; March 15, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 177. John Hetherington, miner; back, shoulders and left side bruised by fall of rock; March 2, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

- 178. James Potter, miner; right knee injured; March 27, 1923.
- 179. William Bollock, blacksmith; piece of scale in right eye; March 31, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 180. Albert Zueck, miner; face, arms and hands burned by gas; March 2, 1923.
- 181. Charles Mulligan, miner; left hand bruised; March 3, 1923.
- 182. Paskel Hixon, driver; bruised knuckle of finger of right hand; March 17, 1923.
- 183. Elmer Perard, boss driver; third finger of left hand broken at knuckle; March 20, 1923.
- 184. John Carr, fireman; neck strained while pushing a car of coal in boiler room and slipped; March 23, 1923.
- 185. Arthur McNally, miner; left eye bruised from being hit by prop; March 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 186. Sherman McDaniel, miner; left hand cut by piece of falling rock; March 1, 1923.
- 187. Robert Hisle, driver; injured eye; March 14, 1923.
- 188. Frank Pernot, miner; left eye injured; March 15, 1923.
- 189. John Strape, miner; right eye injured; March 17, 1923.
- 190. Orlando Paffi, miner; right knee injured; March 22, 1923.
- 191. Frank Slopper, miner; right knee bruised; March 22, 1923.
- 192. Allie Coleman, miner; left eye injured; March 22, 1923.
- 193. Angelo Maurizzi, miner; piece of coal fell on right leg; March 23, 1923.
- 194. Onifer Seusser, miner; injured back; March 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 195. J. E. Cabot, miner; right eye cut; March 22, 1923.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 196. Adam McKinnon, yardman; left arm scalded; March 9, 1923.
- 197. Joe Herman, jr., nipper; dirt in right eye; March 10, 1923.
- 198. Rudolph Blazic, digger; left knee bruised; March 14, 1923.
- 199. Ben Morgan, cager; left elbow bruised; March 18, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 200. Harry Miller, miner; thumb of right hand mashed; March 1, 1923.
- 201. Pete Baratone, driver; right wrist bruised; March 1, 1923.
- 202. John Johnson, miner; right upper arm bruised; March 13, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 203. Dan Hughes, yardman; piece of coal fell and hit him on head; March 27, 1923.

Wear Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 204. Price Goldina, miner; bumped hand against drill bit; March 2, 1923.

APRIL.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 205. Thomas Wilkin, miner; finger injured; April 6, 1923.
- 206. Joe Zurek, miner; finger injured; April 6, 1923.
- 207. Matt Minotitti, miner; burned about neck and arms by gas; April 14, 1923.
- 208. Henry Plouvier, miner; right leg injured; April 15, 1923.
- 209. Pete Benedick, miner; finger injured; April 16, 1923.
- 210. Pete Vagnassi, miner; back injured by lifting empty car; April 17, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

- 211. James Corsto, miner; right leg bruised by fall of small piece of rock; April 10, 1923.
- 212. Frank Heskett, boss driver; caught between car and rib, bruised hip; April 20, 1923.
- 213. W. A. Payne, rock engineer; sledge slipped, three toes of right foot injured.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 214. Walter Jenkins, timberman; while taking a wedge out he caught a finger of the left hand, mashing it; April 3, 1923.
- 215. Raymond Richwine, miner; bruised back and left wrist by fall of rock; April 25, 1923.
- 216. Arthur Bezinque, miner; fall of small rock and fractured right side; April 30, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

- 217. Louis Gasper, miner; slightly injured by fall of rock; April 9, 1923.
- 218. J. A. Sneed, miner; finger of right hand caught between roof and car; April 10, 1923.
- 219. Pete Perueta, miner; piece of coal cut hand; April 24, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 220. F. Vanoli, miner; bruised arm by fall of piece of coal; April 3, 1923.
- 221. Wm. Jenkins, miner; overcome by bad air; April 4, 1923.
- 222. Joe Kidwell, miner; overcome by bad air; April 4, 1923.
- 223. Ed. Blanco, motorman; left arm broken by being caught between motor and car; April 9, 1923.
- 224. Thomas Werberger, miner; little finger of left hand bruised by being caught between roof and car; April 13, 1923.
- 225. Masedonia Ozco, miner; right leg below knee injured by car; April 16, 1923.



- 226. Marco Sapick, miner; cut on left eye by piece of coal; April 16, 1923.
- 227. James Saccanne, miner; finger of left hand mashed by fall of rock; April 17, 1923.
- 228. Dick Miller, miner; overcome by bad air; April 19, 1923.
- 229. I. Jersic, miner; right knee bruised by fall of coal; April 19, 1923.
- 230. Bryan Zurek, miner; stuck pick in right wrist; April 23, 1923.

Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

- 231. Ben Byrue, miner; knees bruised by falling on rail; April 3, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 232. Joe Caserrio, miner; mashed thumb by getting caught between door of car; April 16, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

- 233. L. H. Rowe, coupler driver; car derailed, catching foot; heel bruised; April 2, 1923.
- 234. Chas. Demarco, miner; finger of right hand mashed by fall of coal; April 7, 1923.
- 235. Carl Slapsak, miner; while pushing car, slipped and fell and bruised right knee; April 7, 1923.
- 236. Frank Comenetti, miner; second and third fingers of left hand mashed by fall of coal; April 7, 1923.
- 237. Joe Serra, miner; burns about face from gas; April 9, 1923.
- 238. J. D. Swift, top man; mashed big toe of right foot by car jumping track; April 12, 1923.
- 239. Sam York, carpenter; scalp wound by test weight falling down chute and striking him on head; April 16, 1923.
- 240. Mike Zaccarella, miner; face, neck and right ear burned by gas; April 17, 1923.
- 241. Julian Slapsak, miner; slipped on rail while pushing out car, and cut knee, which later became infected; April 18, 1923.
- 242. Basil Filossa, miner; hernia; April 23, 1923.

Kilger Bros. Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

- 243. (Investigated by White.) William Kilger was injured by falling down the shaft, on April 17, 1923, at about 10:30 a. m. Upon investigation it seems that the cage had not landed on the chutes properly after pulling off the loaded car which he dumped in the chute, and as he was putting the empty car on the cage the chutes must have slid back, letting the cage free, which fell to the bottom with Mr. Kilger and the empty car on it. Both legs and a heel were cut, and there was also a small cut on the top of his head.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

- 244. Tony Sagmonio, miner; hernia by lifting car on track; April 7, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 245. John Walker, driver; thigh bruised; April 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 246. Albert Holeman, spragger; strained leader in right arm by pushing loaded car; April 9, 1923.
- 247. Louie Walasik, miner; caught right leg under fall of coal and rock; April 9, 1923.
- 248. John Depue, driver; ran nail in right foot; April 10, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 249. Joe Roebuck, miner; hurt right side by pushing a car; April 16, 1923.
- 250. Joe Sukodolcan, miner; head injured by fall of small piece of rock; April 24, 1923.



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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 251. Pete Satori, miner; piece of coal fell and hit him on fingers; April 5, 1923.
- 252. J. A. Vanzout, miner; mining shot and piece of coal fell on leg and foot.
- 253. Dave Hughes, miner; overcome by bad air; April 27, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 254. Thomas Mooney, miner; left foot injured by fall of coal; April 6, 1923.
- 255. George Kendig, miner; fell on right knee; April 10, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 256. George Bell, miner; right foot sprained; April 3, 1923.
- 257. John Thompson, cager; arm injured by fall of coal; April 5, 1923.
- 258. A. Dahout, driver; left arm bruised; April 7, 1923.
- 259. Ralph Kermashek, miner; right leg bruised; April 11, 1923.
- 260. A. Lancellotti, miner; hit on right leg by small piece of rock; April 16, 1923.
- 261. Ed. Smith, shot-firer; lungs sore from smoke from blow-through shot; April 24, 1923.
- 262. Pat O'Malley, miner; back sprained helping lift car on track; April 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 263. F. P. Cumiskey, miner; slab of slate fell on right leg; April 12, 1923.
- 264. Joe Yernoux, miner; left hip injured; April 23, 1923.

Wear Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 265. Tony Vacara, miner; piece of blackjack in left eye; April 5, 1923.

MAY.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 266. Fred Statlam, miner; piece of rock hit eye; May 1, 1923.
- 267. John Milner, driver; left forearm injured by being caught between mule and rib.
- 268. William Sarley, driver; piece of wire cut finger; May 4, 1923.
- 269. Matt O'Donnell, jr., yardman; shaker sheet fell and bruised back; May 5, 1923.
- 270. A. LeFevre, driver; no statement made by injured; date not given.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

- 271. George McKnight, cager; fractured rib on left side while lifting car; May 5, 1923.
- 272. Adam Cavealier, miner; face, head and back injured by fall of rock; May 14, 1923.
- 273. Fred Konec, miner; bruised left knee by pushing car; May 17, 1923.
- 274. S. O'Donnell, topman; piece of steel hit right eye; May 17, 1923.
- 275. Pete Creston, miner; piece of coal fell and cut little finger; May 29, 1923.
- 276. Joe Fately, top boss; cut hand on shaker sheet; May 31, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 277. William Danie, miner; knee injured by fall of rock; May 17, 1923.
- 278. John Moleneir, miner; piece of coal hit left eye; May 25, 1923.
- 279. Lawrence Setina, miner; right foot bruised by fall of rock; May 29, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

- 280. John Pauline, miner; back sprained by lifting car on track; May 2, 1923.



281. B. Mitchell, jr., miner; back sprained by lifting car on track; May 15, 1923.

282. Charles Nevis, engineer; piece of cinder in eye; May 15, 1923.

283. Frank Leposak, miner; sprained back by lifting chunk of coal; May 18, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

284. Joe Lennoy, miner; ruptured by pushing car and slipping; May 3, 1923.

285. W. A. Walker, top man; got caught by fixing car and bruised legs; May 5, 1923.

286. J. Sandwith, miner; finger of right hand injured by fall of rock; May 7, 1923.

287. Joe Appano, miner; piece of sulphur hit right eye; May 9, 1923.

288. L. S. Hariston, miner; arm injured by fall of rock; May 15, 1923.

289. Dan Anderson, empty puller; left wrist bruised by falling of piece of coal; May 15, 1923.

290. George Zedrick, topman; scratched hand on keg of spikes; May 18, 1923.

291. D. Lelarielli, miner; left ankle sprained by fall of coal; May 23, 1923.

292. Pete Magnetti, miner; left leg bruised; May 28, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

293. Milton Friel, miner; lifting rock and piece broke off, hitting right knee, which caused the knee to become infected; May 21, 1923.

294. Dominic Crochetti, miner; sprained back; May 23, 1923.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

295. Louis Romanza, miner; sprained right ankle by pushing a car; May 8, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

296. James Fulton, airman; left leg broken; May 9, 1923.

297. C. R. Mitchell, miner; overcome by bad air; May 10, 1923.

298. Mr. W. N. Hammer, blacksmith; bruised arm by removing wrecked car; May 18, 1923.

299. John Lenassi, tracklayer; left knee bruised; May 22, 1923.

300. Vincent Zingast, miner; lifting rock into car and fell and hurt side; May 25, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

301. John Klimek, miner; face, arms, neck and left leg burned by gas; May 14, 1923.

302. M. L. Cronister, miner; left eye injured; May 15, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

303. Pietro Wecca, miner; sprained right hip by pushing car; May 3, 1923.

304. George W. Sparks, miner; thumb and wrist of left hand sprained; May 4, 1923.

305. Samuel Gardner, miner; electric spark in right eye; May 7, 1923.

306. John Mauser, jr., driver; cut on top of head; May 10, 1923.

307. Robert Drummond, timberman; finger of right hand cut and bruised; May 13, 1923.

308. G. Sangwanini, miner; claims bad air; May 16, 1923.

309. Cecil Ritterback, blacksmith helper; right thumb split open; May 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

310. Robert Hisle, driver; second toe on left foot injured; May 2, 1923.

311. John English, miner; caught finger between coal and car; May 2, 1923.

312. William Bryand, miner; right knee injured; May 11, 1923.



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- 313. William Hannah, miner; head and neck bruised; May 17, 1923.
- 314. James R. Moffatt, miner; back sprained; May 30, 1923.
- 315. William Hannah, miner; right arm and right foot injured; May 30, 1923.
- 316. L. Lehanne, miner; wrenched back by lifting piece of coal; May 31, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 317. Pete Caput, driver; while blocking trip on parting, car started and caught fingers between rail and car wheel; May 10, 1923.
- 318. Elmer Ard, top man; piece of dust in left eye; May 16, 1923.
- 319. Charles Ingram, miner; piece of coal in right eye; May 23, 1923.
- 320. T. Cercotti, miner; left knee bruised; May 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 321. William Studdard, miner; finger of right hand hurt; May 16, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 322. O. A. Kerlie, miner; index finger of right hand injured; May 24, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 323. Roy Bennett, miner; left cheek and back burned by gas; May 23, 1923.
- 324. Neil Smith, tracklayer; thumb on left hand injured; May 25, 1923.

JUNE.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

- 325. Emmet Alonza, miner; right leg bruised by being caught between two cars; June 21, 1923.
- 326. John Ryder, driver; little finger of left hand injured by being caught in tie; June 25, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 327. William Strahalta, spragger; right foot fractured by falling in front of trip; June 1, 1923.
- 328. Matt Frazer, timberman; piece of rock hit right eye; May 4, 1923.
- 329. Alex Williamson, boss driver; caught finger of right hand in block and bruised it; June 20, 1923.
- 330. A. Chikowsky, miner; ruptured by lifting rock; June 28, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

- 331. Albert Tilli, miner; chunk of coal fell on foot while mining shot; June 2, 1923.
- 332. Olento Baldrin, miner; stuck pick in leg; June 4, 1923.
- 333. George Rogers, dayman; piece of rock hit eye; June 9, 1923.
- 334. George Childers, topman; piece of cinder in eye; June 25, 1923.
- 335. Will O'Bryan, miner; head and shoulders injured by fall of rock; June 27, 1923.
- 336. (Investigated by Glennon.) William Dunbar, miner, was injured by fall of rock on June 29, 1923. This accident occurred in the eighth south back off the first east, on the south side of the mine. The rock was 8 feet long and 5 feet wide, and averaged 10 inches in thickness. The distance from the inside edge of the rock to the face of the entry was about 5 feet, and was just inside a horseback. The place was 6 feet wide and he had just taken out a widening shot. The horseback was cut about 5 feet wide, and this widening shot in the coal did not make the place over 6 feet wide.
- 337. Rudy Grudnik, driver; hand injured by being caught between car and rib; June 30, 1923.
- 338. Albert Vancanbeleset, miner; toe cut by piece of coal; June 30, 1923.



Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 339. Victor Duthie, miner; mining shot and cut end of right thumb; June 1, 1923.
- 340. John Lahye, timberman; prying rock and bar slipped hitting right side; June 2, 1923.
- 341. John Saccanne, miner; piece of steel hit right eye; June 2, 1923.
- 342. John Lahye, timberman; head bruised by fall of piece of rock; June 4, 1923.
- 343. Theodore Evans, coupler; left side strained by lifting car; June 6, 1923.
- 344. Frank Farmont, miner; left thumb injured by fall of piece of coal; June 11, 1923.
- 345. Patz Pesi, miner; three fingers of right hand injured by being caught between cars; June 11, 1923.
- 346. E. Burgar, miner; right foot mashed by fall of coal; June 15, 1923.
- 347. Frank Alberti, miner; overcome by bad air; June 19, 1923.
- 348. Sam Allia, tailor; right leg bruised by fall of rock; June 25, 1923.
- 349. Henry Chiaetano, miner; thumb mashed by being caught between car and rib; June 25, 1923.
- 350. John Lahye, timberman; ankle broken by being caught between car and timber; June 26, 1923.
- 351. Phelix Diboth, miner; groin strained and knee bruised by pulling car; June 27, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

- 352. Joseph Bruno, miner; while working in room, he bruised his knee, which later became infected; June 8, 1923.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 353. Ernest Scalet, driver; uncoupling tail chain from loaded car, squeezed first finger of left hand; June 7, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 354. D. V. Delaney, pipe layer; right hip injured; June 19, 1923.
- 355. Frank Burgant, miner; back and head injured by fall of rock; June 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

- 356. Hester Farabi, miner; left side of face and ear burned by gas; June 8, 1923.
- 357. Louie Struble, miner; little finger of left hand injured; June 12, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 358. Mike Slusser, miner; finger of right hand bruised; June 2, 1923.
- 359. Mike Savant, miner; thumb of left hand sprained; June 9, 1923.
- 360. John Mulligan, driver; eyeball of left eye hurt; June 9, 1923.
- 361. George W. Sparks, miner; left side, hip and leg bruised; June 18, 1923.
- 362. Jacob Kwasnik, miner; back and right shoulder injured; June 19, 1923.
- 363. O. G. Pike, miner; burned on face, neck and arms and right eye; June 21, 1923.
- 364. Joe Chesnik, miner; right foot bruised; June 26, 1923.
- 365. Thos. Heffern, miner; slipped while pushing car, injuring his side and rib; June 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 366. Joe Bazin, miner; right eye injured; June 4, 1923.
- 367. Americo Guerrieri, miner; back strained by pushing car; June 5, 1923.
- 368. Walter Row, team driver; left elbow injured; June 6, 1923.
- 369. John English, miner; left thumb injured; June 13, 1923.
- 370. Frank Vehar, miner; right ankle fractured; June 18, 1923.
- 371. Fred Strobe, miner; left eye cut; June 23, 1923.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 372. D. Wezzia, miner; second finger of left hand bruised slightly; June 6, 1923.
- 373. J. E. Cabot, miner; right hand bruised; June 19, 1923.
- 374. George Kawaski, miner; left knee out of place; June 20, 1923.
- 375. (Investigated by McGavran.) Frank Barnard was overcome by bad air on June 23, 1923. Upon investigation I found two crosscuts open in the main entry. In the first crosscut I got a reading of 940 feet of air per minute and in the second crosscut a reading of 700 feet per minute, making a total of 1,640 feet of air in the entry.
- 376. E. Davis, miner; left eyeball injured; June 26, 1923.
- 377. J. Pickley, miner; right hand injured; June 26, 1923.
- 378. G. Dauval, miner; strain of right arm and right leg; June 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 379. Wright Gamble, miner; middle finger of right hand injured; June 5, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 380. Ralph Kermashek, miner; right side strained; June 8, 1923.
- 381. Lorenzo Runge, driver; bone broken in leg below knee; June 14, 1923.
- 382. Wick Lechin, miner; back sprained; June 20, 1923.
- 383. Jim Morson, miner; right foot bruised; June 21, 1923.
- 384. John Holt, miner; eye injured; June 22, 1923.
- 385. Ralph Costello, miner; left leg sprained; June 25, 1923.
- 386. Ed. Meeceiz, miner; right eye injured; June 26, 1923.
- 387. E. Puga, section laborer; left foot injured; June 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 388. George Bell, miner; pushing car and feet slipped and strained back; June 1, 1923.
- 389. Bernard Fern, driver; index finger of right hand cut; June 2, 1923.
- 390. Louie Coscairo, miner; right eye injured; June 5, 1923.
- 391. Frank Crain, topman; left elbow injured; June 17, 1923.
- 392. Tom Heenan, miner; top of head cut; June 19, 1923.

JULY.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 393. Tom Wilkerson, miner; left foot injured by fall of coal; July 11, 1923.
- 394. Pete Maiso, miner; left knee injured by fall of coal; July 18, 1923.
- 395. James Tavenaro, miner; injured about body by fall of rock; July 23, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

- 396. Arthur Canoli, miner; bruised left knee by pushing car; July 6, 1923.
- 397. Arthur Canoli, miner; scratched second finger of right hand with pick; July 11, 1923.
- 398. Albert Rolli, miner; right knee bruised by shoveling coal; July 11, 1923.
- 399. Joe Knapia, miner; burned arms, face and head by gas; July 12, 1923.
- 400. Pete Sandrette, miner; bruised and sprained back by rock falling while pushing car; July 13, 1923.
- 401. Florentine Fiolet, miner; chest and ribs bruised by falling on rail; July 29, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 402. Henry Christman, gasman; back sprained while turning over rock; July 5, 1923.
- 403. O. F. Adney, car builder; back sprained while pushing car; July 16, 1923.
- 404. Chas. Spineto, miner; back sprained while shoveling coal; July 23, 1923.



405. Leon Miserouel, miner; back sprained while pushing a car; July 30, 1923.

406. William Harper, miner; back hurt by fall of small piece of rock; July 30, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

407. Lefty Dunn, day man; foot injured by being caught under bumper; July 7, 1923.

408. Simion Klimek, day man; finger mashed by lifting car on track; July 10, 1923.

409. George Bruno, driver; sprained ankle while working; July 10, 1923.

410. A. Magnini, miner; head and neck injured by fall of rock while mining shot; July 11, 1923.

411. (Investigated by Clark.) Sam Samone, miner, was injured by fall of rock, July 16, 1923, at about 2:30 p.m. Upon investigation I found that Mr. Samone, who was turning a room off the fourth west back entry on the south side of the mine, had been struck by a rock measuring 6 feet long, 5 feet 4 inches wide and 8 inches thick, tapering down to about 2 inches in thickness. The rock had fallen off the brushing that overhangs the neck of the room and was out on the entry. The end of the rock, under which I was informed Samone was caught, was broken in several pieces, and was about 3 or 4 inches thick. The room neck was about 10 feet wide and the face of the room was driven in about 8 feet off the entry. Mr. Samone was injured over the entire body.

412. D. Blagard, miner; piece of coal hit eye; July 17, 1923.

413. W. H. Harden, miner; shin bone injured by pushing car; July 17, 1923.

414. B. Billiard, miner; slipped and fell on right knee while pushing a car; July 17, 1923.

415. Frank Korjan, miner; back sprained by lifting car on track; July 31, 1923.

Home Riverside Coal Mines Company, Mine No. 1.

416. Antone Klimacheck, miner; back bruised by fall of slate; July 30, 1923.

Hove Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

417. Jesse B. Marshall, miner; left hip bruised and muscles strained by pushing car and falling; July 10, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

418. W. Priestneck, roadman; hit first finger of right hand by pick point; July 9, 1923.

419. George Hudson, laborer; left leg and knee bruised; July 24, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

420. John Kapler, dayman greaser; cut on top of head; July 15, 1923.

421. L. M. Montee, miner; middle finger of right hand injured; July 17, 1923.

422. Rennie Laurent, miner; right knee injured; July 25, 1923.

423. Walter Potter, miner; both knees bruised; July 26, 1923.

424. H. I. Hampton, miner; right eye injured; July 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

425. George Pugh, driver; kicked by mule, and right ear and right side injured; July 3, 1923.

426. Lester Phelps, miner; piece of coal in left eye; July 3, 1923.

427. Frank Jamnik, miner; left wrist sprained; July 11, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

428. Fred Steve, driver; right foot injured; July 6, 1923.

429. Philip Benard, miner; left knee injured; July 19, 1923.

430. Joe Roebuck, miner; left knee injured; July 20, 1923.

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431. Ignatz Busek, miner; back injured by pushing car; July 20, 1923.
432. Joe Gorup, miner; claims right hand was cut, which later became infected; date not given.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

433. John Steel, miner; palm of right hand cut by sprinkler valve on side of car; July 3, 1923.
434. F. Cozzer, miner; back injured by fall of piece of rock; July 10, 1923.
435. John Losato, driver; nail pulled off first finger of right hand; July 13, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

436. Alex Crescent, miner; right hand bruised; July 12, 1923.
437. Steve Topolovish, digger; left leg injured; July 13, 1923.
438. Joe Lodagice, miner; right side strained; July 25, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

439. Sam Russ, piece of coal in left eye; July 3, 1923.
440. A. Torbet, miner; right foot bruised; July 10, 1923.
441. John Martin, miner; strain of right side; July 12, 1923.
442. John Jackson, miner; piece of coal in right eye; July 14, 1923.
443. Dema Jumet, miner; piece of coal in left eye; July 18, 1923.
444. Bert Winningham, general repairer; right wrist and left hand injured; July 24, 1923.
445. Donald Morgan, laborer; left ankle injured; July 24, 1923.
446. Jim Campbell, miner; right eye bruised; July 25, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

447. Joe Peterka, shotfirer; thumb of left hand cut; July 7, 1923.
448. Ed. Reynolds, driver; right foot bruised; July 27, 1923.
449. Forest Haight, driver; ruptured; July 27, 1923.
450. Charley Wooten, miner; second finger of left hand injured; July 30, 1923.

AUGUST.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

451. W. P. Lilley, miner; burned about face and arm by gas; August 3, 1923.
452. Frank Stalzel, miner; bruised foot and toes by fall of coal; August 7, 1923.
453. Joe Bell, miner; left thumb cut while sharpening drill; August 27, 1923.
454. William Keihl, miner; claims rupture; August, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

455. Joe Steiner, driver; mule kicked him, face injured; August 6, 1923.
456. Frank Heskett, boss driver; two fingers of left hand mashed by lifting fan shaft; August 9, 1923.
457. Leo Morella, miner; back sprained by fall of rock; August 17, 1923.
458. Joe Fately, top foreman; piece of sulphur hit left eye; August 18, 1923.
459. Henry Hopkins, miner; piece of rock hit eye; August 26, 1923.
460. Frank Dranshek, miner; piece of coal hit left eye while mining shot; August 27, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

461. Louie Utz, miner; bruised about body and head cut by fall of rock; August 8, 1923.
462. Lucien Canon, driver; threw rock at mule and it glanced off, hitting him on forehead; August 16, 1923.
463. Joe McAllister, miner; piece of sulphur in eye while mining shot; August 22, 1923.



464. Ed. Collins, blacksmith helper; cut knuckle with piece of drill; August 23, 1923.

465. Matt Holach, miner; cut left hand with shaker; August 25, 1923.

466. Matt Young, driver; back and right ear injured by mule squeezing him between rib; August 28, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

467. Joe Vancanbelearset, miner; back sprained while pushing car; August 1, 1923.

468. John Craddock, miner; left foot injured by stepping on nail; August 4, 1923.

469. R. Krintz, miner; cut finger with chunk of coal; August 6, 1923.

470. Joe Stimac, miner; back injured by fall of rock; August 6, 1923.

471. John Serlat, miner; mashed hand by getting it caught between car and roof; August 13, 1923.

472. Jim Colletti, miner; left hand and left knee injured by fall of coal; August 20, 1923.

473. Charles Kuss, miner; piece of sulphur hit left eye; August 23, 1923.

474. Pete Peralio, miner; sulphur in right eye while working in room; August 28, 1923.

475. Vinzo Fiarno, miner; back injured by rock fall; August 31, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

476. William McKnight, night watch; struck left elbow against timber and injured same; August 24, 1923.

Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

477. J. Dessell, miner; third finger of left hand cut and bruised by piece of coal; August 23, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

478. George Pierce, timberman; mashed big toe of right foot by fall of rock while timbering; August 3, 1923.

479. C. McFall, miner; loading rock, fell, striking and bruising right knee; August 6, 1923.

480. H. Kuplin, miner; right big toe mashed; August 20, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 18.

481. C. Auatosa, trip rider; sprained back while lifting car on track; August 15, 1923.

482. Charles White, miner; scalp lacerated by rock fall; August 24, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 21.

483. W. R. Curry, sinker; third finger of right hand mashed by striking same on wedge; August 22, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

484. John Camin, miner; piece of sulphur in eye; August 11, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

485. Pete Castetine, miner; sprained back by pushing car; August 10, 1923.

486. Joe Supon, miner; little finger on right hand mashed; August 16, 1923.

487. James Patterson, topman; left wrist fractured by being caught between cars; August 20, 1923.

488. Joe Ricci, miner; right knee injured; August 21, 1923.

489. Walter Boyer, miner; right thigh injured; August 27, 1923.

490. Tony Hartman, miner; piece of sulphur in left eye; August 30, 1923.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 491. Francis Rollins, miner; left knee bruised; August 1, 1923.
- 492. (Investigated by McGavran.) Martin Scallaroni, timberman, was injured by fall of rock, August 2, 1923. The accident happened on the east side of the second north parting near the switch. The rock was 6 feet long, 1 foot 4 inches thick, 1 foot 1 inch wide to the inside edge and tapered down to 6 inches wide on the outside edge. The weight of this rock was approximately 500 pounds. The rock fell a distance of 5 feet 4 inches, falling on Scallaroni's right foot, crushing it against a rail, causing part of the foot to be amputated. This accident could have happened to anyone, as he tried to pull it down before trying to timber it, but was unable to do so. The rock fell of its own accord later and caught his right foot on a rail.
- 493. James Whitehead, miner; alleges bad air; August 4, 1923.
- 494. Joe Burgin, motorman; right foot bruised; August 8, 1923.
- 495. Antone Strukel, miner; sprained back; August 14, 1923.
- 496. Tom Henslik, miner; right foot injured; August 23, 1923.
- 497. (Investigated by Glennon.) Frank Yerman, miner, was injured by fall of rock, August 23, 1923, at about 2 o'clock p. m., in the eighth west straight. The distance from the face of this room to the outside edge of the rock was 24 feet. The rock was 13 feet 4 inches long, 5 feet wide and averaged about 10 inches in thickness. The room was 21 feet wide and had a small crosscut at the face. The room was timbered in a workmanlike manner. This fall of rock caused the breaking of both of Mr. Yerman's legs, and in my opinion was an unavoidable accident.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 498. Valentine Suhadolcan, miner; claims rupture; August 1, 1923.
- 499. Joe Roebuck, miner; left eye injured; August 4, 1923.
- 500. Pete Yanko, miner; cut on top of head; August 14, 1923.
- 501. Jules Pernot, miner; sulphur in right eye; August 15, 1923.
- 502. James Arthur, miner; left side bruised; August 21, 1923.
- 503. Bruce Stalham, miner; finger of right hand injured; August 23, 1923.
- 504. Gueriere America, miner; injured left eye; August 25, 1923.
- 505. John Tolliver, sprinkler; alleges lungs hurt by smoke; August 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 506. Steve Dorsey, track layer; right foot sprained; August 4, 1923.
- 507. Steve Lesson, driver; right arm cut; August 13, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 508. Joe Herman, miner; fourth finger of right hand bruised; August 29, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 509. Louis Frigo, miner; cut under right eye; August 3, 1923.
- 510. George Coleman, section laborer; bruised on left foot and left arm; August 4, 1923.
- 511. Frank Cabasco, section laborer; scratched and bruised about face and arms; August 4, 1923.
- 512. Charlie Beckman, miner; back sprained, and perhaps ruptured; August 6, 1923.
- 513. Girard E. Measure, driver; left ankle sprained; August 8, 1923.
- 514. J. Dahout, miner; left hip and jaw bruised; August 11, 1923.
- 515. Walter Moorey, fireman; cut on top of head; August 16, 1923.
- 516. Ramey Jumet, miner; piece of coal in right eye; August 16, 1923.
- 517. Sam Caravella, miner; piece of coal in left eye; August 23, 1923.
- 518. Dan Moore; miner; knee injured; date not given.



Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 519. John Fern, day man; dirt in left eye; kicked up by mule; August 1, 1923.
- 520. Joe Petreka, shot-firer; burned about face and back by gas; August 6, 1923.
- 521. Hubert Mutton, tracklayer; third finger on right hand injured; August 8, 1923.
- 522. Vincent Grant, miner; right hand bruised; August 9, 1923.
- 523. Henry Wright, miner; right hand bruised; August 9, 1923.
- 524. William Evans, topman; sprained back; August 16, 1923.
- 525. Francis Fern, jr., driver; piece of coal hit right eye; August 22, 1923.
- 526. Clyde E. Walters, miner; injured knee cap; August 23, 1923.
- 527. Tom Engelbert, miner; index finger of left hand cut; August 29, 1923.

SEPTEMBER.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 528. Tom Mullin, miner; mining shot and coal fell on his right foot, injuring big toe; September 1, 1923.
- 529. W. E. Edmonds, miner; post fell against face while setting up machine to drill; September 1, 1923.
- 530. Neil Helin, timberman; left hand and head injured by falling off of moving trip; September 4, 1923.
- 531. Tom Grazzle, miner; piece of rock hit ankle while pulling rock down, spraining same; September 4, 1923.
- 532. W. J. Mellick, miner; left hip injured by fall of coal; September 4, 1923.
- 533. Frank Krashoe, driver; piece of rock fell and cut back of hand; September 14, 1923.
- 534. James Kelly, miner; left ear split by fall of piece of slate; September 25, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

- 535. Pete Sandrette, miner; lit gas while working on horseback; face and hands burned; September 24, 1923.
- 536. Joe Chandro, miner; third finger of left hand injured by fall of rock; September 28, 1923.
- 537. Frank Jaskshe, miner; piece of sulphur hit left eye; September 29, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 538. Johnnie Christmas, miner; finger of left hand mashed by car running over same; September 10, 1923.
- 539. Tom Riordan, miner; left knee bruised by being caught between car and rib; September 18, 1923.
- 540. Matt Frazer, electrician; eyes burned with hot lead while soldering; September 25, 1923.
- 541. John Straholta, timberman; piece of sulphur hit right eye; September 29, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

- 542. A. Massino, miner; left shin injured by falling while pushing car; September 1, 1923.
- 543. D. Lagnean, miner; back injured by fall of rock; September 6, 1923.
- 544. B. Billiard, miner; injured right knee while pushing car; September 8, 1923.
- 545. F. Barnch, miner; left leg injured by fall of coal; September 10, 1923.
- 546. P. Mueller, miner; piece of coal hit right eye; September 10, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 547. Antone Basso, miner; second finger of right hand mashed by rock fall while drilling; September 6, 1923.

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548. John Morris, miner; back sprained while putting timber under rock; September 10, 1923.

549. F. Morrell, miner; knuckle injured by fall of coal; September 17, 1923.

550. D. Mongarelli, miner; left foot injured by rock fall while mining shot; September 18, 1923.

551. P. Pisa, miner; piece of rock hit left eye; September 25, 1923.

552. Dave Parr, gasman; four teeth knocked out by falling in hole; September 28, 1923.

Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

553. Thomas Jenkins, miner; left arm muscles strained and bruised by striking arm on car; September 7, 1923.

554. Guy Marshall, miner; toe of left foot mashed by car jumping track and striking foot; September 13, 1923.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

555. Joe Costello, miner; hernia by lifting rock in car; September 13, 1923.

Miners and Shippers Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

556. (Investigated by Sherwood.) A. L. Mahiew had his leg broken on September 28, 1923, at about 5 p.m., by kicking the fan belt off of the engine, his leg being caught in the driving wheel. I would recommend that the practice of kicking this belt off of the fan be stopped.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

557. P. Sukovic, miner; sulphur hit left eye; September 7, 1923.

558. Wm. Douglas, miner; back and collar bone broken by fall of rock; September 19, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 10.

559. Don Turner, top man; left arm bruised by falling off of tank; September 11, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 18.

560. Henry Macari, miner; abrasion of right middle finger by fall of rock on hand; September 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

561. Walter Caldwell, driver; little toe on left foot bruised; September 15, 1923.

562. Fritz Lenassi, miner; head and right ear cut and back injured by fall of rock; September 18, 1923.

563. Lewis Bartalotto, miner; left shoulder bruised; September 9, 1923.

564. G. Bartalotto, miner; back of neck bruised; September 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

565. Joe Farabi, miner; right shoulder injured; September 12, 1923.

566. M. L. Cronister, miner; right eye injured; September 15, 1923.

567. Cy Williams, shot-firer; tumor on back caused by windy shot; September 21, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

568. John Manning, miner; left side injured; September 4, 1923.

569. Chas. Chaussard, miner; right eye slightly injured; September 10, 1923.

570. Clifford Fougne, miner; right leg bruised; September 12, 1923.

571. Charles King, miner; ruptured by pushing car; September 25, 1923.

572. William Darman, miner; piece of coal hit right eye; September 25, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

573. Frank Wercholtz, miner; sprained back; September 11, 1923.

574. Andrew Wercholtz, miner; right eye injured; September 14, 1923.

575. Fred Berardi, miner; right elbow bruised; September 17, 1923.



- 576. John A. Murwin, machinist; right eye injured; September 20, 1923.
- 577. John Shuster, miner; left hip and back injured by fall of coal; September 21, 1923.
- 578. Thomas Bell, miner; left eye bruised; September 24, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 579. James Manfre, miner; third finger of left hand bruised; September 10, 1923.
- 580. William Rollins, timberman; left eye injured; September 16, 1923.
- 581. F. Martinache, driver; foot caught under loaded car; September 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 582. John Hume, roadman; mashed middle finger of left hand; September 18, 1923.
- 583. Joe Camaretti, miner; right foot bruised; September 25, 1923.
- 584. Jack Bohene, miner; piece of sulphur hit left eye; September 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 585. Homer Shoup, driver; caught between trip and sprained back and left ankle; September 5, 1923.
- 586. Lawrence Fikes, miner; left knee bruised; September 5, 1923.
- 587. Orkler Pugh, sprinkler; left arm bruised; September 20, 1923.
- 588. Ed Valk, driver; left ankle sprained; September 11, 1923.
- 589. Harvey Black, driver; piece of rock in left eye; September 11, 1923.
- 590. Paul Grovognoli, miner; piece of coal in left eye; September 13, 1923.
- 591. Henry Fourment, miner; left leg bone broken below knee; September 19, 1923.
- 592. John W. Tasdale, miner; left hand bruised; September 25, 1923.
- 593. Frank Loeridge, miner; piece of rock in right eye; September 26, 1923.
- 594. John Blessant, miner; left wrist sprained; September 8, 1923.
- 595. William Hutsell, miner; arms and neck burned slightly by gas; September 27, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 596. Ted Brown, miner; right knee injured; September 21, 1923.

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Bell Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

- 597. Oscar Tindell, machine shoveler; chest and hips injured by fall of slate; October 20, 1923.

Cayuga Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

- 598. (Investigated by Glennon.) Frank Pajer, miner, was injured on October 19, 1923, at about 1:15 p. m. This accident occurred in the blacksmith shop on top. There was a 100-pound can of carbide in the shop and all the men at the mine used out of this can. The men down below ran out of carbide and sent him out to fill a can for them. The lamp on his head was lit and drops of water were coming from his lamp, and when he opened the can the carbide exploded and burned his face.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 599. Frank Dowe, miner; two toes fractured by car running over them; October 1, 1923.
- 600. Pervecto Alva, laborer; toe of right foot mashed; October 3, 1923.
- 601. Arthur Dupont, miner; face and hands burned by gas; October 5, 1923.
- 602. John Panachi, tracklayer; sprained left hand by being caught by car; October 5, 1923.
- 603. A. Canon, miner; piece of coal hit left eye; October 17, 1923.
- 604. Otto Cross, driver; fractured ribs of left side by trips meeting; October 23, 1923.

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605. Joe Murieci, miner; right foot injured by fall of rock; October 23, 1923.

606. A. Kelly, fireman; rib of right side fractured by wrench slipping off pipe; October 27, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 48.

607. (Investigated by Clark.) Steve Bernisor, miner, was injured by car jumping track and breaking his leg, on October 2, 1923. Mr. Bernisor was walking out to the bottom to meet the driver, who was coming in with an empty trip. Bernisor stepped to one side to let the trip pass, and the last car on the trip jumped the track, pinning Mr. Bernisor between the trip and a post and breaking his leg.

608. Joe Steiner, driver; left leg bruised by being caught between car; October 16, 1923.

609. John Zimmerman, driver; piece of rock in eye; October 19, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

610. Robert Young, cager; right wrist bruised by piece of coal falling down shaft; October 1, 1923.

611. Adrian Leclerg, miner; little finger of left hand injured by rail falling on hand; October 16, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

612. Ivor Zimmerman, miner; piece of steel hit right eye while cutting; October 1, 1923.

613. Martin Lepochak, miner; piece of coal hit left eye while he was mining a shot; October 8, 1923.

614. Henry Burch, miner; a fall of rock bruised his body; October 9, 1923.

615. Dan Anderson, empty puller; foot and ankle injured by getting caught between cage and bottom; October 10, 1923.

616. John Cramer; miner; left ankle sprained and bruised foot; October 17, 1923.

617. John Ogborn, topman; back sprained while lifting car on track; October 19, 1923.

618. Arthur Canali, miner; right hand cut by fall of coal; October 25, 1923.

619. Tom Welsh, miner; blood vessel in breast broken by pushing car; October 29, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 112 (Shovel).

620. George Houghton, hooker; forefinger bruised by being caught in coupler; October 18, 1923.

Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

621. Carl Slapsak, miner; right eye bruised and inflamed by piece of coal striking him in eye while mining; October 9, 1923.

622. C. McFall, miner; eye hit by piece of coal; October 19, 1923.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

623. Jas. Leddell, jr., driver; mule kicked him in left side; October 29, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

624. James Boggio, trackman; catching head between two timbers and cut left ear which became infected; October 27, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 18.

625. Frank Kotnik, motorman; sprained back while pulling car out of switch; October 13, 1923.

626. Dominic Lina, miner; arms, face and neck burned by gas; October 31, 1923.



Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 627. Joe Mahorich, miner; while digging down a shot, coal rolled over on him and caught his right leg; October 5, 1923.
- 628. Mike Crain, boss driver; right arm and right side bruised; October 10, 1923.
- 629. Mike Crain, boss driver; mule kicked mouth, knocking out two teeth; October 12, 1923.
- 630. Edward Irwin, motorman helper; second finger of left hand mashed; October 12, 1923.
- 631. Jess Wade, miner; right arm on side of elbow bruised; October 12, 1923.
- 632. Frank Bergont, miner; right hand burned; October 16, 1923.
- 633. Jack Mahorich, miner; left hip and side bruised; October 17, 1923.
- 634. Ed Caldwell, pumper; left side of skull fractured; October 28, 1923.
- 635. Robert Romando, driver; finger of right hand injured; October 30, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

- 636. Emil Castoline, miner; piece of coal in eye; October 9, 1923.
- 637. Frank Gladis, miner; piece of coal struck him in right eye; October 18, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 638. Charles Mauterer, cager; lungs affected by smoke; October 1, 1923.
- 639. Jake Stowkinger, miner; left eye irritated; October 1, 1923.
- 640. John Langford, miner; right leg bruised; October 12, 1923.
- 641. Nick Beber, miner; hernia on right side; October 13, 1923.
- 642. Joe Burgin, motorman; right hand cut; October 19, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 643. Joe Karlinger, miner; loading car of coal injured right knee; October 9, 1923.
- 644. Louis Paffi, miner; middle finger of left hand injured; October 15, 1923.
- 645. James Payne, fireman; claims rupture; October 25, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 646. E. Davis, miner; injured left leg by pushing car; October 6, 1923.
- 647. Francis Pennick, tracklayer; wrench slipped and cut below right eye; October 9, 1923.
- 648. H. Mahnes, blacksmith helper; first finger on right hand injured; October 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 649. George McQueen, foreman; sprained right foot severely; October 5, 1923.
- 650. Demar Bossean, miner; sprained left leg, October 9, 1923.
- 651. Willam Discon, miner; right side sprained; October 12, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 652. Willie Doan, miner; sprained back while pushing loaded cars; October 2, 1923.
- 653. Jimmie Jordane, driver; right foot bruised; October 2, 1923.
- 654. Erwin Pittser, miner; left knee sprained; October 12, 1923.
- 655. Moses Jones, miner; left eye bruised; October 18, 1923.
- 656. George Bell, miner; piece of coal in left eye while cutting coal; October 20, 1923.
- 657. Nick Krysko, miner; left knee bruised; October 22, 1923.



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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 658. John Cheek, driver; strained right side while pushing car; October 2, 1923.
- 659. Herbert Hisle, miner; right knee bruised; October 3, 1923.
- 660. Clyde Lortz, track laborer; right eye injured; October 20, 1923.
- 661. Frank Crain, miner, fell off dirt dump; October 17, 1923.
- 662. Bartel Benedict, miner; left knee and left arm injured; October 25, 1923.
- 663. Louis Cascairo, miner; right eye injured; October 27, 1923.

NOVEMBER.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 664. Henry Jones, miner; piece of coal in left eye; November 1, 1923.
- 665. Leo Milinir, miner; back sprained while pushing car; November 4, 1923.
- 666. George Crosaglia, miner; piece of coal in eye; November 8, 1923.
- 667. Eddie Vanbesbant, miner; caught hand while lifting rock; middle finger mashed; November 21, 1923.
- 668. Clark Rateliff, driver; caught between rib and mule; bruised back and breast; November 21, 1923.
- 669. (Investigated by Clark.) Joe McAllister, shot-firer, was burned by an explosion of gas that he lit while engaged in shooting shots on the 23d of November, 1923, at about 6:30 p. m., in room 3 off seventh east back entry on east side of the mine. Upon investigation I found the room was driven up about 160 feet. There were three open crosscuts and a brattice hung from the last crosscut. Mr. McAllister was burned about the face, hands and neck.
- 670. Henry Plavier, miner; sprained left leg while lifting car on track; November 29, 1923.
- 671. Carl Kramm, miner; sprained left knee while working; November 31, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 672. Allen Hay, miner; left arm injured by pushing car; November 8, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 673. F. Ardinino, miner; left leg and arm bruised by fall of coal; November 1, 1923.
- 674. P. Wilson, miner; right foot injured by small fall of rock while drilling; November 1, 1923.
- 675. B. Rankin, miner; left arm bruised by fall of rock while mining shot; November 1, 1923.
- 676. D. Murray, motorman; bruised right shoulder by being caught between motor and rib; November 6, 1923.
- 677. John Walush, miner; head cut and body bruised by fall of rock; November 15, 1923.
- 678. A. Debecker, miner; right side hurt by fall of small piece of rock; November 15, 1923.
- 679. L. Bulguarli, miner; piece of sulphur hit left eye; November 15, 1923.
- 680. F. Meranda, miner; left side of breast injured by fall of rock while wedging same; November 19, 1923.
- 681. Frank Marely, miner; hand bruised by hitting rail while pushing a car; November 24, 1923.

Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

- 682. F. M. Loug, miner; left ankle injured by striking it on tie; November 14, 1923.
- 683. J. N. Gold, miner; bruised and injured left side by falling against side of entry; November 26, 1923.



Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 17.

684. H. Kuplin, miner; injured left knee by fall of rock; November 27, 1923.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

685. Ernest Meals, driver; bruised second and third finger of right hand by blocking some empty cars with cap board; November 1, 1923.

686. Joe Kerns, miner; piece of coal in left eye; November 13, 1923.

Kaw Valley Coal and Mining Company.

687. (Investigated by James Sherwood.) Joe Scott, miner, was injured by fall of slate, November 6, 1923, at about 8:30 a. m., in his room neck. This room is the last working place at the face and the second room turned on the entry, as the first room was stopped. This entry is only in about 150 feet. It is in the first east entry off the first south on the east side of the mine. The rock which fell was in the form of a pot rock, being broken in the center one way by the brushing, and it hung over to the left in the room neck. The rock where it broke was about 12 inches thick. It was 6 feet 9 inches long and four feet wide and came to a featheredge all around the two sides, and would weight about one ton. The partly loaded car which he was loading in the room neck caught the end of the rock, which evidently saved the man's life. The room was just turned and was up about 20 feet, and the coal was about 2 feet 8 inches high. This accident could have been prevented had Mr. Scott taken a little more time and looked over his roof cautiously. I am of the opinion he could have found the edge of the pot rock, as I am quite sure it was drawn a little at that time and had he got to the edge of it he could have detected the seam. I recommended that a little more precaution be taken when any props are to be moved. Scott was taken to the hospital at Fort Scott and it was found that one of the vertebrae in his spine was slipped.

Litchfield Coal Company, Mine No. 112 (Shovel).

688. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Ray McBride, tracklayer, was injured by an explosion while drilling out a missed shot, on November 8, 1923, at about 2 p. m. Mr. McBride had loaded this shot to shoot coal loose for the shovel and had put a detonator and one-half stick of dynamite in a hole together with some black powder. The dynamite exploded, but the black powder failed to go off, and thinking it had become wet, he attempted to drill it out and recharge it with dynamite. It is my opinion that while he was drilling this black powder out he made a spark by hitting sulphur and ignited the powder, which exploded in his face, injuring his eyes. I recommended that no more holes be drilled out, but a new hole drilled.

Patton Coal and Mining Company No. 4 (Shovel).

689. James Tipton, miner; bruised side, back and hip by fall of rock in entry while timbering; November 2, 1923.

690. Blaine Clarkson, miner; bruised leg on top of knee by fall of rock; November 15, 1923.

691. Frank Lesjack, miner; bruised back and shoulder blades by fall of rock; November 19, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

692. Matt Ulepik, miner; little finger on left hand mashed by catching it between cars; November 2, 1923.

693. August Well, miner; bruised and sprained left shoulder by getting caught between rib and car; November 17, 1923.

694. P. Sukovic, miner; sulphur cutting in eye; November 20, 1923.

695. August Blotnick, miner; right hand cut by machine post falling on hand; November 26, 1923.

696. Henry Losik, miner; left eye injured by coal flying into it; November 30, 1923.

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Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 18.

697. M. Scarzo, miner; cut over right eye and cheek by fall of slate; November 5, 1923.

698. Joe Vasselova, miner; right knee bruised by rock fall, November 8, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 20.

699. Joe Miller, topman; side bruised, muscles and ligaments torn by slipping and falling; November 2, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

700. William Scott, driver; mule pulled and squeezed him through stomach while putting car on track; November 1, 1923.

701. Frank Kurda, miner; left wrist and forearm swollen; November 1, 1923.

702. Bailey Grayson, greaser; laceration of the scrotum; November 6, 1923.

703. Jess Wade, miner; loosening of teeth by being hit in mouth by crank; November 8, 1923.

704. D. Snell, miner; finger of left hand mashed by pushing on a car; November 16, 1923.

705. Joe Zingast, shot-firer; face, hands and right forearm burned by gas; November 17, 1923.

706. Jess Wade, miner; left shoulder and right leg bruised; November 21, 1923.

707. Antone Adamic, miner; sprained back by lifting rock; November 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

708. John Ballock, topman; rust in left eye by changing sheets on shaker; November 9, 1923.

709. William Harris, miner; severely burned by gas about face, neck and arms; November 9, 1923.

710. Charlie McCable, dayman; finger of right hand injured; November 17, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

711. Lester Phelps, miner; second toe of right foot injured; November 6, 1923.

712. Thomas Heffern, miner; left leg bruised; November 13, 1923.

713. Antone Panslak, driver; finger of left hand broken by switching a trip of car; November 13, 1923.

714. John Manning, miner; right knee bruised; November 15, 1923.

715. Ed Cogee, miner; calf of right leg bruised; November 16, 1923.

716. Alex Finetti, miner; left wrist cut; November 26, 1923.

717. O. G. Parsons, miner; abscess on left eye; November 28, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

718. Thomas McEwan, roadman; piece of rock hit left eye while cutting rock; November 1, 1923.

719. Seraphine Martinache, driver; right ankle bruised; November 8, 1923.

720. Thomas Heffern, sr., miner; second and third fingers on left hand injured; November 13, 1923.

721. Victor Selok, miner; piece of rock fell from rib and hit him on left ankle; November 22, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

722. Steve Lesson, driver; right leg bruised; November 7, 1923.

723. I. Famix, miner; second finger of left hand cut; November 9, 1923.

724. Henry Cabbott, driver; hit himself on foot with pick; November 10, 1923.

725. John Billington, motor helper; fell and injured knee while throwing switch; November 11, 1923.



- 726. Joe Loth, miner; little toe on left foot broken; November 19, 1923.
- 727. Jules Gillett, driver; right knee bruised; November 21, 1923.
- 728. R. Fabrer, miner; second finger on left hand slightly cut; November 21, 1923.
- 729. Frank Wimler, miner; right forearm bruised; November 23, 1923.
- 730. K. Richard, miner; slipped and injured right knee while pushing loaded car out of room; November 23, 1923.
- 731. W. Cement, miner; piece of coal in right eye; November 27, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 19.

- 732. Martin Sabersek, roadman; right side of forehead cut; November 15, 1923.
- 733. Alexander Mark, cager; right hand sprained; November 24, 1923.
- 734. John Apner, miner; left arm injured; November 26, 1923.
- 735. Charles Lamb, laborer; left hand injured badly; November 26, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 736. Paul Martin, miner; bruised left knee by pushing loaded car; November 1, 1923.
- 737. John Seccombe, miner; nail on right hand mashed; November 1, 1923.
- 738. Eli Decruix, sprinkler; car ran upon him while switching; November 14, 1923.
- 739. Bill Riley, miner; left arm cut and bruised; November 17, 1923.
- 740. Willard Runyon, miner; thumb of left hand mashed; November 17, 1923.
- 741. Frank Inentrout, miner; piece of dirt in left eye; November 20, 1923.
- 742. John Corsini, miner; left eye injured; November 26, 1923.
- 743. Frank Alish, miner; left thumb bruised; November 26, 1923.

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Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 744. Tom Maravoa, miner; caught thumb under rock while lifting it; December 6, 1923.
- 745. Paul Herbine, miner; burned about face and arms by gas; December 13, 1923.
- 746. Frank Krabonja, miner; left leg bruised by fall of coal while mining shot; December 13, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

- 747. John Molinar, miner; hit head against timber and sprained back; December 10, 1923.
- 748. Frank Straholta, miner; hit thumb against rail while pushing car; December 12, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

- 749. Charles Nevis, engineer; right foot burned by hot cinder; December 10, 1923.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 750. Louie Ralvai, miner; sprained right shoulder while pushing car; December 4, 1923.
- 751. George Gillard, miner; piece of sulphur in right eye; December 5, 1923.
- 752. Mike Beaneti, miner; bruised left hip and shoulder by fall of small rock; December 6, 1923.
- 753. James Kennedy, miner; bruised left knee by rail; December 6, 1923.
- 754. Bryan Zurek, miner; piece of coal hit right eye; December 6, 1923.
- 755. Felix Deboth, miner; fell and bruised knee while pushing car; December 6, 1923.
- 756. Tom Gillard, motorman; back sprained by timber falling on him; December 9, 1923.



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757. John Werberger, miner; mashed little finger of right hand while mining rock; December 11, 1923.

758. Harry Robinson, miner; left hand cut by stumbling over chunk of coal; December 13, 1923.

759. Paul Boyce, miner; back and head injured by fall of rock while loading car; December 13, 1923.

760. Frank Meranca, miner; left leg bruised by fall of coal; December 13, 1923.

761. Joe Delford, miner; cut thumb while filing drill; December 17, 1923.

French & Crabb Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

762. Ernest Halstead, miner; left foot crushed by fall of rock; December 17, 1923.

Howe Coal Company, Mine No. 19.

763. Joe Bierbolt, miner; mashed finger nail by catching finger between chunks of coal; December 21, 1923.

764. Fred Marchetto, miner; right leg muscles bruised and abrasion of skin by motor pushing car upon him; December 21, 1923.

Mackie Fuel Company, Mine No. J.

765. James Grano, miner; slight cut on forehead by fall of rock; December 14, 1923.

Pittsburg Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

766. (Investigated by Glennon.) Frank Kelly, miner, was severely burned by drilling out shot, which exploded, on December 18, 1923, at about 1 p.m. The room in which this accident occurred is in about 100 feet and was about 30 feet wide at face. He had one shot tamped and drilled on the right side of his room, and also had one drilled at the face in front of the roadway. The one he was drilling out was on the left-hand side of his place. It is thought that the powder in this shot was ignited by a drill bit coming in contact with the sulphur.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

767. Fred Kirk, shot-firer; overcome by smoke; December 13, 1923.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 14.

768. Charles Toney, miner; eye injured by pick handle striking him; December 12, 1923.

Standard Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

769. William Lutes, miner; bone in his right leg fractured; December 18, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

770. William Rankin, miner; right knee bruised; December 3, 1923.

771. John Cemin, miner; sulphur in left eye; December 4, 1923.

772. James Goodman, gasman; broke leg by trip of cars; December 14, 1923.

773. William Caldwell, airman, left eye injured; December 19, 1923.

774. Walter Caldwell, driver; bruised left thigh and left side; December 19, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 14.

775. Ludwig Lenzing, miner; right shoulder and right arm and chest injured; December 6, 1923.

776. Pete Brackett, miner; right knee bruised; December 18, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

777. Fred Allyn, miner; right eye bruised; December 13, 1923.

778. Steve Slusser, miner; strained back by pushing out loaded car; December 18, 1923.

779. Earl Shopmier, driver; mule kicked him on leg; December 24, 1923.



- 780. Thomas Slack, miner; fracture of left hand; December 20, 1923.
- 781. Sylvester Potter, miner; eyeball injured; December 20, 1923.
- 782. Dave Hughes, miner; left side injured about ribs; December 27, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

- 783. Pasquale Guerrieri, miner; back sprained by pushing car; December 6, 1923.
- 784. Frank Sloper, miner; left knee injured; December 6, 1923.
- 785. Charles Beaumont, miner; left knee injured; December 11, 1923.
- 786. Thomas Bell, miner; moving brushing and sprained back; December 18, 1923.
- 787. W. H. Frere, blacksmith helper; injured right eye; December 20, 1923.
- 788. James Arthur, miner; injury to left eye by mining coal; December 27, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 18.

- 789. Frank Boggio, miner; left arm cut between wrist and elbow; December 7, 1923.
- 790. Mike Caput, miner; left side bruised; December 14, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 791. Joe Gridardini, miner; left eye bruised; December 1, 1923.
- 792. Fred Minnis, miner; arm burned and back of neck with gas; December 18, 1923.
- 793. Fred Wade, driver; back sprained; December 24, 1923.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 21.

- 794. Edward Reynolds, driver; sprained left side by stopping trip; December 20, 1923.
- 795. Will Sandwith, miner; loading car of coal and sprained right side of back; December 20, 1923.
- 796. Dan Hughes, miner; one finger of right hand broken; December 26, 1923.

PROPOSED MINING LAWS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.

Following is the proposed law concerning the securing of a permit from the state mine inspector to be allowed to sink, excavate or strip any land for the purpose of mining coal:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

SECTION 1. That any person or persons, firm or corporation who shall sink, excavate or strip, or cause to be sunk, excavated or stripped, any land for the purpose of mining coal in the state of Kansas, without receiving permission in writing from the state mine inspector, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and each day's violation or failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official newspaper of the state of Kansas.



PART TWO.

REPORT OF STATE MINE RESCUE DEPARTMENT.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

PITTSBURG, KAN., March 31, 1924.

*Hon. John H. Crawford, Judge, Court of Industrial Relations,
Topeka, Kan.:*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit to you herewith for transmittal to Hon. Jonathan M. Davis, governor, and the legislature of the state of Kansas, report covering the activities of the Kansas State Mine Rescue Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SHERWOOD,

Ex Officio Superintendent of Mine Rescue Stations.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

TOPEKA, KAN.

Hon. Jonathan M. Davis, Governor, Topeka, Kan.:

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit herewith report of James Sherwood, *ex officio* superintendent of Mine Rescue Stations, which report sets forth the activities of the Mine Rescue Department of the state of Kansas during the calendar year ending December 31, 1923.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. McDERMOTT,

Presiding Judge, Court of Industrial Relations.

PERSONNEL OF STATE MINE RESCUE DEPARTMENT.

Ex Officio Superintendent of Rescue Stations.

JAMES SHERWOOD Pittsburg.

Assistant Superintendents of Rescue Stations.

ROBERT MORRISON Pittsburg.

WILLIAM HISLOP Arma.

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FIRST-AID AND MINE-RESCUE WORK IN KANSAS DURING 1923.

During the year 1923, twenty-five first-aid and two mine-rescue certificates were issued by the Mine Rescue Department. The persons receiving these certificates were instructed in the work by Robert Morrison, superintendent of the Central Mine Rescue Station, and William Hislop, superintendent of the Arma Rescue Station. The different classes in first aid and mine rescue seemed to take great interest in the work and accomplished a degree of efficiency that was amazing.

A state-wide first-aid contest was held in Girard, Kan., on May 19, 1923, and thirteen first-aid teams participated in the event. This contest was held under the auspices of the Kansas Mine Inspection and Mine Rescue Departments, the Girard Chamber of Commerce and the United States Bureau of Mines. J. B. Hynal, C. E. Saxon and W. W. Flemming, of the Bureau of Mines, were sent into this field to train men for the contest, and were assisted by the superintendents of the State Mine Rescue Stations.

The meet was held on the west end of the square in Girard, and thirteen teams from the different mines of the state entered the contest. A team representing the Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, of Frontenac, composed of George Smith, Orvil Furgeson, Robert Tenant, George Gruber, Eprfiano Grassi and William Smith, won first place. A team representing mine No. 20 of the Western Coal and Mining Company, composed of Homer Shoup, Jakeo Shoup, Arthur Dahout, George Bell and Lewis Rees, won second place, and a team representing Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company mine No. 17, composed of Walter Brennan, W. L. O'Hara, Fred Skerbinc, Edward Gilday, Harry Bower and Henry Corner, won third place.

Six silver medals, donated by the National Safety Council, and a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to compete in the national first-aid contest were given the Dittman-Wachter Coal Company team as a reward for winning first place. Six bronze medals, also donated by the National Safety Council, were awarded the team representing mine No. 20 of the Western Coal and Mining Company, who won second place. Six miniature gold safety lamps, donated by the Mine Safety Appliances Company, were given the team representing the Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company mine No. 17 for winning third place in the contest.

A banquet was given in the evening by the Chamber of Commerce, at its rooms, to all those who participated in the meet, at which the above prizes were awarded to the winning teams for their efforts in the contest. The contest was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

A complete list of persons receiving first-aid and mine-rescue certificates from the State Mine Rescue Department follows:



FIRST-AID AND MINE-RESCUE CERTIFICATES ISSUED.

NAME.	Address.	Occupation.	Date issued.	Certificate No.
Barnes, Leslie.....	Scammon.....	Miner.....	Apr. 16	681
Bluett, Edward.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	679
Boyce, Harry.....	Franklin.....	Miner.....	Dec. 15	680
Clark, Joe.....	Girard.....	Deputy Inspector.....	Dec. 15	682
Clements, Francis.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	683
Clements, Robt.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	684
Clements, Wallace.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	685
Comstock, Albert.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	686
Dawson, John.....	Franklin.....	Miner.....	Dec. 15	687
Delaney, James.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	688
Doyle, Steven.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	689
Gilmour, George.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	690
Hannah, Lawson.....	Franklin.....	Miner.....	Dec. 15	691
Johnson, Walter.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	692
Kynion, Samuel.....	Franklin.....	Miner.....	Dec. 15	693
Lampin, Charles.....	Franklin.....	Miner.....	Dec. 15	694
Martinois, Samuel.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	695
Meiers, William.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	696
Morgan, Paul.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	697
McGraw, Eugene.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	698
McNamara, James.....	Scammon.....	Miner.....	Apr. 16	637
O'Connell, Paul.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	699
O'Connor, Jerome.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	700
Owen, Samuel.....	Scammon.....	Miner.....	Apr. 16	634
Pittmon, Eugene.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	701
Quinn, Tom.....	Pittsburg.....	Boy Scout.....	Dec. 15	702
Shaw, Ernest.....	Weir.....	Deputy Inspector.....	Dec. 15	703

MINE EXPLOSIONS.

There were just two explosions occurring in the state of Kansas during the year 1923 in which there was loss of life. One occurred at mine No. 16 of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company, the other at the T. R. & G. Coal Company mine No. 1.

The latter was a rather serious explosion, which caused the loss of four lives. T. W. Pearson, Richard Medland, Shelton Reeder and Loren Reeder were the victims. The explosion happened about 2 o'clock p. m. on March 20, 1923. This mine had been standing idle some little time previous to this date, and had not been inspected by the department before starting up again. They also did their shot-firing while men other than the shot-firers were in the mine, which is strictly in violation of the mining laws of the state of Kansas.

EXPLOSION AT JACKSON-WALKER COAL & MINING COMPANY MINE No. 16, JANUARY 31, 1923.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1923, an explosion occurred at mine No. 16 of the Jackson-Walker Coal & Mining Company. The explosion happened at about 7 o'clock p. m. Deputy Inspector Gilday heard of the explosion at about 7:30 o'clock, and called the Central Mine Rescue Station, and left his home in Frontenac for the mine. The Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company office called the Central Mine Rescue Station at 7:40.

A crew consisting of James Sherwood, state mine inspector; William Glennon, deputy state mine inspector; Geo. Farrimond, superintendent of the Central Mine Rescue Station; and D. M. Wilcox, superintendent of the Scammon Mine Rescue Station, immediately repaired to the mine, and upon arriving learned that Deputy Inspector Gilday was in the mine with a crew of men, hanging curtains and restoring ventilation.

The Central Station crew immediately entered the mine and found Gilday, Ed Grabe, one of the shot-firers, and several other men at the parting in the straight west, to which point they had extended the fresh-air base. Glennon, Farrimond and Wilcox proceeded inside, wearing breathing apparatus, to search for the shot-firer, Robert Howell, and located him in the first south entry, inside the parting, just in by the back entry curtain. He was dead when found. He did not seem to have been injured by the force of the explosion, and he was not burned, but apparently suffocated from the after-damp of the explosion.

The explosion damaged the west side of the mine, but did not reach the shaft bottom. Ed Grabe, the other shot-firer, was on the east side of the mine and felt the force of the explosion. He immediately came on top and notified them that an explosion had occurred and went back down to search for Howell.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1923, James Sherwood, state mine inspector; William Glennon, deputy state mine inspector; P. E. Keegan, clerk; and William Hislop, superintendent of the Arma Mine Rescue Station, went to mine No. 16 of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company to make an investigation into the cause of the explosion which occurred on the night of January 31, causing the death of Robert W. Howell, one of the shot-firers. We were accompanied on this investigation by John B. Fulton, superintendent of the Jackson-Walker Coal and Mining Company; William Martin, mine