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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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Doctor Barns examined him and said his death was due to his right side being crushed. Mr. Johnson was 67 years of age.

5. (Investigated by Shaw.) JOHN FULLER, miner, was instantly killed by a fall of rock at the Sunflower Coal Company mine at 1:30 p. m. on April 7, 1926. Mr. Fuller was in the act of loading a car when the accident occurred. The rock struck Mr. Fuller on the head and shoulder, pinning his head down between his knees, in which position he was found by other miners who went to his assistance. The rock measured 10 feet long, 8 feet wide and 6 inches thick on the thin edge and 8 inches thick on the thick edge, and 7 inches thick through the center. There were four props set in position in the mouth of the room neck and 14 other props of suitable length at hand. It was 14 feet from the entry rail to the coal face of the room, which measured 3 feet 6 inches. The room was 9 feet wide at the point where the rock fell. Mr. Fuller was 33 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children.

6, 7, 8 and 9. (Investigated by Sherwood, Glennon and Shaw.) There was an explosion of gas, caused by an arc, at the Utility Coal Company, better known as the "Cigarette" mine, at Cherokee, Kan., on May 14, 1926, which caused the loss of four lives, HALLIE JAMESON, CROCHETT JAMESON, JAMES JAMESON and GEORGE HOLLIS, a bystander. (For further details see heading, "Explosions.")

10. (Investigated by Sherwood.) WILLIAM MULHOLLAND, was fatally burned at the Litchfield Coal Company, steam shovel, on May 24, 1926, at about 3:45 p. m. C. A. Carpenter, who was working with Mr. Mulholland, was also severely burned by the premature blast and it was thought he wouldn't live, but eventually he regained his health. These men were drilling and shooting the high wall behind the shovel. The hole they drilled was 28 feet deep and had been sprung with ten sticks of 60 per cent dynamite, and after springing the hole they poured in seven kegs of black powder and had three more opened ready to pour in the hole when the powder in the hole was ignited and "went off," setting off those three kegs that were nearby. The explosion of the three kegs that were near the hole was the cause of the two men being burned. This premature blast must have been caused by a "hot hole," as the nearest engine was 900 feet. Mr. Mulholland was taken to a hospital and died shortly after. He was married and had a family. Mr. Sherwood visited Mr. Carpenter, who lives in Mulberry, and he was found in no condition to converse. (More details under heading, "Explosions.")

11. (Investigated by Glennon.) PRES WIDNER, tracklayer, was instantly killed at the Central Coal & Coke Company mine No. 51 by a fall of rock on July 21, 1926, at about 8:50 a. m. He was at work on a parting in the tenth west off the first north on the west side of the mine. He was in the act of cutting a hitching on the left side of the parting when the accident occurred. The parting is about 300 feet long and he was at work at a point about 100 feet from the inside end. The entry was 16 feet wide at this point and the roof was well protected with timber. The rock that killed Mr. Widner was 6 feet ten inches wide and 2 feet 3 inches thick. It was Mr. Glennon's opinion that this was an unforeseen accident. Mr. Widner was 60 years of age.

12. (Investigated by Glennon.) JOHN HOWARD, cutting machine helper, was electrocuted on a mining machine at the Sheridan Coal Company mine No. 21, on September 21, 1926, at about 10:30 p. m., in room No. 3 off the back entry off the second north on the west side of the mine. The room was driven in 70 feet and was just inside of a slip. The machine was standing back 25 feet from the face, and was in a place where a horseback had been cut. It was about 6 or 7 feet wide at this place. Mr. Howard had gone in between the rib and the machine to take the cable off of the top of the machine, and in taking it off there was a bare spot in the cable where it had worn, leaving a wire about the size of a pin head exposed. This coming in contact with the machine caused a short current and this current went through Mr. Howard's

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body, causing his death. Mr. Howard was 24 years of age and leaves a wife and child.

13. (Investigated by Sherwood.) WILLIAM FRICK, miner, was killed by a fall of rock at the Dittman-Wachter Coal Company mine No. 2, on October 14, 1926, at about 1:30 p.m. The rock fell at the face of his room and measured about 5 feet 7 inches one way and 7 feet the other, and was a V-shaped rock. It was about 5 inches thick, except the outer edge, which was about 10 inches thick. This rock was estimated to weigh about 600 pounds. It was what is known as a "pot rock." The room was 15 feet 3 inches wide where the rock fell. There was one prop setting 7 feet 6 inches from outby the rock on the left-hand side. Two props 15 feet from the face and about 12 feet from the rock were found set. The room was well timbered except on the right, where there could have been more props, but would consider it fairly well timbered. The coal measured 3 feet 3 inches against the edge of the rock fall. There were twelve props close to the face measuring as follows: Five props, 3 feet 4 inches; four props, 3 feet; two props, 3 feet 2 inches; one prop, 3 feet 1 inch, and also several cap pieces were at hand. Twenty-seven feet back there were thirty-four cap boards and eleven props 3 feet 4 inches long. The room was up to 108 feet and was 43 feet to first crosscut on the left coming in the room. Outby from the face on the right side was a crosscut about 65 feet from the face. There were also several props at the switch of this place. This accident is what one would call an unforeseen accident and would happen to any miner as there was plenty timber available and the place was well timbered. Mr. Frick was 24 years of age and leaves a wife but no children.

14. (Investigated by Sherwood.) ARTHUR ATKINS, cager, was fatally injured at the Mendicki Coal Company, formerly No. 14 Sheridan, on October 27, 1926, at about 9 a.m. This accident occurred when Mr. Atkins was putting a car on the cage and Mendicki went to help him, and Mendicki being on the left side where the lever was "dogged" to the car. He failed to pull the lever and as the car started over the cage, the cager grabbed hold of the car to pull it back on the cage and according to the evidence procured, Mendicki went to pull the "dog" lever and must have rung the bell instead and he jumped and caught the car with the cager just as the engineer started to hoist and as the cage left Mendicki says he caught the hand-hold on the top of the cage and as the cage went up, the car caught the ring set and pulled the car off on the north side and dumped the cage which caught Atkins between the cage and the cribbing. He was caught fast at the knees, Mendicki having only had one leg fast, was released at once. They worked till noon and could not release Atkins. Then they obtained an acetylene torch and tried to burn the cage apart, but there were two bolts just under Atkins, so they could not burn them to loosen the cage. There were three men at work all the time on this cage and they were the engineer, the man with the torch and Mr. Thomas Richardson, Jr. There were no means available to release Mr. Atkins, so they sent for Mr. Whistler, the man who built the cage, and he came about 4:30 p.m. Atkins died at about 5:15 p.m. He was not taken out until 6:15 p.m. The cage could have been loosened sooner, but when they would work near Atkins he would moan and say they were hurting him, and this made the work slow and tedious. Atkins died just as soon as the pressure was released. Both of his legs were crushed and his body was badly bruised. Undoubtedly he would not have lived had he been liberated at once. Mr. Atkins was 38 years of age. He leaves a wife and child.

Mr. Sherwood, chief mine inspector, was inspecting another mine when this accident occurred, and on his return to the office about 2 p.m. he was informed of this accident. He immediately left the office to go to the Mendicki mine, and on his arrival found they were using every means available to release the man. He had some new rope brought to the mine to hoist the cage and stayed until 5 p.m., as there were no headlights on his car, and hastened back to the office to answer calls that were coming in from the mines.

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William Glennon, Ernest Shaw, deputy mine inspectors; William Hislop, superintendent of the Central Rescue Station, and Jess Rogers, superintendent of the Arma Rescue Station, remained at the mine until Mr. Atkins was released.

NOTE.—With proper management, this accident would not have happened and should not have happened. An air bell was ordered to be put on, that pushes from the bottom, and no person should be allowed near the cage but the cager.

15. (Investigated by Glennon.) SYLVESTER SRAY, miner, was instantly killed at the Ryan & Reidy Coal Company mine on November 2, 1926, at about 10:24 a. m., by a fall of rock in the fourth south off the fourth west on the south side of the mine in room No. 7. Mr. Sray and another man, Mr. Chrepensek, were working together brushing a sly through for an empty track and were gobbing rock in room No. 7 when the rock fell on Mr. Sray. There were about three more brushing shots left to be shot down to connect this room with the entry. The men were busy throwing rock back to make room for more rock as this accident occurred. The rock broke in two pieces when it fell. The piece that caught Mr. Sray was 10 feet 6 inches long, 2 feet 10 inches wide, and 5 inches thick and tapered to a feather edge. The other piece measured 5 feet long, 3 feet wide and about 6 inches thick on one side and gradually tapered to a feather edge, and fell so that it was leaning against the props that were set. There were a bunch of 2 feet 8 inch props set from where Mr. Sray was taken out from under the rock.

16. (Investigated by Sherwood and Glennon.) JOE OSTERFELT, cager, was killed at the Frontenac & Pittsburg Coal Company, formerly No. 17 Jackson-Walker Coal & Mining Company, on November 22, 1926, at 8:55 a. m. Mr. Osterfelt was caging extra and had put a loaded car on the cage and belled it away. The car jumped the "dogs" and he jumped over after the car. The engineer took the cage away and Mr. Osterfelt was caught between the cage and the cribbing, and he was brought up to about 6 feet below the landing. The shaft is 160 feet deep. Mr. Murphy, mine foreman, was standing back about 50 feet and saw Mr. Osterfelt put the car on the cage and ring the bell, and also saw him start over the cage to catch the car that had jumped the "dogs" on the cage. Mr. Murphy also heard him scream, and he ran to the bell and rang the bell to stop the cage. The cage was hoisted to within 6 feet of the ground landing, however, before the engineer got the bell to stop the cage. Mr. Osterfelt was single and 40 years of age.

This is one of the many accidents that happen from lack of thought. It was recommended that all cagers be cautioned, in all cases of this kind, to ring the engineer to stop the cage before he attempts to cross the cage. Mr. Murphy said that he had cautioned his cagers many times to do this.



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Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

1. E. Pencil, driver; left side hurt by falling on rail while pulling loaded car; January 2, 1926.
2. Joe Ocerik, miner; sprained back while pushing car; January 2, 1926.
3. Joe Brookman, miner; nose and back injured by falling caused by stepping on haulage rope; January 11, 1926.
4. C. Stimac, miner; eye injured by piece of coal falling and hitting same while mining off shot; January 13, 1926.
5. A. McAlister, miner; sprained back while lifting car on track; January 25, 1926.
6. Ed Brainart, driver; right hand caught while putting on spragg; January 26, 1926.
7. Charles Russell, miner; mining off shot and coal fell, hitting right eye; January 26, 1926.
8. Dave Crawley, topman; right hand injured by being caught while closing door; January 29, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

9. William McKnight, fireman; back burnt by steam from exhaust; January 2, 1926.
10. William Huber, driver; toe of left foot injured while pushing pit car; January 2, 1926.
11. Frank Fioranti, miner; digging tie hole, and piece of rock flew in left eye; January 2, 1926.
12. (Investigated by Glennon.) James Kennedy was injured at the Central Coal and Coke Company Mine No. 51 on January 5, 1926, at about 8:15 a. m., by a fall of rock. He was injured on the entry in the tenth east back entry about 15 feet from the latch of the second north straight entry on the east side of the mine. The rock was cleaned up when the investigation was made. The foreman informed the deputy that the rock was about 9 feet long, 4½ feet wide and from 4 to 6 inches thick.
13. Oscar De Riddler, miner; piece of rock flew in right eye while cutting horseback; January 5, 1926.
14. Marco Sepick, miner; sick at stomach while shoveling coal and got into bad air; January 5, 1926.
15. Frank Klinkon, miner; right knee injured by slipping while pushing car; January 7, 1926.
16. Sam Allen, driver; left foot injured by getting down in front of car and being caught; January 11, 1926.
17. John Chiolino, miner, thumb of left hand bruised by being caught while pushing car; January 18, 1926.
18. Clint Rowe, driver; sprained back while lifting empty car on track; January 21, 1926.
19. Charles Fliss, empty puller; piece of coal fell down shaft, hitting right hand, injuring it; January 21, 1926.
20. Syd Gillard, driver; finger injured by being caught when car jumped track; January 22, 1926.
21. — Conrad, miner; lungs and body weakened by bad air; January 26, 1926.
22. Syd Gillard, driver; mouth injured while pushing car, hitting tie which flew in mouth; January 27, 1926.

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23. Virgil Kieth, miner; lungs, shoulders and muscles sore from bad air; January 28, 1926.

24. Joe Korner, miner; right groin strained while lifting loaded car; January 29, 1926.

Crawford County Coal Company.

25. Mark Darrow, driver; left hand injured by being caught in trip of cars; January 25, 1926.

Ferns and Lyons Coal Company.

26. (Investigated by Shaw.) John Dixon and George Lanning, miners, were injured by fall of rock at the Ferns and Lyons Coal Company on January 26, 1926, at about 8:30 a.m. These men were injured while repairing a track in the sixth south straight entry, where they were employed pulling pillars. The rock that fell was broken in two pieces; the large piece was 8 inches thick, 7 feet 10 inches long and 21 feet wide and the small piece was 7 inches thick, 4 feet 10 inches long and 2 feet 3 inches wide. Mr. Dixon suffered injuries about the back and hips and Mr. Lanning suffered a bruised right arm and foot.

Home Riverside Coal Mines Company, Mine No. 1.

27. Frank Snarcian, miner; burnt face, neck and arms by explosion of gas; January 27, 1926.

Mertz Bros. Coal Company.

28. Paul Bernardi, driver; left leg broken by fall of rock; January 9, 1926.

Motor Coal Company.

29. Joe Kroratz, miner; chest and shoulders slightly bruised; fall of rock; January 6, 1926.

30. Andrew Crowder; top man; eye slightly injured by coal flying in it; January 8, 1926.

31. Jule Merchant, miner; left hand bruised by fall of rock; January 27, 1926.

Osage Labor Exchange Coal Company.

32. (Investigated by Miller.) Eugene Blanchet, miner, was burned about the face and hands at the Osage Labor Exchange Coal Company on January 14, 1926, by carbide gas. This carbide gas was caused by the miners dumping their discarded carbide in an old carbide can and some one had put the lid on and as the mine is wet, this carbide drew the dampness. When Mr. Planchet lifted the lid off this can, and he wearing a carbide lamp on his cap, this explosion was caused as the gas was ignited by the open light. Recommendations were left by the deputy to avoid the accumulation of carbide discarded by the miners and to leave the container uncovered which would prevent the formation of gas.

Prosperous Coal Company, Mine No. 1.

33. Fate Jones, driver; ankle injured by a trip of cars running into mine door; January 22, 1926.

Spider Coal Company.

34. A man (name unknown) was slightly injured at the Spider Coal Company on January 16, 1926.

Walker Coal Company (Strip Pit).

35. (Investigated by McGavran.) John Pryor, was injured at the Walker Coal Company on January 20, 1926, at about 10:30 a. m. This accident occurred while Mr. Pryor was trying to move a pump with a jack and one of the "dogs" slipped and caught Mr. Pryor's left hand which broke a few bones and mashed his hand.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

36. Robert Torbet, miner; left eye injured; January 7, 1926.
37. Tony Pozum, miner; injured his right wrist; January 12, 1926.
38. William Delaney, miner; left ankle bruised; January 20, 1926.
39. Joe Kness, miner; ankle injured; January 20, 1926.
40. Bailey Grayson, miner; coal in right eye; January 30, 1926.
41. Charles Burke, miner; sprained small of back; January 30, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

42. Charles Knaup, miner; small of back and left side sprained; January 9, 1926.
43. Frank Tersina, miner; nail torn off of right finger of right hand; January 14, 1926.
44. Robert Lynch, miner; left foot bruised and sprained; January 15, 1926.
45. James C. Raie, driver; index finger of left hand injured; January 20, 1926.
46. John Digite, miner; toes of left foot bruised; January 22, 1926.
47. Vic Pastori, miner; bruised left side and back; January 26, 1926.
48. Red Newberry, miner; fourth finger on right hand injured; January 27, 1926.
49. John M. Carr, fireman, instep of left foot bruised; January 30, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

50. John Clelland alleges he hurt his left eye while working on pump; January 23, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

51. Frank Leory, driver; back sprained; January 7, 1926.
52. Harold Mahanes, blacksmith helper; left eye bruised; January 7, 1926.
53. L. Lepo, miner; third finger on right hand bruised; January 8, 1926.
54. Joe Merceiz, driver; back sprained; January 10, 1926.
55. Matt Liposek, miner; back of neck burned slightly; January 12, 1926.
56. William Hutsell, miner; left eye injured; January 14, 1926.
57. Antone Malis, miner; alleges bad air; January 16, 1926.
58. John Cressent, driver; slightly cut on upper lip and some teeth loose; January 16, 1926.
59. Lewis Trego, driver; right foot bruised; January 27, 1926.
60. Moses Jones, miner; back bruised; January 27, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

61. Joe Supon, miner; back injured; January 13, 1926.
62. Robert Steel, miner; middle and fourth fingers of left hand cut; January 14, 1926.
63. Alonzo Cabasco, track laborer, small piece of chisel struck left hand between second and third knuckles; January 6, 1926.
64. James Uhles, laborer, right leg and knee injured; January 31, 1926.

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Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

65. William Sarley, driver; second finger of right hand injured by coupling trip and driver bumped into his trip; February 9, 1926.
66. John Craddock, miner; left side injured by pushing loaded car and foot slipped; February 13, 1926.
67. A. Dehiarde, miner; pushing car which caused hernia; February 17, 1926.
68. Joe Cargrat, miner; pushing car and slipped, right hand injured; February 17, 1926.
69. Matt Kuder, miner; piece of coal flew in left eye while mining off shot; February 24, 1926.



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70. Pete Vegnassa, timberman; right hand bruised by hitting it on car; February 26, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

71. William Benbow, miner; sick from bad air; February 1, 1926.

72. Harry Casebeer, shotfirer; hernia, caused by crawling over rock; February 1, 1926.

73. Arthur Canali, miner; left eye injured by piece of coal hitting it while cutting same; February 4, 1926.

74. Toney Simoncic, miner; while digging sulphur hit right eye; February 6, 1926.

75. L. S. Harriston, miner; back and head injured by fall of small rock; February 17, 1926.

76. Fletcher White, miner; back sprained by lifting rock; February 25, 1926.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

77. John Didier, driver; sprained back; February 18, 1926.

78. J. C. Tetros, miner; bruised knee by bumping it against coal; February 24, 1926.

Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9.

79. Pete Leara, miner; wrenched back above hips; February 3, 1926.

80. Joa Femec, miner; bruised leg below knee; February 5, 1926.

81. Orval Lane, miner; strained ligaments in left side; February 17, 1926.

82. Vergil Majors, miner; bruised left leg by a rail; February 17, 1926.

83. Delbert Frisbil, miner; bruised between shoulders and neck; February 18, 1926.

84. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Robert Simimick, miner, was injured at the Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9, on February 19, 1926, at about 12 p. m. by fall of rock. The rock which fell on Mr. Simimick measured 4 feet 8 inches long, 3 feet 8 inches wide and 1½ inches thick. Mr. Simimick was slightly injured.

85. Manuel Majors, miner; bone broken in right leg above the ankle and muscle torn loose; February 20, 1926.

86. John Doris, miner; sprained leg at knee joint; February 20, 1926.

87. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Sam Majors, shotfirer, was injured at the Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9, on February 20, 1926, at about 7:20 p. m., by explosion of gas. This accident occurred while firing shots in the second east off the third north on the east side. I took a reading in this room and got a register of 1,600 cubic feet. I found the explosion of gas had shaken all the stoppings in the second east and came out to third north, a distance of about 400 feet. Majors lighted the gas at the last crosscut, about 30 feet from the face. Mr. Majors was burned about the arms, hands, back and neck.

Mine Creek Coal Company.

88. L. Robinson miner; sprained back by fall of rock; February 8, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

89. John Schenk, miner; left eye injured; February 15, 1926.

90. John Walker, miner; right hand injured; February 19, 1926.

91. Frank Bergant, miner; back and large toe on left foot injured; February 23, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

92. Tom Moffatt, miner; injured in small of back; February 2, 1926.

93. George Banks, fireman; steam burned about face and wrist; February 18, 1926.

94. Earl Sopmire, driver; left leg bruised and left side bruised; February 19, 1926.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

95. Walter Krysko, miner; third finger on right hand bruised; February 2, 1926.
96. Thomas Davis, miner; right knee bruised; February 13, 1926.
97. Willard Runyon, miner; right leg injured; February 19, 1926.
98. Charles Runge, miner; left foot bruised; February 9, 1926.
99. Joe Casaro, miner; left eye injured; February 12, 1926.
100. Gilbert Gaylord, miner; first finger on right hand injured; February 16, 1926.
101. Desire Falliaux, miner; right knee bruised; February 17, 1926.
102. Lyman Morgan, loadman; first finger on right hand bruised; February 18, 1926.
103. Frank Merceiz, miner; sprained back; February 20, 1926.
104. Ramey Jumet, miner; right eye bruised; February 20, 1926.
105. Jack Morgan, miner; bruised right knee; February 20, 1926.
106. George White, miner; little toe of left foot injured; February 24, 1926.

Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company, Mine No. 3.

107. Louis Deboth, miner; leg injured between two cars; February 12, 1926.
108. Clark McCabe, mine; coal in eye; February 12, 1926.
109. Steve Galimbutoo, miner; piece of coal hit finger; February 14, 1926.
110. Jack Collins, miner; injured by fall of rock; February 15, 1926.
111. H. Wetstein, miner; sick by bad air; February 16, 1926.
112. John Ricci, Miner; piece of coal flew in eye while mining off shot; February 23, 1926.

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113. John Marcia, miner; right hand injured by being caught by empty car; March 5, 1926.
114. H. Plower, miner; left shoulder and arm burned by gas being lit while shoveling coal; March 10, 1926.
115. Joe Festin, miner; right side injured by piece of coal falling while mining off shot; March 23, 1926.
116. Joe Juman, miner; right knee injured by hitting knee against sharp rock; March 23, 1926.
117. William Masterson, miner; right foot injured by coal falling on foot while mining off shot; March 28, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

118. Henry Hopkins, gas man; pulling timber and it hit him in stomach; March 9, 1926.
119. Jacob Wettstein, miner; left knee bruised while loading car; March 10, 1926.
120. Marko Sepick, miner; alleges bad air; March 10, 1926.

City Coal Company.

121. (Investigated by Glennon.) Everett Murrar, miner, was injured by fall of rock at the City Coal Company on March 23, 1926, at about 10:40 a.m. He was injured in the second working room off the north. The room was driven in 119 feet from the entry rail to the face. The rock that fell on him broke in three pieces and he was injured about the back and shoulders.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

122. Valentine Patarim, miner; bruised thumb with wedge; March 15, 1926.

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Gubbio Coal Company.

123. (Investigated by Glennon.) Joe and Tony Kreus, brothers, were injured by a premature explosion of a shot at the Gubbio Coal Company mine on March 18, 1926, at about 2:30 p.m. This accident occurred in room two in the second south straight entry. The room was in 175 feet from the entry switch and the shot was in the center of the room at the face. The hole had been drilled to a depth of about 6 feet and the shot was fine and had been placed well. These boys had two shots in the room and had the powder in the other hole, but after the accident occurred the mine foreman and the owner took the powder out of the hole. The boys were working together in this room and Tony was tamping the hole, while the other boy was going to load a car, when the accident occurred. The shot threw very little coal, according to one of the boys. These boys were burned about the face and arms.

Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9.

124. Sam Benso, miner; piece of coal struck him in left eye; March 11, 1926.

125. Martin Justauet, miner; rock struck him on right knee; March 12, 1926.

126. Andy Majors, miner; cut and bruised on head and face by fall of rock; March 13, 1926.

Osage Miners Fuel Coal Company.

127. Ellis Johnson, miner; slightly injured by fall of dirt at face of room; March 23, 1926.

Patton Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 7.

128. (Investigated by McGavran.) D. Newman, miner, was burned by gas at the Patton Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 7, on March 2, at about 8:30 a.m. He worked in the fifteenth south off the northeast in second working place. His room was in 48 feet; no crosscut. He was burned about the face, arms and hands and his light was extinguished by the force of the explosion of gas.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

129. D. V. Delaney, motorman; left side of back hurt; March 15, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

130. Sam Haslan, miner; big toe of right foot injured; March 9, 1926.

131. Roger Frere, miner; right eye injured; March 10, 1926.

132. John Mauser, driver; bruised on left side; March 10, 1926.

133. John Lepo, shotfirer; slight burns about ears and face; March 16, 1926.

134. Harold Beam, miner; second finger of left hand injured; March 24, 1926.

135. William Maltby, miner; left eye injured; March 30, 1926.

136. Harrison Schoonover, miner; middle finger of right hand injured; March 30, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 16.

137. George Holt, mechanic; right hip and both legs injured; March 28, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

138. Francis Pennick, tracklayer, right eye bruised; March 3, 1926.

139. Laurence Baratone, company man; sprained back; March 6, 1926.

140. John Martin, miner, second and third fingers on right hand bruised; March 10, 1926.

141. A. Dubus, miner; right eye injured; March 19, 1926.

142. Theodore Bittacci, miner; right leg strained; March 19, 1926.

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143. Frank Lessen, driver; second and third fingers of left hand injured; March 20, 1926.

144. Joe Logodice, miner; alleges back sprained; March 25, 1926.

Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company, Mine No. 3.

145. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Pete Kukovich, miner, was injured at the Wilbert-Schreeb Coal Company, No. 3, on March 12, 1926, at about 11 a. m. by fall of rock. The accident occurred in the 6th west back entry near the face. He was an entry man and apparently was cleaning up a brushing when the rock fell on his left leg. The rock measured 3 feet 3 inches wide and about 4 inches thick. This accident would not have happened had the place been properly timbered.

APRIL.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

146. John Harvey, miner; back injured by coal falling on him while mining off shot; April 7, 1926.

147. George Bruno, driver; bruised about body by cars running upon him; April 9, 1926.

148. A Kirkwood, airman; rib fractured by falling on rock; April 22, 1926.

Crowe Coal Company, Mine No. 24.

149. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Howard A. Scott was injured at the Crowe Coal Company, steam shovel No. 24, on April 28, 1926, at about 11:30 a. m. Mr. Scott was driver of a locomotive and the accident occurred when he stopped the engine and threw the switch, as he had no helper. The cars had bumped into the engine and started, and as he stepped on the engine and reached for the throttle his foot slipped on the bumper-plate, allowing him to fall in front of the locomotive. The bumper struck him above the hip, fracturing his pelvis bone and dislocating his hip bone. His left foot was injured and had to be amputated between the ankle and knee; also his right shoulder blades were broken.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

150. Jose Guterz, miner; eye bruised by piece of sulphur; April 9, 1926.

Last Chance Coal Company.

151. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Jay Fuller, cager, was injured at the Last Chance Coal Company mine on April 2 at about 9 a. m. No one seems to know how this accident happened, but the engineer stated that Mr. Fuller called up to him that that would be the last car, and when the engineer lowered the cage he thought he felt the cage strike something about 5 feet from the bottom and he slowed up the cage, by putting on the brake. When the driver came out he found the cager's lamp, and on looking for him found him in the sump, but how he got there no one knows.

Mertz Bros. Coal Company.

152. Fred Krembush, miner; bruised back by slipping on rail; April 2, 1926.

Moore Coal Company.

153. (Investigated by Glennon.) Antone Masotti, miner, was injured at the Moore Coal Company on April 22, 1926, by pulling down a rock and striking his foot.

154. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Thomas Heslop, miner, was injured at the Moore Coal Company mine on April 23, 1926, at about 8:30 a. m., by a fall of rock. Mr. Heslop was injured while turning a room. He knew this rock was loose and was ready to prop it when the rock fell. He said he did not think it would fall, as it was narrow and was not more than six feet from



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the timber to the face, but there was a slip on one side and it broke off the prop on the other side. Mr. Heslop's left leg was broken between the ankle and knee; also the lower part of his abdomen was injured.

Motor Coal Company.

155. George Fox, miner; first finger on left hand mashed by fall of coal; April 6, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

156. Antony Neary, miner; right ear cut; April 2, 1926.

157. Robert Dewberry, miner; coal in eye; April 8, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

158. Richard Sopak, miner; finger on left hand injured; April 2, 1926.

159. John Mulligan, miner; left eye injured; April 2, 1926.

160. William Coop, miner; middle finger on left hand injured; April 2, 1926.

161. P. J. Keegan, weighman; left eye injured; April 15, 1926.

162. Louis Mancini, miner; injury.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

163. Nick Lechen, Jr., miner; left side strained slightly; April 2, 1926.

164. John Blessant, miner; both arms and face burned slightly; April 2, 1926.

165. Dave Carr, driver; left eye bruised; April 3, 1926.

166. Lue Blasco, miner; left eye bruised; April 5, 1926.

167. Joe Camerioti, miner; left eye bruised; April 7, 1926.

168. John Tira, driver; left eye bruised; April 9, 1926.

169. Frank Esentrou, miner; right foot bruised; April 14, 1926.

170. John Martin, miner; back of neck and back burned slightly; April 21, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

171. Isadore Staffaroni, miner; back injured by fall of rock; April 13, 1926.

172. Alec Menghini, miner; back sprained; April 30, 1926.

173. George Rodek, section laborer; sprained back; April 30, 1926.

Wilbert and Screeb Coal Company, Mine No. 3.

174. Pete Kikovich, miner; leg injured by fall of rock; April 12, 1926.

MAY.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

175. H. Brancart, miner; piece of coal fell on left foot, injuring it; May 2, 1926.

176. Ed Brady, blacksmith; piece of steel flew in left eye while he was grinding cutter; May 7, 1926.

177. (Investigated by Glennon.) Joe Umek, miner, was injured at the Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45, on May 7, 1926, at about 3:30 p.m., by fall of rock in the straight ninth south entry on the west side of the mine. The rock was in two pieces, one piece was 5 feet long, 2 feet 10 inches wide, and would average about 5 inches in thickness. The other piece was 2 feet 8 inches long, 2 feet wide and about 3 inches thick. It was 22 feet from the inside edge of the rock to the face and 28 feet to where he was caught. Mr. Umek was preparing to shoot a brushing shot when the accident occurred. Mr. Umek's back was injured by this fall of rock.

178. H. Plower, miner; injured hand by pushing car; May 8, 1926.

179. Robert Fields, miner; burned about face and arms; May 11, 1926.

180. Matt Rapce, miner; cutting and piece of coal flew in eye; May 20, 1926.



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181. S. W. Edmonds, miner; mashed thumb by removing dirt; May 20, 1926.

182. M. Tonnour, miner; right foot injured by pulling car and fell; May 20, 1926.

183. William Sarley, driver; lifting car on track and sprained side; May 21, 1926.

184. A. Midoux, miner; pushing car and sprained back; May 26, 1926.

185. S. Stimac, miner; pulling rails down and piece fell on hand; May 26, 1926.

Crowe Coal Company, Mine No. 24.

186. (Investigated by Shaw.) John Masterson was injured at Crowe Coal Company, steam shovel No. 24, on May 16, at about 3 p.m. Mr. Masterson was in the act of tightening up a sway cap, and in some manner slipped and fell on the coal face, a distance of about 14 feet. His left knee was fractured; also his right forearm was fractured and his right ankle was badly sprained.

Litchfield Coal Company, Mine No. 112.

187. (Investigated by Sherwood.) C. A. Carpenter was severely burned by a premature blast at the Litchfield Coal Company, steam shovel No. 112, on May 24, 1926. Mr. Carpenter was accompanied in this work by William Mulholland, who died shortly after the blast. (Details of this accident will be found under heading, "Explosions.")

Motor Coal Company.

188. William Willkie, miner; cut his finger on a drill; May 4, 1926.

189. Ray Smith, day man; finger slightly bruised while coupling cars; May 5, 1926.

Prosperous Coal Company.

190. Albert Silva, driver; bumped knee by trying to stop car; May 10, 1926.

C. & G. Coal Company.

191. (Investigated by Glennon.) B. J. Howard, miner, was injured at the C. & G. Coal Company, on May 10, 1926, at about 8 a.m. by fall of rock. The rock that struck him fell from the entry as Mr. Howard was pushing a car out of his room in the stub east off of the first northwest. The rock measured 2 feet 10 inches long and 14 inches wide and about 3 inches thick. Mr. Howard's right leg was broken about two inches above the ankle.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

192. Harry Irwin, fireman; right wrist cut; May 13, 1926.

193. J. J. Delaney, foreman; third finger cut and bruised; May 18, 1926.

194. Henry Goodman, miner; pain in left side of abdomen; May 28, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

195. Ashel Wauthier, tracklayer; right knee bruised; May 12, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

196. George Hermant, miner; left eye bruised; May 3, 1926.

197. Frank Leroy, driver; left eye injured; May 4, 1926.

198. Tony Police, miner; left knee injured; May 11, 1926.

199. Nick Lechien, miner; right eye bruised; May 13, 1926.

200. Martin Gorane, miner; left shoulder bruised; May 17, 1926.

201. Fred Minis, miner; middle finger on right hand bruised; May 17, 1926.

202. George Rice; driver; first and second finger on left hand bruised; May 17, 1926.

203. Tony Kravat, miner; arms and back burned; May 21, 1926.

204. Lenaldo Giacometti, miner; alleges he injured right eye; May 26, 1926.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 205. Nester Farabi, miner; sprained back; May 1, 1926.
- 206. Thomas Davis, timbering; big toe of right foot severely bruised; May 3, 1926.
- 207. Baldo Barletti, miner; leg sprained around knee; May 22, 1926.

JUNE.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 208. L. Dubray, miner; right leg hurt by pushing car and slipping; June 16, 1926.
- 209. Fred Cowan, load-dropper; sprained foot by helping cager push car on cage which jumped the track; June 18, 1926.
- 210. Tony Tyder, miner; working in crosscut and blocked himself with coal, and got down in bad air; June 22, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 211. John Bruke, timberman; foot slipped and strained knee; June 24, 1926.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 212. Dominic Vandelli, miner; bruised hip; June 7, 1926.
- 213. Louis Rifel, miner; bruised finger; June 14, 1926.
- 214. Edward Thuillez, miner; bruise over left eye by fall of rock, June 23, 1926.
- 215. Joseph Berk, miner; bruised foot; June 23, 1926.

Prosperous Coal Company.

- 216. Herbert Forsyth, cager; bruises on body from shot; June 2, 1926.
- 217. Robert Burns, miner; bad air; June 29, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 218. Frank Setina, miner; left ankle and side of head injured; June 1, 1926.
- 219. Rudolph Dollar; injury not known; June 1, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 220. John Mulligan, miner; slipped and fell; June 8, 1926.
- 221. William Dupru, miner; left elbow injured; June 28, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

222. (Investigated by Glennon.) John Holt was injured at the Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20, on June 20, 1926, at about 11:30 a. m. in the second east back entry off the north. This entry is going to the "raise" and is a hard push up with empties, so the men back-switch their loads so the driver can pull the empties up to the face. A man who was turning a room had a loaded car and was letting it down the entry to the back-switch as the driver was coming in. The driver stopped his trip and went up ahead of his mule to stop the car, but it was coming too fast, so he dodged in the first room to get out of the way, but did not get his foot off the track in time, which was crushed by the car.

- 223. Carl Bouch, miner; left side strained; June 3, 1926.
- 224. John W. Teasdale, miner; bruised back; June 9, 1926.
- 225. Pete Golleher, miner; third finger of left hand cut; June 16, 1926.
- 226. Joe Dernosich, miner; right eye injured; June 17, 1926.
- 227. Henry Lechien, miner; left eye bruised; June 17, 1926.
- 228. Joe Decaro, miner; back sprained; June 21, 1926.
- 229. John Miller, miner; left hand bruised; June 24, 1926.
- 230. Paul Giovagnoly, miner; alleges right eye injured; June 29, 1926.
- 231. Jim Musso, miner; right wrist sprained; June 30, 1926.

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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 232. Luke Dorman, miner; 4th finger on right hand bruised; June 7, 1926.
- 233. Joe Mezerko, miner; right foot injured; June 14, 1926.

Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 234. Henry Degruson, miner; arm and face burned; June 17, 1926.

JULY.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 235. Joe Murroccei, miner; lacerated left hand by being caught while mining off shot; July 1, 1926.
- 236. Joseph Dunn, miner; pushing car and sprained back; July 16, 1926.
- 237. Matt Power, miner; injured breast by being squeezed by car; July 17, 1926.
- 238. Joe Ocerk, miner; sick from bad air as curtain was blown down; July 21, 1926.
- 239. Matt Satina, miner; piece of coal flew in right eye while cutting coal; July 22, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 240. John Cumerine, miner; right hand bruised by piece of rock falling down shaft and hitting hand; July 2, 1926.
- 241. William Wykle, miner; right eye bruised by fall of piece of rock; July 3, 1926.
- 242. Ben Downey, section laborer; overheated while unloading rock; July 29, 1926.

Chapon and Westerlin Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 243. Roy Ligon, miner; right hand hurt by slipping; July 23, 1926.

Dittman-Wachler Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 244. Albert Patarini, miner; sprained wrist; July 21, 1926.

Kelley and Carter Coal Company, Steam Shovel.

- 245. (Investigated by Glennon.) Len Astin was injured at the Kelley and Carter Coal Company, steam shovel, on July 26, 1926, at about 2 o'clock. Mr. Astin was a shotfirer and had fired a shot with a battery, and a piece of sulphur and coal flew from the shot, striking him on the right shoulder, and it was said that a blood vessel had burst.

Lyons and Ferns Coal Company.

- 246. (Investigated by Shaw.) Walter Harrison, driver, was injured at the Lyons and Ferns Coal Company, on July 10, 1926, at about 10:15 a.m. by fall of rock. From information obtained, Mr. Harrison's carbide light was extinguished while riding his trip through a curtain, causing him to miss his spraggs and his trip was wrecked on a steep grade, knocking out three mine props and letting down a rock, which completely covered Mr. Harrison, who was riding on top of the second loaded pit car on his trip. The rock which fell on Mr. Harrison measured 7 feet long, 4 feet 7 inches wide and 16 inches thick. He suffered a fractured pelvis bone and three fractured ribs.

Prosperous Coal Company.

- 247. M. Laforte, miner; cut hand by drill; July 13, 1926.
- 248. Antone Silva, miner; fingers of left hand bruised by fall of rock; July 19, 1926.

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Star Coal Company, Steam Shovel.

249. (Investigated by McGavran.) Lee Craig was injured at the Star Coal Company, steam shovel, on July 2, about 3 p.m. His left hand was badly bruised and three bones were broken. This injury was due to his team being unable to pull a wagon which was stuck in a rut, and he tried to assist in releasing the wagon and got his hand between the wheel and wagon bed.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 15.

- 250. John Digite, miner; index and middle finger mashed; July 6, 1926.
- 251. Charles Burke, miner; alleges right eye injured; July 7, 1926.
- 252. Joe Zuconi, miner; right eye injured; July 12, 1926.
- 253. Emil Ferneti, miner; middle finger of right hand injured; July 15, 1926.
- 254. Joe Yanko, miner; instep of left foot injured; July 28, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 255. John Barnes, miner; alleges he got something in his eye; July —, 1926.
- 256. Leon Bruno, miner; left eye bruised; July 10, 1926.
- 257. (Investigated by Glennon.) Louie Blasco was injured at the Western Coal and Mining Company mine No. 20 on July 13, 1926, at about 1:50 p.m. He was injured by being caught with an empty trip at the straight angle entry door. This door is located about 30 feet from the ninth east switch. Blasco was on his way out of the mine and was opening the door for the mule to pass, and when he started back toward the inside he touched the mule in the flank with his elbow and the mule kicked him, knocking him under the trip, and before the driver got the trip stopped the first car had gone over him. His right hip and nose were fractured and his right leg and back badly bruised.
- 258. Frank Leroy, driver; chin slightly injured; July 14, 1926.
- 259. Tom Kelley, driver; right leg bruised; July 21, 1926.
- 260. D. Merceiz, miner; big toe on left foot injured; July 22, 1926.
- 261. Samuel Seccombe, miner; right side strained; July 26, 1926.
- 262. Jack Morgan, miner; right eye bruised; July 31, 1926.

Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company, Mine No. 3.

263. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Frank Marschallinger, miner, was injured at the Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company mine No. 3, on July 1, 1926, at about 10:30 a.m. Mr. Marschallinger tried to roll a large rock and as he took hold of it a piece broke off, causing him to fall back. He threw out his right arm to save himself and all his weight being on his hand broke his wrist.

AUGUST.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 264. Tony Poshak, miner; bruised right knee by slipping while pushing car; August 5, 1926.
- 265. Frank Johnson, miner; left eye injured by being struck by piece of rock while digging tie hole; August 6, 1926.
- 266. Richard McKnight, miner; right hand bruised by car running over it; August 12, 1926.
- 267. James Kent, gas man; hand became infected from scratch on rusty nail while fixing curtain; August 13, 1926.
- 268. Matt O'Donnell, miner; car door fell on hand; August 16, 1926.
- 269. Tony Vehar, miner; bruised ribs while drilling shot when crank came off; August 18, 1926.
- 270. Pete McCormick, miner; left forearm cut by fall of small piece of rock; August 20, 1926.
- 271. Paul Herbine, miner; wrenched back while lifting car on track; August 23, 1926.
- 272. N. Dechamp, miner; right wrist fractured by pulling car which caught his arm; August 24, 1926.

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273. James Allen, miner; sprained back while throwing piece of coal in car; August 24, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 50.

274. Antone Selzman, section hand; overheated while unloading rock; August 5, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

275. Victor Kiro, section man; reel slipped out of bosing and caught thumb of left hand; August 11, 1926.

276. James Welch, day man; strained right hip by stepping on dog of cage; August 13, 1926.

277. John Cowan, day man; right arm bruised by piece of rock falling down shaft; August 18, 1926.

278. John Maxwell, driver; cut hand while cleaning up fall of rock; August 19, 1926.

279. Rudy Grudnick, blacksmith; palm of left hand cut while drilling; August 19, 1926.

280. John Maxwell, driver; left leg bruised by being hit by piece of rock while trying to break it; August 22, 1926.

281. Charles Fliss, load dropper; piece of rock fell on hand while cleaning motor room; August 23, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 112.

282. I. Campbell, top man; finger of left hand broken; August 12, 1926.

Chapon and Westerlin Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

283. E. A. Clark, miner; dislocated hip by wheeling dirt; August 5, 1926.

284. John Westerlin, cager; piece of coal fell down shaft and knuckles were cut; August 30, 1926.

Dittman and Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

285. Fred Maletz, miner; hand broken by fall of rock; August 27, 1926.

Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9.

286. Joe Rehak, miner; cut behind ear and on head by fall of rock; August 14, 1926.

287. Joe Gregory, miner; bruised left hip by fall of rock; August 23, 1926.

288. Walter Adams, miner; sprained right shoulder by lifting rock; August 24, 1926.

Radley Coal Company, Mine No. 7.

289. (Investigated by McGavran.) Candy Rople, miner, was injured by fall of rock at the Radley Coal Company, mine No. 7, on August 22, 1926, at about 2 p. m. At the time of the fall of rock Mr. Rople was timbering in the main west between fifth and sixth south and was cutting a hitching on gob side when a slab of rock slipped from gobs. Mr. Rople's right arm was broken just above the wrist and his head and back slightly injured.

290. (Investigated by McGavran.) Andrew Quatto was burned at the Radley Coal Company mine No. 7, on August 24, 1926, at about 8 a. m. in the back west room No. 1, which was driven in 45 feet where a horseback was cut and the coal raised on the inside about 3 feet. A shot had been fired in the roof over horseback, leaving a hole in the roof where gas was being lodged. This man was burned about the face and arms. Mr. Quatto was told not to go back into this room until it was examined by the gasman.

Sheridan Coal Company, Mine No. 16.

291. John Thompson was injured by fall of rock at mine No. 16 of the Sheridan Coal Company on August 23, 1926, at about 11 a. m. He had just

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pulled an empty car to the face of the entry to commence loading some rock he had shot down the night before and was in front of a car in a kneeling position when the rock fell on him. The rock measured 14 feet long and 2 feet 7 inches wide, but it fell the full length of the car; otherwise he would have been killed instantly. Mr. Thompson's right leg below the knee was fractured and three ribs broken on his right side.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 292. Abel Reese, miner; back bruised; August 3, 1926.
- 293. Spiro Lancellotti, miner; left knee injured; August 5, 1926.
- 294. Leon Lavery, miner; right leg injured; August 5, 1926.
- 295. Robert Demaret, miner; right foot bruised; August 9, 1926.
- 296. George Bazine, miner; right arm strained by foot being caught on rock which caused him to fall; August 20, 1926.
- 297. John Secombe, miner; back of right hand bruised by loading rock on car; August 20, 1926.
- 298. James Johnson, miner; arms and face burned by gas; August 26, 1926.
- 299. Mariano Lance, miner; right eye bruised; August 26, 1926.
- 300. John Adams, miner; right foot caught between cars; August 30, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 301. Elmer Perard, timberman; deep cut on top of head; August 5, 1926.
- 302. Louis Minelli, miner; right knee bruised; August 25, 1926.

Western Fuel Company, Mine No. 10.

- 303. Charles Witt, coal loader; arm broken by fall of rock; August 24, 1926.

SEPTEMBER.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 304. John Willner, driver; right shoulder bruised by being caught between car and timber; September 1, 1926.
- 305. Joe Marley, miner; claims hand cracked open from drilling; September 6, 1926.
- 306. Frank Johnson, miner; right leg injured by fall of coal while mining off shot; September 9, 1926.
- 307. Tom Sidwell, timberman; claims bad air; September 10, 1926.
- 308. Claude Green; knee injured by slipping while pushing car; September 10, 1926.
- 309. Charles Simmions, driver; finger mashed by being caught between car and prop; September 15, 1926.
- 310. E. Zibert, miner; knee bruised by slipping while pushing pit car; September 18, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 311. Joe Nacarato, miner; small finger of right hand caught by removing piece of rock; September 3, 1926.
- 312. E. Robinson, driver; third finger of right hand caught between tail chain and car; September 3, 1926.
- 313. Mark Kelly, miner; bruised right knee on piece of coal; September 3, 1926.
- 314. E. Scheitzel, electrician; third and fourth fingers of right hand mashed by pulling on pipe wrench which slipped; September 8, 1926.
- 315. C. Salagado, trackman; right side strained while lifting; September 16, 1926.
- 316. Nicholas Luna, trackman; left hip bruised by fall of timber; September 17, 1926.
- 317. Fred Roaati, driver; right hand injured by being caught in tail chain; September 17, 1926.

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- 318. Hugo Vinze, miner; piece of coal flew in left eye; September 17, 1926.
- 319. C. Nizuline, miner; strained back while pushing car; September 21, 1926.
- 320. John Kelley, miner; while cutting coal, piece flew in left eye; September 21, 1926.
- 321. Louis Garbin, shotfirer; right leg bruised by falling on rail while running; September 22, 1926.
- 322. John Moran, boss driver; mule kicked him on arm and stomach; September 23, 1926.
- 323. Felix Jersic, miner; right ankle bruised by pushing car when foot slipped; September 27, 1926.
- 324. E. Rogers, carpenter; drill stuck in wood and hit him in groin; September 28, 1926.
- 325. Pete Rozzi, miner; knee injured by pushing car when foot slipped; September 28, 1926.
- 326. William Meeks, driver; left hip and ankle bruised by kick of mule; September 29, 1926.
- 327. John Cowan, motorman; head bruised by fall of piece of rock; September 30, 1926.

Crawford County Coal Company.

328. (Investigated by McGavran.) John Frella, miner, was injured at the Crawford County Coal Company on September 11, 1926, at about 11 a. m. by fall of rock. Mr. Frella was working the second west back entry, and while he was loading a car a piece of rock weighing about 200 pounds fell on him, breaking three ribs on left side and causing other injuries about his body.

Crowe Coal Company, Mine No. 21.

329. (Investigated by Shaw.) James Lobel, miner, was injured by fall of rock at 7:30 a. m. September 21, 1926, at the Crowe Coal Company mine No. 21. Mr. Lobel was in the act of cleaning up a brushing shot when the rock fell on him. The rock measured 7 feet long, 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick. He was injured about the right shoulder and chest.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

- 330. Charles Slopchak, miner; foot bruised by car; September 7, 1926.
- 331. Dom. Vindelli, miner; bruised chest and leg by fall of rock; September 8, 1926.
- 332. John Miklaue, miner; foot bruised by fall of rock; September 24, 1926.

Frontenac and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company.

333. John Wastoski, driver; thumb mashed by being caught in hook of tail chain; September 21, 1926.

Hudson Coal Company.

334. (Investigated by Glennon.) W. W. Bennington, shotfirer, was burned in the Hudson Coal Company mine on September 14, 1926. He was working in the third working room from the face. He had fired all the shots on his run with the exception of this room, and the miner in this room had tamped one shot and left the other for the shotfirer to tamp. Mr. Bennington tamped the shot and started to light the other shot and had his lamp about 4 inches from the bottom which lit the gas, burning him severely about the face and hands.

Mine Creek Coal Company.

- 335. Elmer Whited, miner; left shoulder and side bruised by fall of slate; September 13, 1926.
- 336. H. Lambert, miner; left side and back injured by fall of slate; September 17, 1926.

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- 337. Vincent Zerngast, miner; injured internally; September 1, 1926.
- 338. Joe Grosely, miner; left leg injured; September —, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 339. Frank Loveridge, miner; right foot injured; September 7, 1926.
- 340. Herbert Devor, miner; right knee bruised; September 7, 1926.
- 341. O. W. Todd, miner; back bruised; September 7, 1926.
- 342. Francis Pennick, trackman; right eye bruised; September 11, 1926.
- 343. Robert Johnson, miner; piece of coal in right eye; September 13, 1926.
- 344. Henry Merceiz, miner; right foot injured; September 13, 1926.
- 345. E. B. Pittser, miner; right foot bruised; September 25, 1926.
- 346. Alfred Albertini, miner; back bruised; September 30, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 347. William Dubray, miner; back and right arm bruised by fall of rock; September 1, 1926.
- 348. Jay Burdick, miner; left knee bruised and swollen; September 2, 1926.
- 349. Gus Vaughn, miner; big toe of right foot bruised; September 13, 1926.
- 350. Thomas Moffatt, miner; right eye injured; September 13, 1926.
- 351. E. P. Delaney, driver; left side injured; September 14, 1926.
- 352. Charles Kerr, gasman; back sprained; September 18, 1926.
- 353. Eugene Scazzalletti, miner; right leg bruised; September 22, 1926.
- 354. Jules Staffaroni, miner; deep cut on right wrist; September 22, 1926.
- 355. Jacob Arch, miner; right eye injured; September 23, 1926.
- 356. John Paulin, miner; left knee injured; September 28, 1926.
- 357. William McCabe, driver; finger cut; September 30, 1926.

OCTOBER.

Arkan Coal Company.

358. (Investigated by Glennon.) Warren Jurey, miner, was injured at the Arkan Coal Company mine on October 2, 1926, at about 11:30 a.m., by fall of rock in the stub east off the fourth south. He had cleaned up a brushing shot and was loading a car of coal at the edge of the brushing shot when the rock fell. The rock was 4 feet 6 inches long, 2 feet 6 inches wide and about 6 inches thick. Mr. Jurey was injured about the back and legs.

Base Line Coal Company.

- 359. Edgar Martin, miner; thumb of left hand mashed by fall of coal; October 5, 1926.
- 360. Fred Goldsberry, gasman; nose cut by tripping over a rock; October 25, 1926.
- 361. Harley Bennett, miner; bruised back by fall of rock; October 26, 1926.
- 362. Mickel Van Kam, miner; right ankle bruised by being caught between cars; October 27, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 363. A. Haynes, miner; back injured by pushing car; October 1, 1926.
- 364. Frank Heskett, miner; body injured by being squeezed by mule against rib; October 8, 1926.
- 365. Ed Vapbrabiant, miner; right foot injured by coal fall while mining off shot; October 11, 1926.
- 366. Joe McAllister, shotfirer; sick from inhaling smoke from explosion; October 26, 1926.

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Central Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 51.

- 367. William Fabian, miner; piece of rock fell in right eye; October 5, 1926.
- 368. Tom Solomon, fireman; piece of coal flew in left eye; October 5, 1926.
- 369. Fred Sadie, driver; fingers of left hand injured by fall of rails while pulling same; October 17, 1926.
- 370. John Harrigan, miner; injured knee by sledge; October 18, 1926.
- 371. Alex Potter, yard man; ankle sprained while working; October 25, 1926.
- 372. John Polhlapk, miner; left knee bruised by fall of coal while mining off shot; October 29, 1926.
- 373. Mike Morris, miner; right leg injured by fall of coal while mining off shot; October 29, 1926.

Frontenac and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company.

- 374. D. Fleming, shotfirer; face burned by bad shot; October 15, 1926.

Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company, Mine No. 9.

- 375. (Investigated by Sherwood.) Harlie Barnett, was injured at the Hamilton Coal and Mercantile Company mine on October 26, 1926, at about 4 p. m., by fall of rock in the first north back entry off the fifth west in a room while he was pushing a car. The rock that fell came from the end of a brushing shot and would weigh approximately 30 pounds.

Mineral Coal Company.

- 376. (Investigated by Shaw.) Italo Grosso, driver, was injured at the Mineral Coal Company mine on October 14, 1926, at about 12.30 p. m. Mr. Grosso was in the act of stepping on his trip when his foot slipped from the bumper, permitting the car to run up to his leg and breaking it just below the knee.

Prosperous Coal Company.

- 377. Antone Silva, miner; muscles of left shoulder sprained by pushing a loaded car; October 9, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 378. Frank Sergeant, miner; sore back; October 7, 1926.
- 379. D. V. Delaney, driver; ring finger of right hand mashed; October 18, 1926.
- 380. Joe Pennick, miner; abdomen injured; October 22, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 381. Arthur Dahout, motor helper; right knee bruised; October 1, 1926
- 382. Bob Moore, miner; cut on top of head; October 2, 1926.
- 383. John Teasdale, miner; head and right shoulder bruised; October 2, 1926.
- 384. Bill Doan, miner; left arm cut; October 6, 1926.
- 385. Vick Loth, timberman; left knee and left hip bruised; October 9, 1926.
- 386. George Deverse, miner; left eye bruised while cutting coal; October 11, 1926.
- 387. Joe Lessen, miner; right eye injured while cutting coal; October 14, 1926.
- 388. Joe Merceiz, driver; back and hips bruised; October 18, 1926.
- 389. Mike Jrentel, miner; left arm and back of neck burned slightly; October 19, 1926.
- 390. George Werholtz, miner; back of neck and both arms slightly burned; October 22, 1926.
- 391. Joe Liposek, miner; thumb on right hand injured; October 26, 1926.



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- 392. Demar Jumett, miner; right ankle bruised; October 27, 1926.
- 393. Robert Green, miner; slight burns on back of neck and left arm; October 28, 1926.
- 394. Joe Dolance, miner; nail in right foot; October 29, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 395. Blaine Dunlap, miner; left arm injured; October 2, 1926.
- 396. Albert Holman, cager, left eye injured; October 2, 1926.
- 397. Felix Varques, section laborer; little finger on right hand cut; October 11, 1926.
- 398. Earl Montee, miner; left eye cut; October 15, 1926.
- 399. Joe Krasovic, miner; slightly burned face, neck and left arm; October 15, 1926.
- 400. Jake Bohinc, miner; head cut in two places and left arm bruised; October 19, 1926.
- 401. Antone Poznayousek, driver; cut on back of head and left shoulder; October 19, 1926.
- 402. Idadore Stafforoni, miner; left arm and face burned; October 19, 1926.
- 403. Luke Dorman, miner; knee of right leg bruised; October 20, 1926.
- 404. William Webb, miner; right eye injured; October 21, 1926.
- 405. Jacko Zavilla, miner; strained right side and injured pit of stomach; October 25, 1926.

Young Coal Company, Mine No. 9.

- 406. (Investigated by McGavran.) Joe Spalak, shotfirer, was burned at the Young Coal Company mine No. 9 on October 6, 1926. He was burned by one shot throwing fire, and he says it must have been faulty fuse that caused it. Mr. Spalak's face, right arm and both hands were badly burned.

NOVEMBER.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

- 407. Frank Moralo, miner; right knee injured by pushing car and slipping; November 1, 1926.
- 408. Joe Caimez, miner; piece of rock struck right eye; November 15, 1926.
- 409. Joe Wersnak, miner; head injured by being caught between car and roof; November 18, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

- 410. William Kennedy, miner; thumb bruised by being caught between two cars; November 1, 1926.
- 411. Felix Dibot, miner; back sprained by pushing car when foot slipped; November 3, 1926.
- 412. Clem Walber, blacksmith; left hand bruised while taking kink out of rope; November 3, 1926.
- 413. Jake Remshak, miner; big toe of right foot broken by being run over by an empty car; November 3, 1926.
- 414. Syd Gillard, driver; left ankle injured by getting off trip when tail chain caught foot; November 10, 1926.
- 415. Pete Billiard, miner; right knee injured by piece of coal falling on it while mining off shot; November 12, 1926.
- 416. John Pholphek, miner; abdomen injured while pushing car and slipping; November 16, 1926.
- 417. Vincent Bugarelli, miner; right arm and nose bruised by fall of piece of rock, November 17, 1926.
- 418. S. Powell, miner; right hip bruised on rib while riding on car; November 17, 1926.
- 419. Burt Steve, miner; little finger of right hand injured while pushing car; November 18, 1926.

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420. Louie Lamoy, miner; walking to bottom and sprained right ankle on chunk of coal; November 19, 1926.

421. William Wykle, miner; head injured by fall of small piece of rock; November 20, 1926.

422. John Cowan, driver; left leg injured by being caught while going through door; November 22, 1926.

423. Oscar De Ridder, miner; sprained back while pushing pit car; November 29, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 112.

424. Fred Modlin, engineer; left leg bruised by being caught between cars while coupling them; November 26, 1926.

Crawford County Coal Company.

425. Louis Arieldi, miner; back and shoulders bruised by fall of rock in his entry; November 12, 1926.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

426. E. Grassi, Jr., sore knee; November 18, 1926.

Katy Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

427. (Investigated by McGavran.) Glen Gier, machinist, was injured at the Katy Coal Company Mine No. 2 on November 12, 1926, at about 10 a. m., by fall of rock. He was injured while cutting in an entry and when told to pull down some horseback. The rock was about 10 inches thick and would weigh about 500 pounds. He was bruised about the hips and had some small cuts on his head.

Mine Creek Coal Company.

428. Frank Putman, miner; right leg broken above ankle by fall of slate; November 27, 1926.

Motor Coal Company.

429. (Investigated by Glennon.) John Gardner, miner, was injured by fall of rock at the Motor Coal Company mine on November 22, 1926, at about 12 m. The accident occurred in room No. 4 off the first east off the south on the east side. He was mining off a shot on the right side of the place when the accident occurred. The rock measured 5 feet 10 inches long, 3 feet 4 inches wide and 6 inches thick. The room was in a fault and had a treacherous top. Mr. Gardner was injured across the back and hips.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

430. Glenn Johnson, miner; right eye injured; November 9, 1926.

431. Jim Musso, miner; toe of left foot injured; November 10, 1926.

432. A. Hopper, blacksmith; back sprained; November 28, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

433. Earl Montee, miner; back injured and small cut on forehead; November 1, 1926.

434. Jules Staffaroni, miner; left eye injured; November 2, 1926.

435. Leo Bassalleno, miner; right eye injured; November 3, 1926.

436. William McQueen, miner; right knee injured; November 3, 1926.

437. Angelo Romanzi, miner; fourth finger of left hand injured; November 12, 1926.

438. E. P. Delaney, driver; right eye injured; November 16, 1926.

439. Joe Bazin, miner; left leg cut; November 17, 1926.

440. James Publik, miner; back strained; November 30, 1926.

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Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company, Mine No. 3.

441. (Investigated by McGavran.) Frank Kappler, miner, was injured at the Wilbert and Schreeb Coal Company Mine No. 3 at about 1:30 a.m. on November 20, 1926, by fall of rock. At the time the rock fell he was in the act of loading a car in the third west back off of the main south. Mr. Kappler was working in the entry with his brother John, and Frank was loading a car on the gob side of the entry when the rock fell, striking him on the legs and his right side. The rock measured 5 feet 6 inches long, 4 feet 9 inches wide and averaged about 8 inches thick.

DECEMBER.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 45.

422. William Leigh, miner; piece of coal flew in left eye while mining shot; December 6, 1926.

443. Tony Roitz, cager; left foot injured by piece of rock falling down shaft; December 14, 1926.

444. Mike Cassidy, miner; right side injured by fall of coal while mining shot; December 18, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 49.

445. Robert Frazier, watchman; index finger of right hand broken; December 29, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 51.

446. John Cumerine, cager; sprained back while lifting car; December 2, 1926.

447. J. H. Miller, miner; coal flew in eye while mining shot; December 3, 1926.

448. Perry Michel, miner; coal fell on leg while mining shot; December 6, 1926.

449. Arthur Canali, miner; coal pick stuck hand while he was crawling over car; December 8, 1926.

450. John Miller, miner; piece of coal flew in eye while cutting coal; December 10, 1926.

451. John Yoger, miner; sprained back while lifting car; December 15, 1926.

452. William Fox, driver; head cut by fall of rock while coming out with trip; December 16, 1926.

453. William Huber, timberman; toe of left foot broken by fall of rock; December 17, 1926.

454. Victor Kraner, miner; left arm injured by fall of rock while drilling at face of room; December 18, 1926.

455. Pat Paterson, roller; bruised right groin while rolling rope; December 24, 1926.

Central Coal and Coke Company, Mine No. 112.

456. H. Compton, sulphur picker; adjusting dumper on car and bar hit jaw; December 23, 1926.

Dittman-Wachter Coal Company, Mine No. 2.

457. Jose Gutez, miner; sprained back; December 29, 1926.

Frontenac and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company.

458. (Investigated by Glennon.) Louie Enswine was injured at the Frontenac and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company mine on December 30, 1926, at about 10:20 a.m. in the first working room in the twenty-fourth north on the east side by fall of rock. This room was driven in about 61 feet and was branched off into two rooms, one to the outside, where the rock fell, and one to the inside. Mr. Enswine was injured about the body.



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Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 13.

- 459. John Dollar, miner; right knee injured; December 27, 1926.
- 460. Fred Korochet, miner; third finger of left hand cut and bruised; December 29, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 20.

- 461. Mal Pollard, miner; big toe of left foot bruised; December 6, 1926.
- 462. Marino Sanoce, miner; right eye bruised; December 6, 1926.
- 463. Bill Runyon, miner; little finger of right hand bruised, December 8, 1926.
- 464. Harry Yarber, miner; little finger of left hand bruised; December 12, 1926.
- 465. Lorenzo Runge, miner; left foot bruised; December 14, 1926.
- 466. Sam Seccombe, miner; second and third fingers of left hand bruised; December 14, 1926.
- 467. Frank Lesson, miner; back sprained; December 23, 1926.

Western Coal and Mining Company, Mine No. 22.

- 468. August Dowe, Jr., miner; right hand bruised; December 1, 1926.
- 469. John A. Simion, miner; right eye injured; December 9, 1926.
- 470. Harry Schoonover, miner; right leg bruised; December 9, 1926.
- 471. Gabriel Baldelli, miner; foot fractured; December 10, 1926.
- 472. Sam Caput, miner; finger severely bruised; December 14, 1926.
- 473. Toney Galena, miner; big toe of right foot fractured, December 17, 1926.
- 474. Carlo Bavuso, miner; became sick in mine; December 18, 1926.
- 475. Joe Beltram, driver; forefinger of left hand severely cut; December 22, 1926.



PART TWO.

REPORT OF STATE MINE RESCUE DEPARTMENT.

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PERSONNEL OF STATE MINE RESCUE STATIONS.

Ex-officio Superintendent of Rescue Stations.

JAMES SHERWOOD Pittsburg.

Assistant Superintendents of Rescue Stations.

WILLIAM HISLOP Pittsburg.

JESS S. ROGERS Dunkirk.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

PITTSBURG, KAN., February 21, 1927.

*Mr. L. T. Hussey, Chairman, Public Service Commission,
Topeka, Kan.*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit to you herewith, for transmittal to Hon. Ben S. Paulen, 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, 1926.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SHERWOOD,
*Ex-officio Superintendent of Mine
Rescue Stations.*

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

PITTSBURG, KAN., February 21, 1927.

Hon. Ben S. Paulen, 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, 1926.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. HUSSEY,
Chairman, Public Service Commission.

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FIRST AID AND MINE RESCUE IN KANSAS DURING THE YEAR 1926.

First-aid work during the year 1926 was very good. Fifty-five first-aid certificates were issued to persons receiving training. Twenty persons also received cards for additional training in this line of work. Those who received training in first-aid work were instructed by William Hislop, superintendent, Central Rescue Station; Jess Rogers, superintendent, Arma Rescue Station.

On Labor Day, September 6, 1926, a state-wide first-aid contest was held at Arma. Only four teams took part. The meet was sponsored by this department, Arma Labor Day committee, Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' Association, and the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 14. The teams were instructed by William Hislop and Jess Rogers, of the Mine Rescue Department. The judges for the contest were: John Young, Hercules Powder Company; George Smith; Sam Kynion; Tom Brown, Bureau of Mines; Robert Morrison, Mastin Insurance Company; Alec Coleman, miner; and Doctor Theis, of Arma.

A team representing the Frontenac-Pittsburg Coal Company, formerly Jackson-Walker No. 17, consisting of Walter Brennan, captain, John Monahan, Martin A. Kotzman, James Murphy, Jr., Fred Skerbinc, and August Kotzman, patient, won first place with a perfect score of 100 per cent. The No. 2 team of Western Coal and Mining Company's mine No. 20 took second place. The No. 1 team of the same company's mine No. 20 took third place. The Central Coal Company's team from mine No. 51 finished in fourth position. The first three teams were awarded cash prizes aggregating \$200, and the fourth team received miniature safety lamps. The team winning first place was also given a free trip to Topeka, Kan., to give a demonstration of first-aid there. The meet was a complete success and enjoyed by all. The teams averaged a high score and had a good attendance.

First-aid Certificates Issued.

<i>Name, address and occupation.</i>	<i>Certificate No.</i>
Baucom, Aubrey; Pittsburg; wire chief office student.....	856
Bender, Lester; Pittsburg; lineman.....	830
Bennett, Thomas L.; Pittsburg; manager.....	846
Blair, Louis E.; Pittsburg; wire chief.....	826
Booe, Douglas H.; Pittsburg; lineman.....	827
Boyd, Herbert E.; Pittsburg; lineman.....	833
Brooks, Andrew; Pittsburg; lineman.....	844
Buckner, Everett E.; Pittsburg; central office installer.....	837
Cooper, John R.; Pittsburg; station man.....	854
Crain, Lee D.; Pittsburg; electrician.....	842
Cunningham, Leonard; Pittsburg; lineman.....	855
Curtman, Acie; Pittsburg; line foreman.....	832
Davis, Charles; Pittsburg; utility man.....	852
Forbinger, Ralph J.; Pittsburg; wire chief.....	839
Frasier, Ray E.; Pittsburg; fireman.....	867
Garrison, Edward; Pittsburg; lineman.....	863
Gorentz, Theresa; Arma; high-school student.....	868
Harvey, Frank E.; Pittsburg; lineman.....	828
Haslam, Pearl; Arma; high-school student.....	87-

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<i>Name, address and occupation.</i>	<i>Certificate No.</i>
Hearn, George C.; Pittsburg; engineer.....	836
Hiett, Ruth; Arma; high-school student.....	869
Hisey, Charles; Pittsburg; lineman.....	841
Hizar, Clarence E.; Pittsburg; Bell telephone.....	835
Hizar, Paul; Pittsburg; Bell telephone.....	845
Hizar, Roy; Pittsburg; Bell telephone.....	829
Holman, Harry; Pittsburg; lineman.....	864
Hurst, Edward; Pittsburg; superintendent.....	866
Jones, R. C.; Pittsburg; groundman.....	861
Klamberg, William; Pittsburg; lineman.....	848
Knapp, Ed. W.; Pittsburg; lineman.....	843
Knapp, Ernest; Pittsburg; lineman.....	859
Kotzman, August; Frontenac; high-school student.....	881
Matson, C. E.; Pittsburg; superintendent.....	862
Mayberry, Carl L.; Pittsburg; line foreman.....	850
Meddick, Mary Ellen; Arma; high school student.....	876
Myers, H. F.; Pittsburg; meter superintendent.....	865
McHenry, M. A.; Pittsburg; manager.....	867
McLeod, Rachel; Arma; high-school student.....	888
Osterfelt, Henry; Frontenac; groundman.....	834
Overman, John; Pittsburg; chief clerk.....	847
Phillips, William R.; Pittsburg; chief clerk.....	840
Pittser, Clarence; Erie; lineman.....	853
Rodda, Elizabeth; Arma; high-school student.....	873
Rodda, Lucile; Arma; high-school student.....	874
Rodda, Martha; Arma; high-school student.....	872
Steele, Lorene; Arma; high-school student.....	871
Strange, Carl L.; Pittsburg; supervisor.....	838
Theobald, Emmett; Pittsburg; lineman.....	858
Tipton, Alise Mae; Arma; high-school student.....	870
Tipton, Millie; Arma; high-school student.....	878
Tomasi, Norma; Arma; high-school student.....	875
Troyer, Jona B.; Frontenac; line foreman.....	851
Watson, Curtis; Pittsburg; electrician.....	860
Wegscheider, Charles R.; Pittsburg; central office man.....	831
Uscher, Nadine; Arma; high-school student.....	879

ADDITIONAL TRAINING BY TEAMS.

Frontenac-Pittsburg Coal Company, Mine No. 17.

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| 1. Walter Brennan, captain. | 4. Fred Skerbine. |
| 2. Martin Kotzman. | 5. John Monahan. |
| 3. James Murphy, Jr. | 6. August Kotzman, patient. |

Western Coal and Mining Company's Team No. 2.

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| 1. Eli Ducroux, captain. | 4. John McGill. |
| 2. John Tire. | 5. Charles Seccombe. |
| 3. George Rice. | 6. George McGill, patient. |

Western Coal and Mining Company's Team No. 1.

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| 1. Arthur Dahout, captain. | 4. Lorenzo Runge. |
| 2. Henry Brown. | 5. George Bell. |
| 3. Jacko Schoup. | 6. Bruce Hill, patient. |

Central Coal and Mining Company's Team No. 1.

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| 1. Clarence Zimmerman, captain. | 4. Thomas Bell. |
| 2. Bryan Zurek. | 5. John Gillard. |
| 3. Ramage Zurek. | 6. Frank Murrill, patient. |

MINE RESCUE WORK.

No shot firer lost his life by explosion in these mines during the year 1926. The only explosion of the year which proved disastrous was that of the Utility Coal Company's mine in Cherokee, in which four lives were lost. This was the only serious call the Rescue Department received during the year. The lives lost in this explosion could not be saved because the explosion was so great and the fire thrown from it burnt the men so severely they died almost instantly. A complete report of this explosion is given under the heading, "Explosions."

The Rescue Department also trained men in the ability of mine rescue work, for which the following named received certificates:

<i>Name, address and occupation.</i>	<i>Certificate No.</i>
Bourg, John; Pittsburg; gasman.....	642
Brennan, Walter; Frontenac; driver.....	645
Friel, Hugh; Pittsburg; miner.....	644
Hart, Joseph; Pittsburg; pipefitter.....	643
Kotzman, Martin; Frontenac; lumberman.....	639
Mooney, Thomas; Pittsburg; driver	640
Murphy, James, Jr.; Frontenac; topman.....	641

On Friday, May 14, at about 1:50 p. m., a call was received at the Central Mine Rescue Station, located at Pittsburg, advising that an explosion had occurred at the Cigarette mine, located one-half mile south of Cherokee.

James Sherwood, Jr., accompanied by William Glennon, department mine inspector, repaired to the scene of the explosion in the Central Mine Rescue truck and found everything in confusion. Some few minutes later William Hislop, superintendent of Central Station, and George J. Gruber, clerk, went to the scene of the explosion in a taxicab, Mr. Hislop having been on his way to the station at the time the explosion occurred.

On arrival we were informed that Tom Rogers was in the mine searching for the bodies of Hallie and Crockett Jameson. Mr. Rogers was successful in finding one of the bodies, which was hoisted to the surface by means of a rope. Mr. Rogers was then hoisted to the surface in a semiconscious condition. Mr. Glennon was immediately lowered to the bottom of the shaft by means of a rope, but was not successful in finding the other body, due to the body being under water, and also on account of Mr. Glennon not being familiar with the shaft. After Mr. Glennon was hoisted to the surface, after being almost overcome by the after-damp of the explosion, a Mr. Barnard was successful in bringing the body to the surface. Hallie and Crockett Jameson had been working on a platform about 15 feet from the surface putting an air chamber in the quarter-shaft.

We were also informed of the instant death of James Jameson, who was cutting and fitting timbers on top, and of the fatal injury to George Hollis, a visitor at the mine, who lived some few minutes after the blast. These men were killed by the falling of the temporary tibble, which was caused by the violent explosion. (See "Explosions" for further details.)