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PORT SANITARY REPORT.

To the Members of the Newhaven Port Sanitary Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the Port of Newhaven during the year 1925.

During the year 1925 the health of the crews in the ships entering this harbour has been very good.

The only cases of sickness and accident which came under my notice were as follows:-

March 5th S.S. Brighton	-----	Epilepsy.
Sept. 1st S.S. Versailles	-----	Injured finger.
Sept. 5th S.S. Portsmouth	-----	Gastritis.
Sept. 24th S.S. Cherbourg	-----	Injured head.
Sept. 26th S.S. Newhaven	-----	Crushed thumb.
Octr. 23rd S.S. Portsmouth	-----	Injured head.

No cases of Venereal Disease were reported in the Port. In respect of the prevention of the importation and spread of Infectious Disease in the Port there is a quarantine station situated in Sleepers Hole; the Port possesses an up to date and well equipped Isolation Hospital to which cases of Infectious Disease can be expeditiously removed ~~xxxx~~ for treatment.

Cases of Smallpox are removed to the Smallpox Hospital at Chicheley, and for this purpose arrangements are in force whereby an Ambulance can be obtained from Brighton.

In case of the incidence of Smallpox in the Port a sufficient supply of Calf Lymph is kept in cold ~~xxx~~ storage at Brighton whence it can be obtained at very short notice: this supply is renewed every two months.

In case of the occurrence of Plague on board any ship entering the Port it is proposed to apply a 3 feet wrapping over the mooring ropes and to have this tarred daily to prevent the incursion of rats on ~~the~~ the shore.

The only foreign port with which Newhaven has any considerable trade is Dieppe, and the main risk of the introduction of infectious disease is from Aliens arriving here from Europe.

The ships in the Port have been periodically examined during the year, 198 inspections having been made by the Inspector and myself. Twelve minor defects were discovered all of which were remedied.

The only place available for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons and their clothing is the Isolation Hospital situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Port.

There is no disinfecting station on the Quay, and cases of such nature are deported to France: the occurrence of such cases lately has been rare.

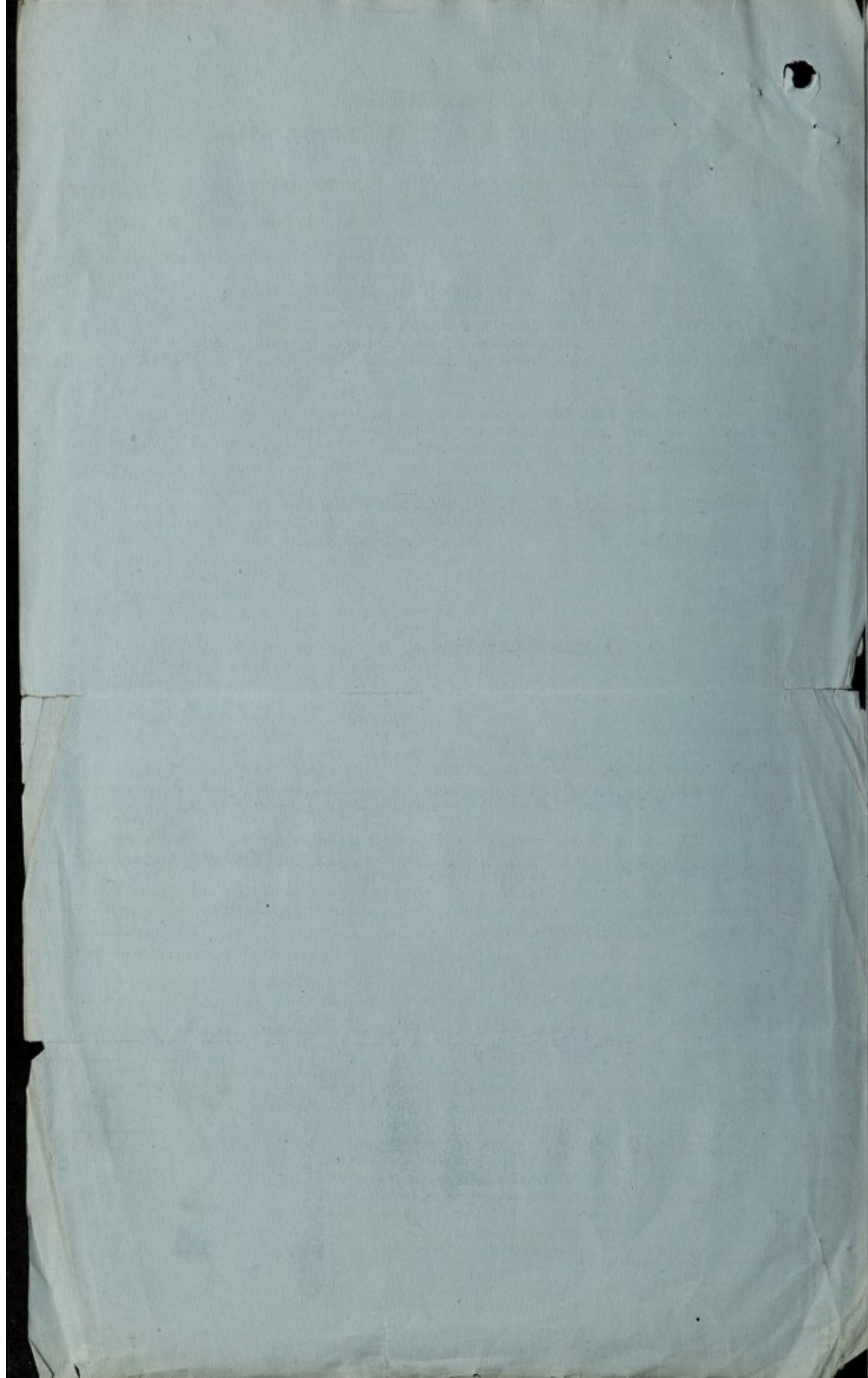
ALIENS ORDER 1920.

During the year 1925, the number of Aliens entering the Port was 29,005 of whom 28,822 were allowed to land, and 181 were rejected.

The Medical Inspection of Aliens is carried out by myself in conjunction with Dr. Nash.

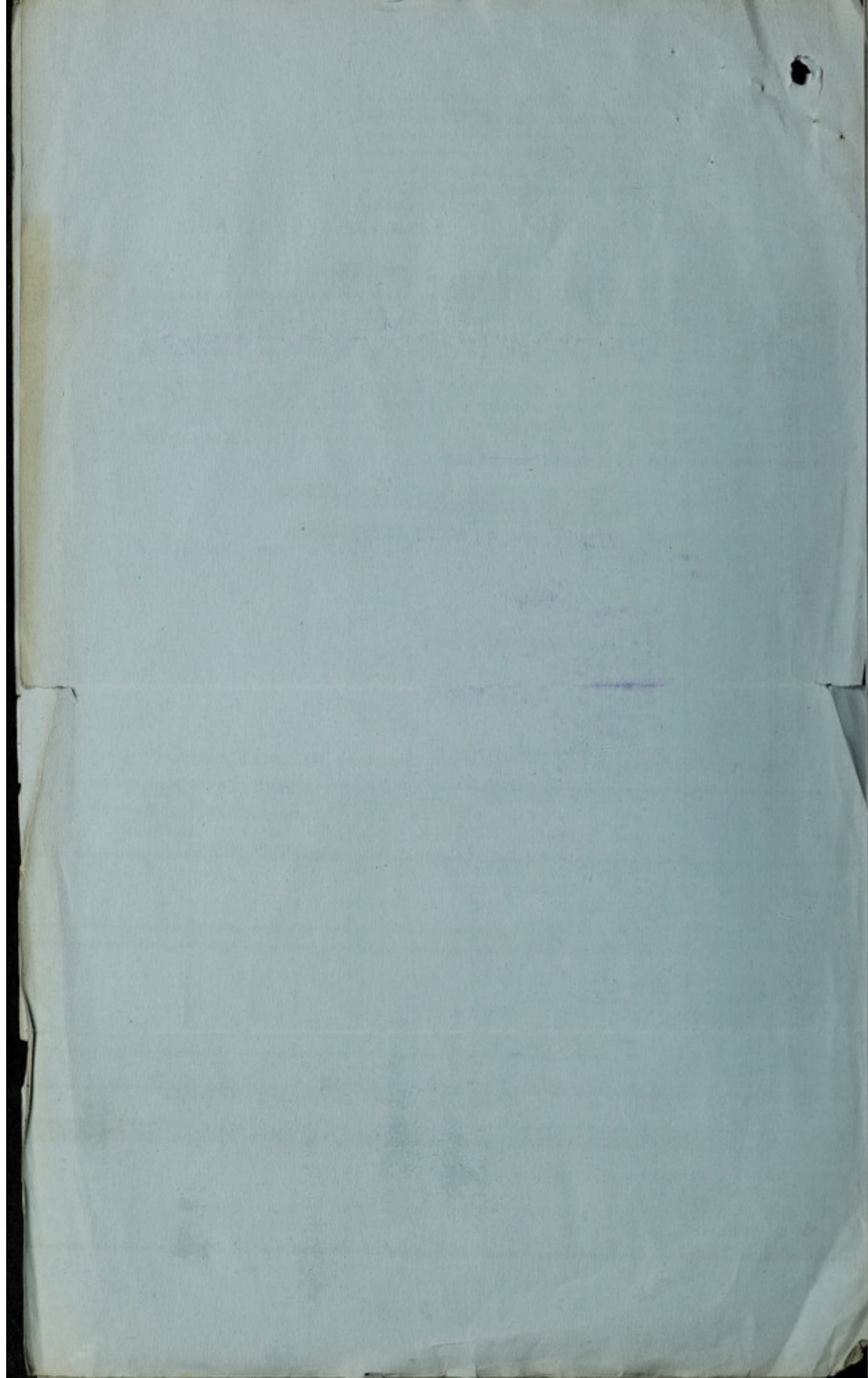
The number of Aliens medically inspected during the year was 28,562, and the number submitted to medical examination was 2,395 of whom 23 were rejected for the following reasons:-

Inguinal Hernia	-----	4
Loss of Leg	-----	3
Mental Deficiency	-----	3
Heart Disease	-----	2
Loss of Eyesight	-----	1
Spinal Curvature	-----	2
Alcoholism	-----	1
Impetigo Contagiosa	-----	1



Total	23.
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Precautions against Plague.

FORM C.

Particulars relating to Vessels "Infected" or "Suspected" or from Infected Ports.

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FORM D.

Vessels (other than those dealt with in Form C) subjected Measures of Rat Destruction.

Number of Vessels fumigated by S.O.2.	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels fumigated by HCN	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels on which traps were employed	Number of Rats killed.	Number of fumigation certificates issued.	Number of other certificates issued.	Remarks
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Nil	-	Nil	-	6	Not known	Nil	Nil	

Imports and Exports.

The Chief Imports and Exports at the Port of Newhaven are as follows:-

IMPORTS.

Apparel and Silk Goods.
Scientific Instruments.
Drugs.
Perfumery.
Fruit.
Motor and Cycle Parts.
Provisions.
Vegetables.
Watches and Clocks.
Fancy Goods.
Metal, Glass and Rubber Manufactures.

EXPORTS.

Raw Rubber.
Metal (unmanufactured).
Raw Wool
Hams and Bacon.
Furniture.
Tissues.
Machinery.
Skins and Leathers.
Beer.
Seeds.
Fish. Wet and Dry.

RATS.

The Cross Channel Steamers are overhauled periodically for the presence of rats. During rat week the whole of the quays and warehouses were specially dealt with by the Authorities with the help of the Railway and Harbour Companies when the results obtained were satisfactory: the Authorities have decided to carry on this system but to carry it out three times a year instead of once only.

My thanks are greatly due to the Officials of the Southern Railway and Harbour Companies, the Customs and the Home Office for the willing help they always give me in the performance of my duties.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

Febr 22nd 1926.

Rodie Parkhurst.

