

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILL.

Operative #457.

Friday, November 6, 1914.

Reported at Mill at 6:30 A.M. and worked all day weaving. Went up town to-night with Edward Mullen, Second Hand in Mill #2 and while on Decatur Street met Mr. Raleigh, James Reeser, Gorton, Brown, Riley, Otis and Mc Chustren, a Loom fixer. While talking with Edward Mullen, we were talking on different subjects, he happened to mention Mr. Elsas, and he spoke about them having spotters on the job. He said that they had paid him \$25.00 a week to watch around among the men, and he said that he was not the only one. He was telling me that he thought that the strikers would win if they should get organized right. This was told me privately, so you can use your judgment about using it so long as he does not find out that it came from me.

Some of the women strikers were passing out handbills at the gate to-night, giving notice that there would be a mass meeting Sunday, and the children of the people that work in the Mill were snatching the bills out of their hands as fast as they would pass them out and hooting and yelling everything at them.

This James Reeser who works in the card room running speeders, was saying to-night that he and the second hand had a fight, and he told him that he was a union man. I do not know for certain that this is true.

LeMear, whom I have spoken of in my former reports, has been doing a lot of talking to-day. One thing I overheard him say was, that he hoped that the strikers would win out.

Some of the Weavers are dissatisfied with the way things are going, and on the way home from work one of them was telling me that the Bosses did not know what they wanted. He said that the Boss Weaver, Mr. Turner, would want it done his way, and the Second hand, Mr. Anderson, would come around and want it done his way. The man who was telling me this is about 5ft. 7in., light complexion and wears a light colored coat, and a broad brimmed light soft hat. I will get his name to-morrow as Mr. Brown knows him, and he works in the same room that I do.

The filling boys hang around the elevator and do nothing for a half to an hour at a time, and often when the Weaver filling boxes are empty.

They did not give me the cloth job as Mr. Jodnstone insisted he would have them put me on, and running 21 looms dont give me much chance to look around, because if I dont keep them running they will pass me out.

I was speaking about the sizing of the warps in yesterdays report. Another thing which is pure carelessness, on the Slasher tenders part is, that when they have to stop the slasher for anything they never wash off the back rollers with water, and every place they stop the size hardens and will not go through the harness very well.

Mr. Smith, who runs a Drawing in machine in #2 Mill was telling me at the supper table, that he had a few come backs to be drawn over, on that account.

Edward Mullen said that he had three or four in the looms in his room the same way.

This can be done away with by making the slasher, when he starts his machine in the morning, boil his size good, and while he is running slow, to get his roller so that the yarn will just run through his size, as the squeeze rollers will add some to it as the yarn goes through them. The worst trouble is in the first cut at the starting of the beam.