

REPORT OF OPERATIVE #713.

Tuesday, December 31st, 1918.

I was a little late getting to the Mill this morning. Didn't get down until the gate was opened. Went up through Mill #1. They have my wife drawing in #1. Walked on over to cloth room but being so near starting time, I had no chance to talk with any of the help. I stood at Tennell Street gate until the hands had all passed out at noon.

Nothing of any interest happened during the afternoon until just a few minutes before stepping time.

The big black negro that I have mentioned in a previous report got out with a bundle which I have every reason to believe it contained cloth or something of value belonging to this company. I went on to the shipping room toilet at about fifteen minutes of 6 P.M. There were no lights in the toilet. I stood in there to watch the negroes as they went out. I saw everyone pass out but this big negro. I had seen him go in. He came out about three or four minutes after the others had gone. I could plainly see this bundle under his arm. He walked up to the cloth room door, looked up through the room, stepped back in the alley that leads to the toilet and shifted this bundle from his right arm to his left. (He was wearing a yellow rain coat.) He then went down the steps from the shipping room to the second floor. I sauntered along behind him but when I reached the bottom of the steps he had disappeared. I went on out through the door over to the platform between Mill #2 and cloth room but before I could get to the Boulevard street gate, I saw him going out. Now I know that this bundle was wrapped in newspaper and am pretty sure that it contained cloth.

Mr. J. E., 1-2-19, 11am

This is the tall nigger that trucked cloth to from Bleachy & out of cloth room & is the head of the nigger truckers.

Why don't the gate men stop these men with bundles & examine them. Mr. White promised to have this done. I look it up with him. Thomason, after the gate at the new stop, allow the negro's and first & there certainly could not have been such a crowd that he could see, & if the man was behind the other 3 or 4 niggers would have come in between the negro's & white niggers going out - better get nigger's white niggers to get up on his gate
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