

S P E C I A L R O R K .

Report of Agt. #747.

Friday, Dec. 12th, 1919.

This morning Louis Grimaldi was late on account of visiting Nick's wife, widowed since last Monday when her husband (a worker in the Fulton Mills) met with an accident which cost him his life. When visiting a friend in N. J. Louis early in the morning started a collection for the dead worker's widow, at which he was busy mostly all day. I heard some of my fellow workers criticizing the small amount pledged by the bosses of the mill in the sum of 50¢ or less, which they claimed was far below the amount given by some of the workers. Young George who works in the shipping department with me did not report for work this morning, probably for the reason of having some teeth pulled and Handy an extra man was hired in his place.

We loaded George's truck and Davy's truck and while loading the latter one throwing a bale on the top I slid down on the side of the truck and injured my left leg and foot. I told Rocco I wanted to see the doctor about it but he said I should talk with Mr. Falconer when the latter would be around, he didn't permit me to see him in his office. I saw Mr. Falconer late in the afternoon and told him about it, but Mr. Falconer advised me that Rocco had charge of any mishap met by his men while working and to report to him. I couldn't gain anything by my pledge so I thought I wouldn't take any further steps in the matter waiting to see a doctor to-night. We were quite busy all day preparing and sending out shipments. Mr. Corcoran shortly after lunch hour complained to Rocco about the shipping department getting the worst of all other departments and the time had come when we were getting the S----- end of all.

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"Well, what can you do," Rocco said, "It is useless to kick."

Mike Napolitano, Ralph, Vito and others were complaining at the way Mike is working on the baling machine. This Mike is a regular machine at his work, from the time he starts in the morning up to quitting time, he is on the job without an itch on any matter or a work to any other workers. What he thinks and looks for is to go ahead with his work and turn out as many bales as he can and every day more and not less if work is ready for him he can run both machines. Of course Mike knows the bosses give him credit for his willingness to speed up work and of course he gets better compensation accordingly, but he never tells what he is getting and other workers generally believe that he only kills himself for the Company and making a bad showing for his fellow workers. If everyone worked as Mike does, they wouldn't have any reason for complaint.

While loading the last truck for George's truck, Handy the extra man was mentioning the dollar he made in unloading second hand bags night before last at which George said, that Rocco got his tip from the man just as well as they got the dollar and it is all bull when Rocco said that he would have unloaded the bags himself for one dollar, because if that was the case he wouldn't have opened the gate at all.

During the afternoon, Rocco was saying that he had told his wife yesterday that to-morrow afternoon he would be able to go to a show with her and to be prepared for the afternoon's outing, but he said that he was disappointed now to tell her that he would be unable to be home on account of the boat coming in to-night or to-morrow morning and the prompt unloading of same to be made.

I questioned Rocco where he bought the silk shirt I saw him wearing and he said, "Bought." "I never buy silk shirts, I haven't the means to buy such fancy stylish things and plain shirts are good enough for me to wear. This shirt was given me as a present for Christmas last year by a friend." "Does the Company make any presents to workers here for Christmas?" I queried. Rocco said, "sure you will have a swell chance for it by Christmas and what you

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will get is a big ----- to satisfy you in every way."

John Servia did not show up at all for the day, apparently he was laid off or sent to other places for the day. Nothing beside the above to report.