

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

Report of Agt. #747.

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 1919.

This morning Rocco hired three extra men to rush up the shipment of quite few orders and thinking that the boat expected since Thursday would be in to unload to-day, but by 1.00 P.M. the boat was not in yet and he advised me to go home, while he kept the extra men working. As Louis Gramaldi had his gang working overtime apparently Rocco thought it unnecessary to have George and me there during the afternoon.

Louis was still around this morning busy collecting for Nick's fund and little interested about his work to which Vito was attending in his place. Vito once quit his job after the management refused him an increase in his pay, but he was called back by letters after a week upon promising a raise in his wages. He (Vito) doesn't brag about it but other workers claim that he is right to do as he pleased as the Company plainly showed the necessity for his services and if that was the case for each one the Company would have to come down with more money for the employees.

Generally most of the workers I spoke with are not satisfied with the wages and they claimed that the season compels them to stick to their present employment but as soon as spring time sets in most of them if not all, will leave the mill for a more satisfactory employment.

Rocco explained to George that from now on the management has discontinued to pay the bonus which instead will be paid just the same as an increase on wage rate by hour and the only men who will share in the bonus will be the ones ^{who} are working on machines or piece work. Mr. Corcoran was telling Rocco that again some bales in the shipment for the Standard Oil Co. were missing and he thought it was very funny, but Rocco seemed uninterested in the matter, as he shook his shoulders with a muttering sound, when he said "what can

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I do, I don't know if the missing bales are the heavy bags of \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bag price, or other qualities," but I am of the opinion the the missing goods are of the best quality if the remarks passed by George Servia, the auto driver, a few days ago with one of the extra men should be taken into consideration, when he said that it would pay to get away with a bale of such bags as the one used by the Standard Oil Co. for the shipment of paraffine wax. John Servia who was not around at all yesterday with his team was the first one to receive a load this morning and at quitting time several of Mr. Smith's drivers were on hand to haul the burlap in if the boat was to land the cargo. Mr. Smith left the mill ahead of time and intrusted Rocco with the pay envelopes of his employees. Rocco of course handed them to George, John and Davy, The latter showed me the contents of same which was four ten dollar bills, saying you have to work three weeks for this and I get it for five days. "Well," I said, "not everyone can be as lucky as you are and I am satisfied with my small pay." "But not on the kind of work you do" Davy said, "and I think you are not able to get a better job in any other place."

At 1.00 P.M. I quit with the rest and after reporting at the office to Mr. Thornton I retired.