

"Ex. H."

Principal Teacher's Office,

Carlisle, Pa., March 18, 1914.

Inspector E. B. Linnen,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

On the evening of March 9th, 1914 while the girls were assembling for study hour the matron (Miss Ridenour) sent Florence Renville to bring Julia Hardin to her (the matron). Julia was taken to the matron's private room where it is reported Clarence Liggett a notary public of Carlisle, Claude M. Stauffer, and Miss Ridenour tried to get testimony from Julia favorable to said Claude M. Stauffer and contradictory to what Julia had given to the Congressional Investigating Committee.

The regulations for study hour provide that no pupil is to be excused without the consent of the Superintendent or physician, The fact that about 50 girls were to be excused for Commencement drills beginning that very evening and that the other absentees were not to be reported until a list of those excused for drills could be sent to each teacher--accounts for the girl being absent from study hour without the Principal Teacher knowing of it, it being naturally supposed she was with those excused to drill.

The girl was kept during the whole of the study hour. The matron it is reported told Julia that she might as well admit that she did not tell the truth to the Committee--that Mr. Whitwell had

told her to say, ^{what} adding that Mr. Linnen had told her (the matron) all about it.

However, this may be I wish to state that I had not even spoken to Julia regarding her evidence and I do not know as to a single word she said before the committee. I felt sure the girl would tell the truth and with this in mind the matter gave me no concern whatever.

At 8:20 the next morning the matron sent Julia to the back room of her office where Claude M. Stauffer had an interview of about 20 minutes with her.

At 11:30 the same morning Julia was again taken to the matron's private room where said Claude Stauffer, said Clarence Liggett and said Matron did all in their ^{power} to have her sign some papers which were ready for her signature. The matron is reported to have assisted these men in trying to persuade the girl to sign these papers, so much so, that the girl was considerably worried and excited and told her classmates, although sworn not to do so.

Following this procedure said Clarence Liggett started to circulate a statement amongst the employes to the effect that Moses Friedman had co-operated with them in their work and asked each one to sign it.

All the employes except two or three were interviewed and the school was thrown into a state of excitement, so much so that the students jeered said Liggett, threatening to run him off the grounds; employes told him he had no right on the grounds, and several of them came to me and requested me to ask Mr. Lipps to order him (Liggett) off the grounds saying that they protested

being interviewed by such a man as they knew Liggett to be.

After first refusing to interfere in anyway, I decided to report the matter to Mr. Lipps and did so. By this time however, all the employes on the grounds except two had been interviewed and the matter dropped. I wish to add that nothing so far has transpired which came so near breaking up the discipline of the school.

Respectfully yours.

John Whitwell
Principal Teacher.