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State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss.

Edward Bracklin, being duly sworn by Inspector E. B. Linnen, on oath answers questions as follows:

Q. State your name and age, please.

A. Edward Bracklin, age 24.

Q. How long have you been attending school here at Carlisle?

A. This makes the fourth year.

Q. What tribe do you belong to?

A. Chippewa, Wisconsin.

Q. Have you been playing football?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And are you on the first team?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And have been for several years?

A. I have been on two years.

Q. Are you well acquainted, then, with the football coach, Mr. Warner?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How do you regard Mr. Warner?

A. Well, he is rather an abusive fellow in a way, when he is dealing with the boys on the field, and he doesn't use them as a man ought to use the boys, these boys that are just growing up. He is not a very desirable leader in ways. He has often used profane language among the boys.

Q. Have you heard him curse the boys, or use profane language toward them?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Has that occurred quite frequently?

A. Well; it is a daily occurrence during the football season.

Q. A daily occurrence during the football season?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State, if you will, what sort of language he uses, what he calls the football students, the boys?

A. Well, I don't know how to put it.

Q. Use his language?

A. I have often heard him call the boys son of a bitch, like that, and all sorts of other insults.

Q. Have you ever seen him strike or kick, or attempt to abuse any of the students?

A. Well, I saw him strike John Walette here last fall with a switch. It wasn't a switch either, it was just a stick. And in 1910,-I was here then,- I saw him kick one of the boys. He is not here now. I saw him kick him and curse him.

Q. What boy was that?

A. His name was Louis Dupois.

Q. He kicked him and cursed him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was that about?

A. It seems that the boy's playing didn't suit him and he thought by doing this he would force him to harder playing, and thought that would scare him into it, to get him down to where he expected him to play what he wanted him to do.

Q. Does he use this profane language and curse the boys in the presence of citizens who may be witnessing the playing?

A. Well, he has done that this fall. Last fall when the Dickinson boys used to come out here and practice with us, something usually went wrong and he would curse the boys, and right before the spectators.

Q. What is your opinion, and the opinion you have heard expressed among the other students and football boys, as to Coach Warner having the entire handling and say of the football boys at this school?

A. Well, I think that has been the system that has been here for the last three or four years.

Q. You believe that Mr. Warner has the full control of the football boys, and makes them go and come from and to their homes as he wants to, as he sees fit, during the football season, and has everything to do with those football boys, rather than the Superintendent of this school?

A. Well, I have sort of an idea like that because sometimes when some of the football boys want to go home, or if they are home, they write to him about coming back. The school never takes up the matter with the boy at all.

Q. Just Mr. Warner?

A. Yes, just Mr. Warner. Of course, Mr. Friedman writes him a letter but he never sends him an application blank. I know for myself. I came back twice under the expenses of the Athletic Association, I think. They claim they paid it out of Government funds, and every time he hasn't sent me application blanks in any form at all. Just wrote to me, told me that I was entitled to be enrolled back at the school.

Q. Mr. Warner did?

A. Yes, sir, and Mr. Friedman wrote the first fall I was away, in 1911. He wrote, that was the time I deserted then. He told me if I would come back and prove myself what was expected of me, he would blot out all this bad mark I had for deserting. So of course, I did as I promised.

Q. Well, do you think the reason they wanted you back particularly was on account of the football playing?

A. I think so, yes sir. Because when he wrote, you know he always mentioned, bragged, about what a good schedule he has in the fall, and I think from that he wants to get me back for football.

Q. Do you, and do you know whether the football boys regard Coach Warner as being honest?

A. I am speaking for myself. I don't think so.

Q. Why not?

A. Well, here is one thing I often saw, or thought I did. During these football games outside the school grounds, he always had a certain number of complimentary tickets, I think they call them, and these tickets I think they are for the boys' friends that happen to be in town, or with whomever they get acquainted, and give these tickets to them to see the game, but it is very seldom that the boys get them, and I don't say for sure that he has sold the tickets, but he has got rid of them certain ways, any way.

Q. The boys think he has sold them?

A. They think that.

Q. And kept the money?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you, or have you heard the other football boys express the opinion, that they believed Mr. Warner got a rake-off on the bills for the purchase of athletic supplies from certain companies, certain firms?

A. Well, I couldn't answer that very well because we never see the bills of anything he gets, and I don't know anything about that.

Q. Now, is there anything else that you know of in connection with Mr. Warner or the athletic matter that you think I should be informed of, or the Government should be informed of?

A. I don't know whether this would be right or not, but I'll tell you what I think. Now since he has been a coach at this school, I think he has made a bunch of money through the football team here and different branches of athletic s through gambling, gambling on the game. I think he has got quite a sum in that way. Another thing is that he claims to be, and the rest of the people of the country claim him to be, a true sportsman. But a true sprotsman wouldn't send scouts out to see the other teams play and get all their plays and then bring them back here and show them to us. He has had a man out all fall doing that. Of course, it was a benefit to us, but that is not true sportsmanship.

I have heard Mr. Warner state that he bought sweaters for \$3.50 apiece, and that they were sold to the people outside the athletic boys for \$5.00. We never know what is done with the money.

Edward Bracklin

Subscribed and sworn before me at Carlisle, Pennsylvania,
this sixteenth day of February, A. D., 1914.

E. B. Limmen
U. S. Inspector.