

EXH.

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss

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

Q. Please state your name and age.

A. Gus Welch, age 23.

Q. What tribe of Indians do you belong to?

A. Chippewa.

Q. And your home is where?

A. Spooner, Wis.

Q. How long have you attended the Carlisle Indian School?

A. I have been enrolled as a student a little over five years.

Q. Are you at present the Captain of the football team?

A. No, sir. I was Captain of last year's team.

Q. How long have you played football at Carlisle?

A. I represented the school on football three years.

Q. Who has been the coach since you have been playing football at Carlisle?

A. Mr. Warner has been the coach.

Q. Glenn S. Warner?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have there been some payments made to the football boys since you have been playing, and have you received any payments out of the athletic funds?

A. No, sir. I haven't received what you could call payments for football services, or I don't know anybody else that has received any since 1911, was the last payment made to any fellow.

Q. But you have since been receiving suits of clothing, overcoats, pins, tickets back to the school to play football, and all that sort of thing?

A. Yes, sir. Lately here I received \$50 from the Association.

Q. That was when you went home recently?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, Gus, when did you go home the last time?

A. I left here on the 12th of January.

Q. 1914?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had you been requested to go home on account of the illness of your brother?

A. I had.

Q. That is, either you or your brother who is attending school here had been asked to come home?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you want your brother to go?

A. Yes, at first I did. I requested Mr. Meyer and Mr. Friedman to permit my younger brother to go home for the time being, but for some reason or other they insisted that if anyone was to go home, I would be the only one they would give permission.

Q. Why was that? What is your opinion why Mr. Friedman so concluded?

A. The only reason that I could see that they wished me to leave school was that in the last two years I have been considered the leader among the students and it was just at this time it was rumored around that the students were using an underhanded method, as they termed it, to have Mr. Friedman removed, and the boys had been holding meetings. In fact, they held two, and it was reported that I had been the instigator of these meetings and I didn't know a thing about it until I came up here to get permission to go home. So the night before I came up I was down to see Mr. Warner and after talking over several things immaterial, it was just every day talk, he asked me what part I had taken in these meetings, and he wanted to know just what went on and I told him. But I told him a different story from what we had been doing at the meetings. So after I told him that he asked me what business did I have down at Congressman Rupley's office. Well, I went down there for a purpose, but I told him a different story for I thought it was for the good of the students and the school that I should.

So when I came up here to see Mr. Friedman, Mr. Warner had insisted that I tell him the same story I had told him, and after that they seemed satisfied with the story and granted me permission to

go home, but they didn't grant my younger brother.

Q. Do you believe the reason they wanted you to go home was because of the active part they thought you had taken in having this petition signed by the boys and presented to Congressman Rupley?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. While you were talking with Congressman Rupley, and had given him the petition, who came in, if anybody?

A. The only man I recognized was this Dr. Rev. Diffenderfer.

Q. And do you believe that it was he who conveyed the information to Mr. Warner and Mr. Friedman that you were there with the petition?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. So you thought they were glad to get rid of you to keep you from taking an active part in pressing these charges against Superintendent Friedman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. They didn't expect you back here so soon, did they?

A. They didn't expect me back until next fall.

Q. Now, I wish you would state, after your years of experience with Mr. Warner the coach, what you think of him and how you regard him. Just state it fully.

A. In my opinion Mr. Warner is a very good football coach and all that, but as a man I don't think very much of him. I think he is a man with no principle, and I think it is a fair statement from me that I don't think he is the man, he don't have the right influence to be over young boys that he is here. I think it is detrimental to their cause to have a man that uses them as he does.

Q. How does he use them?

A. If you are willing to do everything that he wishes you to, right or wrong, you can get along with him perfectly well, never have any trouble, but the minute you voice your own sentiments, and if you stick up for them, he abuses you.

Q. How does he abuse the boys?

A. Mostly through cursing and abuse of language.

Q. Have you heard him curse the boys and use profane language in their presence?

A. Yes, sir. Right before the public and on the gridiron. And for myself, I have taken as much as any of the boys have. It was not only in front of the members of the football team, but the boys, and whatever spectators might have been on the field at that time.

Q. What sort of language did he use on such occasions?

A. He would use the worst cursing and swearing that you could use.

Q. Well, just for information, state what language he used.

A. He would say, "You God damm bone head," or "You son of a bitch," language like that.

Q. Have you heard him use that sort of language and curse the boys frequently?

A. Yes, sir. Every day out there on the athletic field.

Q. Why did he do that?

A. Well, the only way I ever could figure it out, he thought he was superior to the boys and they could stand that kind of language.

Q. They had done something that didn't just please him?

A. Yes, sir. Perhaps it was in executing a play that wasn't perfect, and he jumped the boys for making minor mistakes.

Q. And you say it was almost a daily occurrence?

A. Yes, sir.

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

A. I saw him strike a boy here last fall, this John Walette.

Q. Was he a football player?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Why did he strike him?

A. They have a pushing machine out there, seven men push it, and Walette had a sore shoulder and it takes a pretty good strain on a boy to bunk that, and he had a sore shoulder and wasn't doing the way he should. Mr. Warner got angry with him, cursed him, hit him with a stick, it was about one-half an inch through which he happened to be carrying. The boy was offended and walked off the field.

Q. He struck him with a stick, you say?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was it something like a cane?

A. Yes, sir. Just about the size of a cane.

Q. Where did he strike him?

A. Down around the hips. The boy was in a stooping position.

Q. Did he strike him more than once?

A. No, sir. The boy only gave him the chance to strike him once. And a year ago last fall in Pittsburg he threatened,- well, as he termed it, he would knock the boy's damm block off in Pittsburg.

Q. What boy was that?

A. Roy Large. He is at Altoona now. Works with the P. R. R.

Q. Was Roy Large then a football boy?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he strike him?

A. No, sir. The way it came about was Roy and two other boys, that are working up there at the present time, were whistling, and they weren't doing anything out of the way, only whistling, and Mr. Warner was angry because the team had tied there that day, and he was walking three or four paces ahead of them, and he turned around and said if they didn't cut that out he would knock his damm block off. That is the language he used and the boys kept still.

Q. How do you football boys, and the students of the Carlisle school, regard Mr. Warner, so far as you know? What do they think of him?

A. Well, I only have the athletic boys' opinion of him, for I have been associated with them three years now. They consider him a great coach and all that, but they claim he is no man for the place that he holds.

Q. Why?

A. His language is nothing what it should be out there, and then one criticism I have to make is that he, at each large game that we have, he has from 50 to 75 tickets that he is supposed to issue.

Q. Complimentary tickets to the patrons of this school?

A. Yes, sir, friends of the school. I have seen him, and nearly all the members of last year's team have seen him sell the tickets that he should have given away to friends. We have seen him sell the tickets outright.

Q. Did he sell them at the gate, or some other place?

A. No, sir. In the hotel lobby.

Q. And do you think he kept the money from the sale of those tickets for his own use and benefit?

A. I do, for I don't think there is anything on the books he ever turned in.

Q. Then, as a matter of fact, you regard him as being dishonest?

A. I do.

Q. And do you think the other boys feel the same way as you do about it?

A. Yes, sir. All the boys that are not afraid of him ~~just~~ in their own opinions will say he is not trustworthy and don't think anything of him.

Q. Have the boys been of the opinion and belief that Mr. Warner has received a rakeoff, or money, or something of value, on account of the purchases of athletic goods made from certain companies, like the A. G. Spaulding, and other companies, where they bought athletic goods?

A. That is the general opinion among the football boys. They have a good reason to think so for the last five years there has never been any written statement put before the boys or the student body, showing how the Association stood financially. And they thought because they were keeping accounts so concealed, there must be something wrong.

Q. What else is there, Gus, within your knowledge, with relation to Mr. Warner and his treatment of the boys and the athletic account that you think the Government should now be acquainted with? State fully.

A. My acquaintance and relationship with the athletics here, and my dealings have been mostly with Mr. Warner, to leave school and return to school. In fact, he acted as Superintendent over the athletic boys. When he saw fit that you should leave school, you could go. If you were a football boy, and any time that you wished to return, he always wanted you back by the first of September, he would see that you got back and pay your fare. I recall in the spring of 1911 the track season here was about two weeks to go yet. We had two track meets, and this brother I went home to see a month ago was sick with pneumonia at the time. I had money deposited in the bank. I came up to see Mr. Friedman about leaving for home on account of my brother being sick, and he asked me if I had money in the bank. I told him I had, but in a few minutes Mr. Warner came

up here and said he didn't think it would be wise to let me go home for two weeks, but they needed me in athletics here, and the consequence was that they refused me permission, and afterwards they permitted me to go home on my own expenses.

Q. Then is it your belief that Mr. Warner, as coach, has practically had the handling of the students who were the athletic boys, controlled their actions at the school, said when they could go home and when they could return, and had, in fact, all to do with the athletic boys, rather than the Superintendent of the school?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He has practically been in control of the athletic students of this school?

A. Yes, sir. He has written the students letters, especially the football boys, any time after the season if they wished to go home, they would be at liberty to go home any time after the football season was over. I think I have a letter in my possession in my room to that effect, stating that any time I wanted to leave after the season, he would grant me permission. It might be immaterial, Mr. Linnen, but I was talking with Mr. Lipps this morning when Mr. Warner came in, and they got to discussing the athletic association, and Mr. Warner made the statement since 1907, I think it was, or 1908, that no boy had received payment for athletics here, but back in 1911 was the last time I remember of a boy getting a regular salary and he was under contract and his name was Sampson Burd. He left here in 1911, and at that time he had been only here between three and four weeks, and he was supposed to get \$100 a month for athletic work here.

Q. Instead of the boys having received money in later years, they have received suits of clothes, overcoats, watches, and articles like that?

A. Yes, the C men, or letter men as they term them, have received \$50 in credit at some clothing store, and a watch that is supposed to be worth \$25.

Q. Each year?

A. Yes, sir. And the second team, as they call them, they received only ~~\$25~~ in credit and all.

Q. How many boys all told, Gus, are engaged in athletics approximately?

A. Why; there are about, perhaps at present there are about 35 here.

Q. How many in the fall during the football season?

A. We have about numbering close to 50.

Q. Have you heard any of the football boys say that they didn't

want to continue athletics under Mr. Warner?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many have you heard say that about him?

A. Joseph Guyon, Edward Bracklin, Elmer Busch, Peter Calac, mentioned they were ~~xxx~~ in favor of discontinuing athletics if Mr. Warner was coach.

Q. Are they all boys on the football team?

A. Yes, sir. Football boys, the strongest men.

Gus Welch

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

E. P. Limer
U. S. Inspector.