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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WAREHOUSE FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES,

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Sixteenth & Canal Streets,

Chicago, August 1, 1916,



Relative aggregation ball players styled "Carlisle Indian Base Ball Club"

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.,

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Sir :

I wish to respectfully call the attention of the Office to my letter of July 31st. replying to Office letter of July 29th. 1916, bearing above data, which requested that I make investigation regarding an aggregation of ball players touring the country under the leadership of Mrs. Kate J. Becker, and to make report to the Office.

I find upon further examination of my letter of the 31st. that an error was made in statement contained in first paragraph of same and I wish to apologize for furnishing incorrect information in the matter, as owing to the rush to get the mail ready for the clerks to send out so that they would not be delayed beyond quitting time, the error was passed over without being detected.

I wish to state in accordance with information secured by me that Mrs. Kate J. Becker who lives at #301 South Halsted Street, is well known in that locality, but there seemed to be no

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one who was posted as to her affairs only to know that she was away with her base ball team, but could give me no other definite information.

Very respectfully,

Frank Johnson
Superintendent.

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Supt., Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring further to your letters of May 2 and July 18, 1916, relative to the aggregation of ball players assuming the name of the Carlisle Indian School, there are inclosed herewith for your information photostat copies of letters from the Superintendent of the Chicago Warehouse relative to inquiries made by him in Chicago concerning these ball players.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Chicago, July 31, 1916,

Relative aggregation ball players styled "Carlisle Indian Base Ball Club"



Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Sir :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Office letter of July 29, 1916, bearing above data, instructing me to obtain all information possible regarding an aggregation of ball players styling themselves the "Carlisle Indian Base Ball Club" which was said to be touring the country under the leadership of a woman calling herself Mrs. Kate J. Becker (or Gage), and in connection therewith would respectfully advise that I called at the address given, viz : #301 South Halsted Street, this city, and that no one there seemed to know anything about the woman or base ball club in question, or was able to give me any information relative thereto.

I also called at the office of the Chicago Show Printing Co., #14 North Fifth Ave., and was advised that they had printed the posters for the base ball club referred to, but they assured me that this aggregation had been disbanded and was no longer in existance, and that Mrs. Kate J. Becker was now touring

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the country with a so-called "Bloomer Girl Base Ball Club", and that this last named aggregation had yesterday played a game at Minneapolis.

It would seem from the information given me by the printing company that the so-called "Carlisle Indian Base Ball Club" was no longer in existence, and I am therefore, unable to obtain any information as to names of parties composing the club or any schedule of future games to be played by it.

Very respectfully,

Fran Souther
Superintendent.

LUCE'S PRESS CLIPPING BUREAU

NEW YORK
88 PARK PLACE

BOSTON
68 DEVONSHIRE ST.

ALLIED WITH OFFICES IN CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS,
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NEW YORK SUN

Date

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INDIANS IN HARLEM.

Carlisle Nine to Meet Lincoln
Giants This Afternoon.

Two games that should draw a packed house to Olympic Field, 136th street and Fifth avenue, are on tap for local fans this afternoon. The double header will bring together the New London Club and the Lincoln Giants in the curtain raiser, and the Carlisle Indians and the Lincoln Giants in the feature game. The New London Club played the Harlem crew this season and it was not until the ninth inning that the Harlemites scored two runs, enough to win by the margin of a run.

The contest with the Carlisle Indians will be worth going a long way to see. The game will be the first played on a Sunday in Manhattan in three years in which a team of Redskins tackled a local semi-pro nine. The Indians are members of the famous Government school in Pennsylvania. They have a splendid record and are likely to force the Lincolns to play faster ball than ever to annex the laurels.

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Mr. Frank Sorenson,
Supt. Chicago Indian Warehouse.

My dear Mr. Soreneon:

Reports are reaching this Office that an aggregation of ball players styling itself the "Carlisle Indian Base Ball Club" is touring the country under the leadership of a woman calling herself Mrs. Kate J. Becker (or Gage), whose address is given as 301 So. Halstead Street, Chicago. The poster used by this base ball club, which contains a group picture of the players, is printed by the Chicago Show Printing Co., 14 N. Fifth Avenue.

The Office desires to obtain all information possible regarding these people for use in injunction proceedings if the evidence warrants it. It is therefore requested that you make a diplomatic visit to the addresses herein mentioned and endeavor to obtain the correct names of all parties composing this ball club, including a schedule of all future games to be played if it can be obtained, and report to this Office the results.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Supt. Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 18 enclosing a newspaper clipping and bill-poster used by the aggregation of ball players styling itself "The Carlisle Indians".

The enclosures have been carefully considered in connection with previous correspondence with you on the subject, and in view of the fact that the newspaper clipping enclosed with your letter of the 18th appears to be in the nature of a news item rather than an advertisement, and that the poster used by the ball players makes no reference to a Government Indian school, the Office is still of the opinion that it would not be justified in calling this matter to the attention of the Department of Justice, as the evidence at hand is considered entirely insufficient upon which to predicate an injunction bill.

It is realized that great injury will result to your school if the public are led to believe that

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you as to the offensive actions of this and other similar organizations for use in case legal action becomes necessary or advisable.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. O. H. Lippe,
Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lippe:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23 transmitting a newspaper clipping and a communication received by you from Mr. C. E. Baker, Hotel Deming, Terre Haute, Indiana, relative to a certain base ball organization using the name of your school to advertise itself.

There is nothing in the papers to show whether or not the Indians ever did or did not attend the Carlisle School and there are no grounds shown for any criminal action against them, either in the State or Federal Courts. The Office hardly feels justified, at present at least, with the meager information and evidence, in asking the Department of Justice to institute proceedings in equity to have an injunction issued restraining them from using the name of the Carlisle School. It would be well, however, for you to collect all complaints and reports received by

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these ball players are representative of the Indian youth at Carlisle. Therefore, it is suggested, in view of the fact that the team was scheduled in the New York Sun clipping to play in New York City on July 16, and is no doubt still in that vicinity at this time, that you make an effort to locate it and then detail a competent employee to visit the town in which it is scheduled to play and obtain all pertinent evidence practicable, including the names of the individual members, in order that it may be determined whether or not these ball players ever attended the Carlisle school and there are sufficient grounds to warrant the Department of Justice taking action. If possible, affidavits should be obtained to the effect that these people are advertising themselves as members of the Carlisle Indian School of Pennsylvania.

A letter is this day being addressed to Mr. Frank Sorenson, Superintendent of the Chicago Indian Warehouse, requesting him to visit the addresses in Chicago given in Mr. C. E. Baker's letter and endeavor to obtain all information possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

July 18th, 1916.

The Honorable,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

Referring further to a matter that was reported to the Office in my letter of April 23rd, 1916, I now submit herewith advertising poster and a clipping in which the claim is made that "The Indians are members of the famous Government School in Pennsylvania". As the good name of Carlisle is suffering by such misrepresentations I again take this liberty to call the Office's attention thereto.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

O. H. Lipps
Superintendent.

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May 2nd, 1916.

Mr. C. E. Baker,

Hotel Deming, Terre Haute, Indiana.

My dear Sir:



I thank you for your letter of the 23rd ultimo, reporting that an aggregation of so-called Indians are using the name of this school to advertise themselves.

In reply thereto allow me to state that your letter is being mailed to the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington for such use as can be made of it to prevent the further use of the name of this school.

It may be of interest to you to note in the copy of our weekly publication that is being mailed to you under a separate cover that an impostor who has recently been using the name of this school to advertise himself has been arrested and is to be prosecuted.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

W. H. ...
Superintendent.



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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
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The Honorable,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a self-explanatory communication that was received here recently in regard to an aggregation of so-called Indians using the name of this School to advertise themselves. Their actions were reported to us from time to time last year and it is respectfully urged that some action be taken to protect the name of this school if it can possibly be done.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

HKM.

O. H. Lipps
Superintendent.

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UTAH BRAUS TACKLE INDIANS

The Utah Braus will open ~~at~~ new home park at Elston and Western avenues this afternoon, playing the famous Carlisle Indians. Pete Gail, owner of the Utah Braus, has signed Bob Miller, former first sacker of the Gunthers, to manage the club, and Ollie Kubn, star pitcher of the Johnson Tigers, to pitch.

HOTEL DEMING



ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF
SIXTH & CHERRY ST

EUROPEAN PLAN
250 ROOMS

200 ROOMS
WITH BATH



W.A. COCHRAN, MANAGER.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

4/23-1913

Supt. Carlisle Indian School.
Carlisle Pa.



Dear Sir:-

As to Enclosed clipping you will notice that Mrs Kate Becker or Gage - as she travels by is Masquerading an Indian Base Ball Club Lover the Country and Calling it the Original Carlisle Indians from the School - at Carlisle Pa. They play in Chicago today. And for good of Athletics at the School & the good name of the School I would suggest that she be stopped using this title I will tell you where she lives & where

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she gets her paper printed for
-advertising her games.
She resides at 301 So Halstead St.
Chicago Ill. and has her
printing done by the Chicago
Show Printing Co. of 14 No 5th Ave
Chicago Ill.

This same drunken bunch
of Indians were out last
year under same name &
were in jail half of season
for drinking. I hope you will
do something - at once advertise
them in all papers in country
or stop them by other means.
from using said title.

Yours Very Resp an Admirer of
Carlisle Foot Ball Club &
American Indian Schools.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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C. E. Baker.
Hotel Deming
Terre Haute
Ind.

COMING!

This Club Represents themselves as all Carlisle Students & Played over here at Bridgport Ohio are they.

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They are now playing New York State.

*W. J. Holler
Bridgport
Ohio
Mgr. B.B.C.*

*J. C. Baker
sending this to you as I wrote you from Paul Hantz Dub.*

CARLISLE INDIAN

BASE BALL CLUB



PRESENTING

M. J. Blecher Owner & Mgr.

PRINCESS HIAWATHA

she is an American girl painted upr. May Novak

CHAMPION LADY PITCHER

AND

A BASE BALL GAME AT NIGHT

We carry our own lighting system, making the grounds light as day.
DON'T MISS THIS LATEST NOVELTY

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