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250. Q.—What was the conversation about? A.—They were asking why they were laid off; of course they took it that they were being laid off, and Mr. Gurney said that it was a matter of fact that the work was laid up here; we laid off eighteen or twenty moulders and they were to be making plate until we got moulders to mount it.

251. Q.—Was Hickey present? A.—I do not think it.

252. Q.—How many interviews were there? A.—I think only one.

253. Q.—You are quite positive that Hickey was not present? A.—I would not be positive, he may have been; I would not say for sure. It was in Mr. Gurney's private office.

254. Q.—And do you know whether the rest of the union polisher left of their own accord or were laid off? A.—I do not know.

255. Q.—Did Hickey discharge McKee and Sweeney when they decided to remain in the union? A.—No.

256. Q.—They left of their own accord? A.—They left of their own accord; Hickey has power to discharge an apprentice.

257. Q.—Did you ever write a letter to Samuel Gomers, president of the American Federation of Labor? A.—I think we answered a letter from him.

258. Q.—That answer you would have composed? A.—Yes.

259. Q.—That letter is dated March 22nd, 1902, and it states that two so-called apprentices "were discharged for this reason and for this only"—is it correct? A.—I do not think we ever said those men were discharged; I would rather see our own letter.

260. Q.—Donoghue—I want a letter press copy of this letter produced.

261. Q.—And if that statement is in the letter, would it be correct? A.—No, if the statement is in that letter that they were discharged, it would not be correct, because the boys really left. Mr. Hickey advised with them not to tell them to leave the union and finish out their time, and if they were full journeymen they would get full journeymen's wages, but in my knowledge those boys were never discharged.

262. Q.—Would your knowledge now be better than your knowledge in March, 1902, on that subject? A.—I should not think so.

263. Q.—Were the metal polishers discharged or did they leave of their own accord? A.—They were simply laid off. There was no work for them to do and they were laid off.

264. Q.—Were they allowed to finish the work they were at? A.—Yes.

265. Q.—Are you pretty sure about that? A.—I am pretty certain about that.

266. Q.—Would Hickey know better perhaps? A.—Yes.

267. Q.—Do you know whether Mr. Hickey had a list of the union metal polishers? A.—I never saw it.

268. Q.—Or hear of it? A.—I never heard of it.

269. Q.—When the request came from the committee asking for an appointment with Mr. Gurney, did he send a written reply? A.—I think so.

270. Q.—Do you know what the contents of the reply were? A.—I think it was a man named Acheson wrote, and he was told a time when he could see Mr. Hickey at the office.

271. Q.—Can you get the reply or a copy of it? A.—Yes, I think so.

272. Q.—We will produce it if I can get it.

273. Q.—Do you know whether Cooke and McDaniel are the men that came to see you? A.—I guess, McCausland was one.

fit concert for the moulders; and these polishers during working hours were walking around from the moulding shop to the mounting shop and all over the place, and I think Mr. Hickey made a complaint about that, that they should not leave their wheels.

233. Q.—To them? A.—Yes, certainly the complaint was made to them.

234. Q.—I suppose the neglect of their work, in fact, would be sufficient reason for discharging them? A.—I do not think they were discharged for that. We did not hear about that until that meeting, and then that came up about their leaving the wheels and going around selling these tickets.

235. Q.—They must have made a complaint and gave that as a reason for laying them off, if it was brought up at that meeting? A.—No, I think that just came out in conversation. I never heard of it until that morning, and I think it was a wordy contest between Hickey and the others; I think that is why he reprimanded Johnston for talking and talking about the shop too much.

236. Q.—But if they had been reprimanded at the time, why was it necessary to bring it up at this meeting? A.—I suppose Mr. Gurney was making for information; if these men were complaining about bad treatment he would ask Mr. Hickey why these men were laid off, and that may have come out in conversation.

237. Q.—As an additional reason for laying them off? A.—It may have.

238. Q.—Would you be sure that it was not the dinner hour when these men sold the tickets? A.—Hickey said not.

239. Q.—You are not in a position to say definitely it was or it was not? A.—No.

240. Q.—Did Mr. Hickey make the statement warning them that he was watching them, do you recollect? A.—No, I do not remember it.

241. Q.—Will you say he did not? A.—I say I do not recollect it.

242. Q.—Mr. Ross—I must renew my objection that these questions are leading. Hickey was watching them, do you recollect? A.—No, I do not remember it.

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244. Q.—Mr. Ross—I must renew my objection that these questions are leading. Hickey was watching them, do you recollect? A.—No, I do not remember it.

245. Q.—Was any charge made that they were going around the shop to get men to join the union? A.—I do not think so; I never heard such a thing.

246. Q.—Are you familiar with the conditions under which apprentices work with the plaintiff company? A.—Yes.

247. Q.—Is there any hold back on apprentices? A.—Yes.

248. Q.—What was it about January, 1902, that it was the moulders? I think there was ten per cent. on those two moulders; they got ninety per cent. on the shop board prices.

249. Q.—Instead of getting one dollar for a piece of work, they got sixty cents? A.—Yes, that was the condition for the last year.

250. Q.—Is there a bonus given to the journeymen the same as in other shops? A.—No; in some shops the shop board price is ten per cent. higher than the regular price, but in this shop it is five, ten, fifteen, twenty, up to as high as 40 per cent. in some shops, but we have never adopted that system; we put a fair price on a piece of work, and we have no bonuses in our shop on any flat work.

251. Q.—Is your fair price the same as the price outside with the bonus? A.—I do not know anything about outside prices; conditions are so different in different shops that you cannot regulate a uniform price.

252. Q.—Even in the city? A.—Even in the city; they have different boarding, and different ways of making pieces.

253. Q.—There was ten per cent. held back from Sweeney and McKee? A.—Yes, being third year apprentices.

254. Q.—They had been absent from your shop during the period from the time they began, and this time, when they were losing the ten per cent. hold-back, they had not been working continuously? A.—No, every man around there loses more or less time.

255. Q.—And the principle is that if they leave the shop they have to begin all over again? A.—Not as a rule.

256. Q.—What would be an infraction of the rule? A.—If I remember, these two boys did not start at stove mounting; one was just like helping around the shop.

257. Q.—Do you know that Sweeney and McKee; they were working with us, I understand, for four or five years before they quit, but they were not all this time at stove mounting; when a boy goes on stove mounting he is put on with a journeyman to work with him as a helper; and from that he is given a floor; the moulders start with an instructor.

258. Q.—During the apprenticeship period, is the apprentice allowed to work in partnership the same as a journeyman? A.—Very often the journeyman or instructor will give him, if they are working piece work, a proportion of his earnings, which he do not object to; some boys are better than others, and frequently a journeyman will give a boy a dollar extra a week.

259. Q.—But that is hardly a partnership? A.—No, it is not a partnership; some boys are better than others, and frequently a journeyman will give a boy a dollar extra a week.

260. Q.—Do you know that Sweeney and McKee were partners on the Chancery Range for a while? A.—They may have.

261. Q.—Would that be consistent with being apprentices? A.—Yes.

262. Q.—Would there be any hold back? A.—If Sweeney was an apprentice and he was working with a journeyman, the journeyman would be paid full price and he would pay Sweeney; the journeyman would be credited with the full amount and then he would say how much Sweeney was to get out of that amount and Sweeney would be paid from the office and it would be deducted from the journeyman's wages; it is only when they are on piece work where that the ten per cent. is taken off.

263. Q.—Not on a set rate for day work? A.—No, they have a set rate for day work.

264. Q.—Is it during the beginning of the apprentice work on stove mounting? A.—No.

265. Q.—What period is that? A.—It is a year or two of stove mounting with us.

266. Q.—When does the drilling come in? A.—It is done by an outside man

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LOS ANGELES ITEMS.

"Big Guns" in the Labor Movement

Are Now in That City.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 7.—(Special Correspondence.)—During the past week President Cellahan and General Organizer Foley of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, with headquarters in Boston; Frank Buchanan, of Chicago, representing the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and President P. H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, representing the California Building Trades Council, have been in Los Angeles in the interest of their respective organizations. The assaults of the Citizens' Alliance, headed by the notorious Los Angeles Times, have had the effect of causing the greatest activity in the ranks of the unions ever known in this vicinity.

As a result of the visit Messrs. Cellahan and Foley, the cooks, waiters, waitresses and bartenders, have formed a defensive alliance, and will stand together in every instance where the Otis aggregation attempts to make war on any one of the labor organizations named.

Messrs. McCarthy and Buchanan represent building trades unions, and it is expected that as a result of their plans in the near future a marked improvement will be felt in the building industry of this city.

At present the town is absolutely overrun with idle mechanics, brought here by literature circulated by the Citizens' Alliance, but the unions are confident that they will be able to hold their own.

Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner is making deep inroads into the circulation of the notorious Times, and as a result Otis is frantic in his denunciations against everything and everybody in sympathy with the cause of unionism.

A rumor is being persistently circulated that it is the intention of the Citizens' Alliance to bring about a general lockout of union men, affecting many trades.

Widespread interest is being taken in the union conference, to be held March 14, at which plans will be perfected for united action in all fights brought on by Otis' alliance.

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