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Fred D. Warren

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J. A. WAYLAND
Girard, Kansas
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Appeal to Reason
This is Number 908
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The Yellow Jacket Confesses It Lied

The Yellow Jacket is the name of a republican sheet printed in Moravian Falls, N. C., by Don R. Laws. In its fight against Socialism it has resorted to so low and mean that I must apologize to APPEAL readers for reflecting it in these columns. With a loud flourish of trumpets the Yellow Jacket reprinted the slanderous libel that originally appeared in the Remonstrator, Oklahoma City, Okla. It boasts that a million sample copies were scattered broadcast over the land. Like the hyena of the jungle, R. Don Laws attacks the dead. But there is a yellow streak in his make-up as will be shown by the following letter:

Moravian Falls, N. C., April 10, 1913.
Fred D. Warren, Editor Appeal to Reason:
I received a letter from you this morning closing a clipping giving the account of the criminal proceedings instituted against me. This was the first intimation I had of the existence of the Yellow Jacket. I had never seen it. I used the Remonstrator story in the Yellow Jacket on March 20th, never dreaming that any editor would dare to fabricate a foul slander and give it to the world. Several other newspapers here in North Carolina published extracts of the story before I was aware of it. I was very angry. Much as I hate Socialism and as anxious as I am for material to fight it with, I would not have been so easily duped. I had the least idea that it was a fabrication. I could not believe that any editor would dare to do such a thing to me. I tried to find out who was the author of this statement and to prove his statements and to tell the world that I was a victim just as much as you are. I received your telegram from Los Angeles.

Now I ask you, the heirs of Mr. Wayland, to make a statement fully denouncing and branding the Remonstrator story as a foul and malicious lie without any claim of foundation and promise, so that it shall have full display as the Wayland story had, even if you do propose to institute suit against the Yellow Jacket. I may turn tens of thousands of my subscribers to Socialism, but I would rather see them all turn to Socialism than to knowingly slander a man living or dead. This statement can appear in the Yellow Jacket May 1st, as that is the date of the trial possible. I am sure that the plates are now prepared for the 17th of April.

To this I consider as full a reparation as any one could offer to make, except I should expect to editorially brand the Remonstrator story as a falsehood of thousands of words, if the plates have been misled. Awaiting your early reply to the matter, I am, very respectfully,
Don R. Laws

I have received copies of the following papers that reprinted the Remonstrator story:
Chandler Review, Chandler, Okla.
The Alamosa Empire, Alamosa, Colo.
The Helena Star, Helena, Okla.
Anti-Socialist Band Saw, Austin, Texas.
The Earlsboro Messenger, Earlsboro, Okla.
The State Dispatch, Burlington, N. C.
The Peoria Star, Peoria, Ill.
The Democrat Record, Idabel, Ok.
The Okemah Ledger, Okemah, Ok.
Stonewall News, Stonewall, Okla.
The Star Democrat, Ada, Okla.
The Grove Sun, Grove, Okla.

This is the list up to date. Attorney J. I. Sheppard has been instructed to proceed at once against the publishers of the above papers. As announced last week the Appeal is no longer fighting on the defensive. Our policy of non-resistance to these defamers has been changed. From now on every newspaper that makes a false and libelous statement about the APPEAL and those connected with it shall be called to account at the bar of justice, if there is such a place in the United States. As a matter of fact we expect nothing, not even simple justice from the court, but when the cases are tried, the evidence will prove these papers to be foul slanderers. This policy in part has been decided upon in response to the demand of APPEAL readers who look upon this attack, not as an attack upon the memory of Wayland alone, but an attack upon Socialism and those who are today fighting its battles. The following letter from V. L. Rhoadyback, editor of the Herald, Mountain Park, Okla., is typical of hundreds of letters now reaching this office:

Fred D. Warren, Girard, Kan.
Dear Comrade—I know that you are receiving lots of protests from the comrades over this section for the defaming publication of the Remonstrator. I am very glad, but I want to give expression to my feelings, as this is the most dastardly, unscrupulous thing that has come to our attention. I think that the Remonstrator, the Socialist take the matter up and wherever an unprincipled sheet is published, the same proceeds to the last ditch. I think that we could easily raise \$50,000 by making a call for that purpose, and I hereby pledge \$25, and believe that I can get at least \$20 more here in this town. I think that the papers copying this article can be held for libel just as well as the original, and I think that a court would hold the same. At any rate, let's give them all the hell and trouble we can.
V. L. Rhoadyback.

We thank our comrade for his generous offer of assistance. I know something of the struggles of the country editor, and I know the sacrifice that would be made to contribute \$25 out of the editor's meager earnings to this court fund. But I shall decline to receive it. This has been the policy of the APPEAL in the past, and I see no reason why we should change, but I do not hesitate to ask every friend of this paper and every comrade into whose life the words of J. A. Wayland have brought hope and joy, to come to the APPEAL's assistance in building up and maintaining our circulation to the fighting point. If you feel as this comrade does, that you can contribute to a fund to help us fight these legal battles, send us the amount and receive in exchange subscription cards which you may give away or sell to others. This will supply the funds needed to carry on this battle in capitalist courts. It will do more than this. It will carry the truth to the American people. Remember, comrade, it is your fight and lend a hand!

At the pleasures of life are spoiled if one allows himself to pause for a minute and think of the miseries and sorrows of the toilers. Capitalism cannot know real happiness.

The capitalist class has a toe hold and hammer lock on the American people. Why not break loose and take a fall out of the guy on top of you?

Every American home is infested with the bed bugs that suck profits from the sleepers.

The wisdom of some men is exceeded only by the ignorance of others.

Latest News from Mother Jones

"Two more months here will be the end of me"—Said Mother Jones to John Kenneth Turner, the Appeal correspondent.

The above lines are taken from a letter just received from our correspondent, John Kenneth Turner, from Charleston, W. Va. Here is what he says:

"While I expected to find something of interest and importance I felt dubious in some ways at first. Having just come out of Mexico where the conditions of the masses is so horrible, I did not expect to see anything here that would really stir me. During the first few days, though, I ran immediately into a practical and working demonstration of the operation of Baldwin detective thugery. I was very calm. Now I am much aroused and angry. I know nothing at first hand about the war in Colorado. Nevertheless, I am willing to believe that the situation here was—and is—worse than anything Colorado ever saw. The thing has not been written up as Colorado was—the facts were not known to the outside world and for this reason, up to now the things have controlled things so ruthlessly and effectively that they have prevented the truth from becoming known. The kidnapping of Mother Jones, Boswell, Battery, Faulson and others, from Charleston, and carrying them into martial zone and there delivering them to the military authorities is a more damnable outrage than the kidnaping of Moyer and Haywood. Certainly this story of the outrage upon this dear old woman ought to arouse every man with a spark of courage in his make-up.

"I saw Mother Jones yesterday for two hours and one-half (I got the consent of the military authorities with the understanding that I would persuade her to leave the state). Mother, by the way, while her spirit is strong, is in a bad way physically, as a result of her long imprisonment. 'Two more months of this will be the end of me,' she said. 'They want me to leave the state, do they? Well, you tell them that as long as I have a breath in this old body I shall stay here and fight them to the last—for the babies and the women and the men. Tell them that Turner, for me, and fling my defiance in their faces.'

FARMERS of America are going to school. A recent investigation shows that 48 per cent of them closely follow the bulletins issued by the several agricultural departments. They do not realize that in doing this they are subscribing to the idea of government aid, which is the foundation of Socialism, but they will learn it in time.

A CHICAGO paper suggests that the time will come when it will actually be considered an honor to be a member of a state legislature. Thanks. One by one they admit the coming of working class representation.

The class struggle comes out of the capitalist plan for dividing up the products of labor. Under Socialism dividing up will end and as a consequence there will be no class struggle.

J. K. Turner to Write of West Virginia

AS soon as John Kenneth Turner escaped from the clutches of Felix Diaz, by whom he was thrice lined up to be shot, the Appeal put him into the field to get the story of the outrages of West Virginia, feeling sure it was no less horrible and sensational than conditions in Mexico. Nothing was said in the paper about Turner going to West Virginia, because we realized that if mention had been made of his name he would have been instantly deported or thrown into prison. He went incognito and got his story before the fact was discovered. The day before he had planned to leave West Virginia, agents of the mine owners found he was there seeking information. They immediately pounced on his companion, T. J. Williams, former auditor of the New River Colliery company, and brutally beat him, on the fifth floor of one of the leading hotels of Charleston. After Williams was shamelessly battered, the agents of the mine owners broke into Turner's room, where he was taking a bath, and were ready to slug him, but Turner had been up against that game before and he cleverly outwitted the thugs and saved the material he had gathered. The first word that came from him to the Appeal, smuggled to it anonymously, says:

"I have figured in exciting episodes. I was spotted and followed before I had been off the train five minutes. In some ways this is the worst case I ever saw or knew of. It seems to me the war in West Virginia will be still worse this spring and summer. It is doubtful if Mother Jones will be liberated soon unless a settlement is reached, which seems impossible, or unless she agrees to leave the state. I will have matter enough to keep me writing for ten years, if I choose to print it all."

The Appeal is able to announce the beginning of Turner's stories next week. So bitter has been the attack on this paper that for nearly two years it has been kept on the defensive. Now, however, it is again assuming the aggressive—not only in attacking the libelers of Wayland in the courts, but also in making absolutely new disclosures about the class war in West Virginia. These stories by Turner will be by far the greatest thing published since the Leavenworth exposure. Watch for them!

No Place in West Virginia for a Military Tribunal

Judge Robinson, of the supreme court of West Virginia, in an opinion dissenting from the majority of the court in case of Mother Jones and others against establishment of military despotism.

The majority opinion boldly asserts that the guarantees of our state constitution may be set aside and wholly disregarded on the plea of necessity. It has long been supposed that such a doctrine was forever condemned and foreclosed in this state. It was believed that the ringing denouncement against that doctrine in the opening sentences of our constitution was sufficient to bar it from recognition by any citizen, official or judge. The unmistakable words were supposed too to be clear ever to endanger our people by a disregard of their meaning. Hear them:

"THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS STATE, ARE OPERATIVE ALIKE IN A PERIOD OF WAR AS IN TIME OF PEACE, AND ANY DEPARTURE THEREFROM, UNDER THE PLEA OF NECESSITY, OR ANY OTHER PLEA, IS SUBVERSIVE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND TENDS TO ANARCHY AND DESPOTISM."

May Day and Mother Jones

MOTHER JONES, proletarian heroine, lies, at four-score years, in a military blackhole, guarded by thugs, in the Siberian district of West Virginia. Her crown of snow-white hair has not spared her from the insults and outrages of the hyenas that prowl and prey in that region.

Every miner in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois ought to throw down his tools and swear not to dig another pound of coal until Mother Jones and her comrades who have been fighting their battles here, been rescued from the clutches of the brutes that have seized them in brazen violation of their constitutional rights and in contemptuous defiance of the working class they have so loyally served.

May Day is a day not only for speech, but for action. The incarceration of Mother Jones and her comrades in a military bull-pen which would be an outrage upon the most desperate gang of outlaws, is a burning shame and reproach to the whole working class of this country. Are they so utterly lacking in manhood that they will allow the grand old woman who has fought for them, pleaded with them, and suffered with them and their wives and babes all her life, to be seized and caged by a pack of hyenas and treated as if she were a wild beast, without lifting a finger to help her?

Here is food for reflection on May Day when the workers of the world are celebrating their solidarity and their hearts are stirred by sentiments of loyalty to the revolution.

There is a way to secure the liberation of Mother Jones and her comrades and to put an end to martial law and the snuffing down of miners as if they were dogs, in West Virginia.

First of all, let all the miners of that state throw down their picks and demand the release of Mother Jones and her comrades, the abrogation of martial law, and the wiping out of the military bull-pen.

Next, let all the workers of the state join in the demand and back up the miners; and finally, let all the coal diggers of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois make common cause with their fellow-workers and utterly paralyze the mining industry until the captives are given their freedom and military rule is ended.

Prompt and heroic action will win. Nothing else will. This is an extraordinary situation and extraordinary measures are required to meet it.

Do not tell me about the red tape there is in the way.

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ROUNDING UP THE "ELITE."

A few days ago an early morning raid was made upon two of the swiftest cafes in the city of Chicago...

"Elegant" ladies and "refined" gentlemen thronged both resorts and they were in full evening attire.

The two places raided were among the most fashionable and high-toned in the city. Only the rich and tenuous class were entertained there...

Cabaret singers almost nude were on the bills, with other features of the program to correspond.

And now behold! Four guests at Rector's, one of the resorts, were Christian ministers of the gospel.

Women fell on their knees and begged the investigators to let them go.

We have here a highly edifying picture of "upper class society."

It will be observed that the commission concluded not to make public the names of these eminent society people...

There have been many instances proving how unsatisfying mere wealth is.

THE PASSING OF MORGAN. The mighty Morgan is now but a memory.

THE SUGAR TRUST PREMIUMS. The sugar interests have hit upon an ingenious way of engaging numerous persons to write letters to senators...

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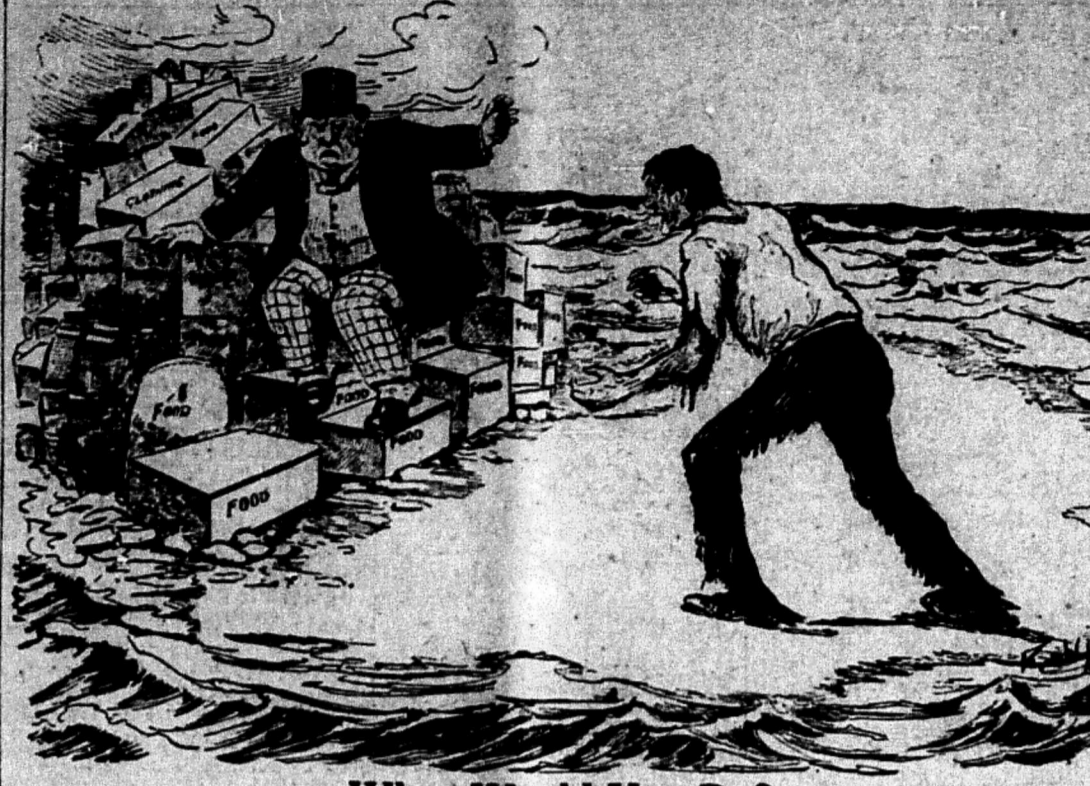
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