

Things As I See Them BY FRED D. WARREN.

I DISLIKE to see a man who is able to handle a great subject, talk about it like a schoolboy." is the way one of my readers writes to me in commenting on some of the pieces that appear in this column. Thanks! Talks like a school boy!

The department store of today evolved from the little dry goods store of years ago, with its ribbons, calicoes and thread, until it has come to be a public servant to a degree.

THAT paragraph is taken, without changing a word, from a department store advertisement printed in a Pittsburgh, Pa., daily paper.

What Happened When the Socialists Fell into the Trap.

I TOLD you in this column two weeks ago of how one Socialist local (Washington township, Kansas) met the attacks of the Catholic priest and the result.

This week I shall tell you what happened to a flourishing Socialist local of 1,000 members when the Socialists forgot the existence of the class struggle.

After years of patient effort and the distribution of many millions of pieces of literature, a local of the Socialist party with a thousand dues paying members was built up.

Table with 4 columns: Soc., Rep., Dem., Ind. and rows of numbers representing political affiliations.

Then something happened. Anti-Catholicism was injected into the field politics. The crowd went wild.

candidate against Catholic candidate, both being republicans. The result, told in the election returns, was as follows for 1913: Anti-Catholic candidate 16,814 Catholic candidate 9,479 Socialist candidate 2,431

As it is the Socialist organization is shot to pieces, and the movement set back years. It is true that you elected a Protestant republican as mayor and defeated a republican who was the avowed candidate of the Catholic church.

In the Toledo election, what did the working class gain? Nothing—Absolutely nothing! The present administration in Toledo will just as quickly order the militia to bayonet working men as any administration Toledo has ever had.

Dear Warren—In your editorial on Romanism and Socialism you miss one important point, to wit: The Roman hierarchy, which is the center and soul of the church, is not a great capitalist.

ANY sensible observer with one quarter of an eye ought to see that electing a Protestant republican in place of a Catholic democrat is not in any way going to injure the Roman church as a capitalist.

Shall It Be Capitalist Bread Line or Socialist Voting Line?



Section of New York Breadline, Often Four Blocks Long.

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that it will profit the working class nothing to depose Mr. Rockefeller's Baptist candidates and put in their place Mr. Morgan's Episcopal candidates.

A CORRESPONDENT, L. C. Flint, Missouri, writes: "I for one am for any party that contains the anti-Catholic plank. We think your article is misleading in the main."

It is a well-known fact that the Catholic church dictates to its people what they shall and what they shall not do.—John Copeland, Mt. Olive, Ill.

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Appeal to Reason No. 954 PUBLISHED WEEKLY. Founded 1895 by J. A. WAYLAND. This paper is paid for, if not by you by one who wants you to read it.

Wayland's Traducer Retracts

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Andrew Allen Veatch, editor of "Remonstrator," in official retraction filed with the district court at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Following is the retraction of Editor Veatch, printed in the Remonstrator for February, 1914:

"After the most careful investigation, the Remonstrator finding that the article, 'Why Wayland Killed Himself,' was altogether erroneous, desires to hereby so inform the public.

"This article was made up from similar reports appearing at that time in The Live Issue and other New York papers and I supposed them to be true, since some of the dispatches were dated from towns near Girard.

"I have inquired of Mr. Wayland's neighbors and find that none of them ever heard of the crime with which he was charged by those political enemies of his.

The slinking nature of the man is shown in the fact that in this retraction he omits the following sentence that appeared in his retraction as put on record of the court:

"I find that these reports were all fictitious, circulated, I now believe, by designing politicians who had it in for The Appeal force."

The case began with a publication made in the Remonstrator in March, 1913, entitled 'Why Wayland Killed Himself?'

The story continues with a recital of how, Wayland seduced this child; how an operation was performed on her; how she died; and how the body was shipped at night to Canada—

After this, according to the story so gleefully sent out by buzzards of the capitalist press, the law got on Wayland's trail.

Then it was that J. A. Wayland, having reached the climax of rascality, peridy and human baseness, and finding himself unable to escape a full exposure of his guilt, hurried to his bed chamber, wrapped the bedclothes about his head so as to muffle the sound of his revolver, and discharging the weapon into his foul brain, ended a life which can show no parallel for wickedness, mischievous plotting, treasonable designs against his country, and unfeeling brutality against his kind.

Veatch himself, as he testified when sued for libel, did not investigate into the truth or falsity of the tale.

The children of the outraged Wayland brought suit against Veatch for libel. He dodged trial for some time. Finally the court assessed damages against him to the amount of \$5,000.

When he appeared in court he had not an atom of proof concerning the story he had sent out.

When the Remonstrator told the infamous story it was a twenty-page magazine, claiming to have a big circulation. It is said that the slander of the dead brought tremendous orders.

But under pressure to produce part of his statements, Veatch's publicity went entirely out of business, and revived for the purpose of making traction appears as a four-page front mostly advertising in nature.

This is another case in which enemies of Socialism have stooped to the foulest slander to carry their point, and while pretending to stand for decency have broadcasted lies about the dead.

...An Echo of the Past...

General Otis breaks forth again in a tirade against the Appeal to Reason. In the editorial columns of the Los Angeles Times, February 24, 1914, General Otis says, among other things:

For years a publication issued at Girard, Kan., under the misnomer of the Appeal to Reason, has been the organ of Socialism. Repetition of graft, hypocrisy and insincerity on the part of the management effectively crumpled the paper and though it is not dead, its influence has been nullified.

Curiously enough in the same mail that brought this clipping, I found an interesting clipping from the same paper which some enterprising reader of the APPEAL had cut from the Los Angeles Times of January 13, 1913, and carefully preserved.

Girard's Shame—Latest Squeal of the Appeal—After More Money from Its Sucker Army—New Device of Warren for Catching Them—'Treason' Sheet to Operate in Another Guise.

Special Correspondence of The Times. Girard (Kan.) Jan. 12.—Under the combined pressure of an unrelenting 33 deserved prosecution, undaunted by threats of severe and violence as vile as they were vain, and of the violence and social ostracism its publishers and editors were subjected to here because of the revelations which followed the investigation made by the federal department of justice, that journalistic leech and member of the tribe Socialist, the 'Appeal to Reason,' is now crumbling and in the process of dissolution.

Realizing that he can no longer successfully play the game of milking a misled and besotted following through the printing of such an unscrupulous and scandal-mongering sheet, in the Appeal to Reason, Fred Warren has now rebaited his hook and cast it in a slightly different direction, hoping that the fool fish will follow, as they probably will.

Between now and February 8, 'The Coming Nation,' a magazine heretofore published in Chicago, will be moved to Chicago.

The 'planted' rumor was, when the plan first 'leaked out' that it could be printed and gotten out there cheaper than in Girard, where the Appeal printers for some time have been on strike for an increase in wages, and the mailing clerks are ready to do likewise.

But economy is not the African in the woodpile. Fred Warren knows that the days of the Appeal game, as it has been played, are numbered. Therefore, he wants to get away from it in appearance at least.

And now Freddie is doing the same thing over again. But, according to an old adage, it tends to transform the unscrupulous individual into a law-abiding and respectable person, at least in appearance.

WARRON'S admirable scheme to dump the

interest, in the effort to commercialize hatred and ignorance, was first displayed by the wife, Mrs. Warren herself, who then makes confidential statements to her people, intimate friends, who confidentially repeat them, and so the time representative was first tipped off as to the great contemplated coup.

(Here follows a reproduction of the article which appeared in the Coming Nation announcing its removal to Chicago.)

'The Coming Nation,' which always has been subsidized by the Appeal, this being one of the conditions of Fred Warren's agreement under which he turned his valuable services and the Appeal subscription and army hat to J. A. Wayland, their rightful owner, during the past week, according to employees of the Appeal to Reason who are in a position to know, has already settled all its accounts with the Appeal for weeks. Still, Fred advertised in the Appeal for appearances' sake, for awhile at least, while it is still profitable and the \$5 per subscription keep coming in.

And, incidentally, Fred Warren gets away from Harry J. Bone, United States attorney for Kansas, whom he doesn't relish, leaving the Wayland boys to face the music.

The man who wrote the above article is now a fugitive from justice with a warrant in the hands of the officers for his arrest on a serious charge the proof of which against him is absolute. His flight is as convincing testimony that he has not the nerve and courage to face a trial court. His name is Dueberg, alias Norton.

The man who printed and circulated the scandals referred to in the opening paragraph of the above article, after being confronted by those whom he had slandered in a court of justice at Oklahoma City, Okla., begged for mercy and signed a complete retraction.

Incidentally it may be remarked that Harry J. Bone is no longer United States district attorney for Kansas. His career as a pirate on the judicial sea was suddenly brought to an inglorious close. Harry is now a private citizen putting in most of his time trying to keep the lid from popping off, thus disclosing his unsavory and unlawful acts while masquerading as an agent of the department of justice.

Contrary to the expectations and prophecy of the Los Angeles Times, Freddie is still on the job in Girard and the APPEAL is today stronger and more virile and vigorous than at any time in all of its eighteen years of struggle with the plutocratic plunderbund and its secret agents of destruction.

These petty opponents of Socialism, like Harry Bone, Pompeney, and their dupes spring up and flourish for a day and then pass out of sight. Socialism continues on its triumphant course, vindicated by facts and supported by the logic of events.

IN one block in an eastern city the ground rent (or payment for the use of land alone) is \$167,000 per year. The people who buy the goods sold in the stores in that block pay this enormous sum, for which they get nothing in return.

A REPORT of the bureau of mines says that United States mine owners kill 419 miners in every 100,000, while Japanese mine owners kill only 76 in 100,000. Evidently the Japs are still a little shy on western civilization.

BEG pardon, Dr. Wilson, but if the wages system is so practical, as you say, why are 15,000,000 people living in abject poverty under that system, and in the 'richest country in the world?'

CAN the wildest imagination conjure up an excuse for a social system that keeps honest industrious workers in poverty while scheming parasites wallow in wealth?

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