STATEMENT OF FRED. D. WARREN.

After fourteen years of service with the Appeal to Reason, I find it absolutely necessary, on account of my health, to turn over the burden of work and care of the responsibilities of the paper to others.

I shall not attempt to tell you what keen regret I feel in making this announcement. Although I am 42 years old, I confess that it is hard to keep back the tears as I write these lines to you, my comrade, who have stood so unitedly beside me and by the Appeal to Reason each day. It need not be said that it has been a task to write these lines. I have been through the ups and downs of the past. You gave your money and your time unstintedly, and in return I did the very best I could. True, mistakes have been made—only the gods make no mistakes. And the men who made the Appeal have been just human—but, when you pass judgment on my work, please let the general results balance the scales against my shortcomings and mistakes.

A year's complete rest from the responsibilities and burdens incident to the publication of the Appeal is demanded by my physician and so the decision to do what perhaps I should have done before was reached last week.

Comrade Walter H. Wayland assumes active charge of the paper. Assisted by a staff of six men and women, comrade who have had long experience in this work, the Appeal may rest assured that the Appeal will maintain its traditions as a fighting machine of the working class. I need not urge you to stand by the little old Appeal in the future as you have stood by it in the past—I know you will do that. Remember:—what is the paper and is nothing accomplished by the lives of those who work for it.

Comrade J. A. Wayland established the Appeal in 1885. I joined the staff in 1900. For ten years we worked side by side. He then thought he was entitled to be relieved entirely from the responsibilities of the paper, and in 1909 I was made editor and publisher under a lease which expired next January, with a provision for its automatic renewal for another five years.

My plans for the immediate future contemplate getting back my health, and then study the problems and preparation of the ideas that I have got ahead of the Appeal to Reason. I expect to put in twenty more, so much time is necessary to the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth. From my point of view, the prospects for the speedy triumph of the working class were never brighter. It is true, there appears to be a lull all along the line, but a closer look will prove that it is merely a deep sleep quiescence before the one coming out of the part of the working class—an undercurrent of confidence that can be seen. 

My pen and my voice will always be at the command of my comrades and I shall do my best to support the just demands, political and human, of the workers, so that you may sleep, free physically, mentally and spiritually. I shall be Garfield, Kam, under the shadow of the great Temple of the Revolution.


STATEMENT OF W. H. WAYLAND.

Comrade Warren's resignation, caused by his prolonged and regrettable illness, has thrown the tremendous burden of publishing the little old Appeal from his shoulders to mine. I do not look forward to full responsibility, but I know too well the cares and worries of publishing the Appeal. I have seen my father-and later Comrade Warren—bent beneath its load. I have seen the former sent to an early grave and the latter broken down at the age of forty-two. Yet we shall continue to strive with all our effort and might. We shall match our youth and vitality against the complexes of power. The Appeal is a force that is so fiercely opposed by the most bloodthirsty and relentless powers under the sun.

WE SHALL GIVE ALL THAT IS IN US TO THIS GOOD FIGHT.

And we are confident of victory because we know that you, the workers who form the nucleus of the Appeal, are back of us in every step we take for humanity and Socialism.

There is nothing to promise for the future. The Appeal will speak for itself every week. If its contents are not what you want, we shall soon realize that anyone else will count for naught. Results always have counted with the Appeal and they always will be.

I was brought up in the Appeal office. For twelve years I have acquainted myself with every detail of our big plant. Comrade Louis Klopford, formerly managing editor of the New York Masses—now Judge and Labor Commissioner for Denver—has kindly consented to advise us in his place and I and the other comrades who have been connected with the Appeal for these many years are here in the Temple of the Revolution ready and willing to serve you.

Comrades of the Appeal Army, we await your command!

WALTER H. WAYLAND.
Guggenheim's Favorite Gunmen Crew

BY JIM HENRY PEARL

D extraordinary fight that took place on the Peru railroad was witnessed by a crowd of spectators last week. The fight was between two crews of the railroad and the crew of the gunmen. The gunmen were supposed to be the best crew on the railroad, but the railroad crew proved to be the better. The fight was over the possession of a load of coal.

The railroad crew consisted of five men, the gunmen of three. The railroad crew had the upper hand at first, but the gunmen managed to turn the tables and gain the advantage. The railroad men were badly wounded, but the gunmen emerged victorious.

For this week's "block" we have the following report:

R. J. Waddell & M. H. Mahon had an agreement with the railroad for the transportation of goods. The railroad refused to honor the agreement, and the gunmen intervened. The railroad men, led by J. H. Waddell, were tried in court and found guilty of violation of the agreement. The gunmen, led by M. H. Mahon, were acquitted. The railroad men appealed the case, and the gunmen sought to enforce the agreement.

The railroad men took the goods to the railroad and refused to pay the gunmen. The gunmen seized the goods and took them to the railroad. The railroad men then appealed to the railroad authorities. The railroad authorities refused to interfere, and the gunmen continued their operation.

The gunmen have now taken over the railroad and are operating it as they see fit. The railroad men are not allowed to interfere with the gunmen's operation. The gunmen have a large following and are well respected by the people of the town. The railroad men are in a dilemma and do not know what to do. They are trying to find a way out of the situation.
A POLITICAL MIRACLE
by Fred W. Demers

War alone can perpetuate European capitalism for another generation. But only a political miracle can prevent it.

THE THREAT OF BUSINESS

The daily press reports Europe on the verge of a war that may bankrupt the whole world. Russia's attack is the first of many that may bankrupt the world. And the aspect of the situation that is most disturbing is the fact that the American public is not being warned of the dangers that lie ahead.

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