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"The Fighting Editor"

— OR —

"Warren and the Appeal"

A word picture of the APPEAL TO REASON office. Biography of Fred D. Warren. History of events leading up to his sentence to serve six months in prison and pay a fine of \$1,500. His speeches before the Federal Court at Fort Scott, Kansas and the Appellate Court at St. Paul, Minnesota. Personal and press comments, etc.

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Persecution, where is thy sting?

Oppression, where is thy power?

It is a historical fact that out of persecution and oppression have grown civilization's brightest flowers. We do not fear thee. We know that the glorious tomorrow with its crimsoned-hued promise of brotherhood belongs to us and to our children.—Fred D. Warren, at New Castle, Pa., July 19th, 1910.

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Foreword.

My connection with the Appeal to Reason began on May 18, 1903. I started in as assistant circulation manager. Being an active Socialist, in a small way, during college days, I naturally took to the Appeal work and soon had a department of my own. After serving the paper almost six years, my connection with it was severed to enable me to take up active field work on the lecture platform.

During this time I learned more of the trickery and treachery of Capitalism, expressed in various ways by individuals with corporate interests behind them, of the deliberate attempts on the part of cycophants and tools of commercialism in the postoffice department to throttle free press in America than I ever dreamed could exist in a civilized government. The persistent and unscrupulous efforts to strike at the heart of the Appeal to destroy its life, with the life of the cause it represents, would hardly be believed by one not able to look behind the curtain and see things as they are in this age of progress in a free (?) country.

My intimate association with the principal

character in this volume, Fred D. Warren, began early in January, 1904, when the "Coming Nation," a Socialist propaganda paper published at Rich Hill, Mo., by the Warren brothers and E. N. Richardson, consolidated with the Appeal to Reason and Mr. Warren began the second chapter of his career with the paper, having served a term on its staff some years previous to that time.

As a man of rigid honesty and integrity, Fred D. Warren has never been questioned, even by his bitterest political enemy—(a personal enemy he never had). Clean and pure in habits and morals, above reproach in all dealings with his fellow men, Warren is a man who commands the respect of all. Absolutely fearless when a question of principle is involved, he has never been known to shirk a duty. He is so modest and retiring by nature that to the stranger he is apt to seem distant and unsociable. As a rule strangers, upon being introduced to him, remark their surprise. They usually express themselves as expecting to meet a man about six feet four in height, and two hundred and twenty-five or fifty pounds in weight, and they simply can't believe that this boy in appearance, except certain mature and resolute facial lines, and hair fast turning gray on a splendidly set head, is really Fred D. Warren, the Fighting Editor of the Appeal to Reason.

My intimate association with Mr. Warren and his case (I was the only witness used in his defense) and my official connection with the Appeal for almost ten years should abundantly qualify me, I trust, for this work, which so many of his friends have urged me to undertake.

This is my only apology for offering the story of the Warren case to the public.

GEORGE D. BREWER.