

### BIGGEST PRINTING PLANT TO BE BUILT AT KINGSFORT TENN

In the heart of the mountainous Tennessee wilderness, at the center of the book-buying population of the United States, one of the World's greatest printing plants has been completed. Soon its presses will begin to hum with their first run, and the product will be the New Testament, for the Bible is still the "best seller." Ford methods of efficiency in quantity production will be applied there, and books will be supplied at prices within reach of the poorest. Behold the literary fliiver!

So remarkable is the enterprise that it merits an introduction to the public somewhat more sedate. Its daily capacity, including the output of specially made machinery, will be 100,000 volumes. Moreover for the first time in history the business of book manufacturing has been integrated.

The Kingsport Press is the core of what Hugo Stines would call a "vertical" industry. It is not within single management, but friendly groups own it units. They own forests near at hand which will supply paper pulp for the next ninety years. They own abundant coal fields forty miles from the printing plant. They control the railroad running through Kingsport on which this coal and books must be moved—the only railroad which crosses or punctures—the Appalachians. They paper and pulp mills, glue and ink factories, a cloth finishing plant, bookbinding, and plate making and shipping departments. The things which go to make a volume need no longer be assembled from many diverse quarters. In effect, the physical book is to be brought out of the earth itself, with the source of power and raw material close at hand.

Let us go back to the dream and see how events shape themselves for its realization. Back in 1909 a Wall Street Banking house, Blair & Co. financed a group of men in the pursuit, in Tennessee. To get that coal chase of 500,000 acres of coal fields on what is known as Clinch Mountain to the country on both sides of the range they built the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad, 340 miles through the Appalachians; and the difficulties of the task will be realized when you are told that there are sixteen tunnels in one stretch of fifteen miles. Thus they opened up an almost virgin country and built two towns, Kingsport in one and Irwin, N. C. the other—which were not satellite settlements, but municipalities with their own charts and their own city government, says an article in the New York Times.

Adams, through his acquaintances with men already interested at Kingsport, saw the possibilities for supplying to the public inexpensive books manufactured there, in association with pulp and paper manufacturers. "That is the place where the thing can be done," he said. "Everything we need to make a book is there. We can get gray goods from the South and finish it for the bindings; we have coal, forests, transportation. Why not do it?"

And so he awoke from his dream to find it almost come true. And one of the first things he did was to find out how cheaply the classics could be produced. "Threasure Island" will be the first of a series of twenty classics, and sample volumes are already at hand; but owing to the time required to manufacture so many volumes, distribution to the public cannot begin before April. It is a neat little volume for the side pocket, a fiction more than four inches wide, a little more than six and half inches long, and it is bound not in paper but in cloth; not in an imitation, but in real cloth; it is printed on book paper not paper with a wood fibre; it is printed from new plates, in type agreeable to the eye. Its binding is red and gold.

"By using special machinery," said Adams, "we can produce this book to sell to the public at ten cents, but only if we print millions. Full Output in Spring. But who would order so many books? The Woolworth Company, with its chain of a thousand stores, was the only concern capable of ordering and absorbing at a single stroke and distributing throughout the country so stupendous an output. And so the deal was made—not as quickly and easily as it is set down here, but after many conferences. And along in the Spring when the fancy of a certain age turns lightly not to love but to adventure, every small boy may even, if he chose, travel

### WHAT IS NEEDED—MORE EXECUTIONS

(Greensboro Daily News.) Editor of the Daily News: Capital punishment should be retained on the statutes of the states for the four crimes now named with train and bank robbery added to the list. The state and nation are too lax in making and executing laws, hence the amazing number and character of crimes committed throughout the nation. Captain Laughinghouse has convincingly shown that murders increased at an enormous rate in the United States and Europe where the death penalty was abolished and declined accordingly when it was restored.

Life, liberty and property are not adequately protected in the greatest cities nor in the most distant rural section. The criminal class are bold and defiant because penalties are so light and uncertain. Bank robbers when convicted receive a penalty of perhaps ten years, which generally means in a short time jail-breaking or a pardon.

A gang of crooks often take \$100,000 or more in one raid, whereas it takes a splendid business man to accumulate this sum in a life time. Robbery in all its forms becomes a profession to the vicious class, because it pays such large dividends. It is a habit with the professional crooks to take new names after a short term in jail, by this means some have as many names as any royalist. Capital punishment would end all this hide and seek business and save the state and nation millions of dollars, besides saving the lives of the people and security of life and property.

By lax laws and poor enforcement, both the makers and administrators of law become a particeps criminis—an aid and abettor of crime. One offense of this nature would close a career.

I am unalterably opposed to the with Stevenson to a fabulous island and traffi cwith pirates, and sing of fifteen men on a dead man's chest all for a round trip car fare.

Sixty thousand of these books can be produced daily by the Kingsport Press, in addition to 40,000 volumes by the ordinary process. No other single plant in this country probably can turn out more than a third the total. Ford produces 100,000 automobiles and tractors a month; at Kingsport they will produce 100,000 books a day.

And Tennessee mountaineers, many of them illiterate but sure to absorb in time something of what they produce, will help to turn upon the country this Niagara of print.

The Kingsport program calls for a minimum annual output of 3,500,000 books, one-fourth of the pulp to be used will be emade from a by-product of the tanning factory—chips from which the tanning has been extracted. Identical trucks will be used throughout the entire plant, and in many of the processes the material will not be handled by men, but will be lifted by machinery from the truck, put through a process and delivered to another truck. The first "run" calls for 50,000 Testaments, but the usual order will be for 500,000 books; and since orders for such quantities can be obtained for dictionaries, primers, grammar school textbooks and certain classics, the plant will be restricted to work of that character. It is doubtful whether the short run to which most current fiction is restricted can be undertaken there.

The size of the printing plant may be gauged from the fact that its concrete foundations are a mile and a half around. The building covers three and a half acres and is so large that a photograph conveying an adequate notion of its size has yet been taken. Adams intends, however, to have pictures made from an airplane.

In connection with the enterprise there is a 2,7000 farm acre where there are blooded horses and kennels of fine dogs, and where the supply of vegetables and dairy products is used not for sale to the population of the town, but for its protection; it will be sold there only if merchants in Kingsport betray an inclination of profiteering. Otherwise it is shipped to other markets. There is an old mansion on it where guests and visitors of the plant may be entertained.

Primarily Kingsport was planned to supply additional tonnage to the railroad, which was an expensive enterprise. The country is rich in natural resources, kaolin and stone aside from the coal and timber and it has the advantage of cold, pure mountain water. But it developed into an extremely interesting civic experiment where healthful was encouraged because healthfulness makes for efficiency and contentment and where spotlessness was encouraged because it makes for healthfulness.

It was an interesting town even before Little and Ives decided to build there a printing plant of unprecedented size. The new undertaking makes it still more remarkable. Its population is wholly American-born. That the town is as a center of the book population of this country is a coincidence which makes it a little the more remarkable.

life sentence. It is worse than death. It only makes a life of misery and regret for the criminal, and piles up a huge debt on the taxpayer. It reverses the burden of crime from the guilty to the innocent. As a citizen I cheerfully pay taxes for every honorable cause, but protest against giving money to feed and clothe and guard the vilest and most diabolical of earth to lie in idleness till death ends all.

This class of society, created in the image of God, endowed as you and I with faculties for protecting and blessing themselves and their fellow-men, prostitute all these attributes to talents to rob and slay their brothers in the flesh and so descend in the scale beneath the wolf and hyena. These brutal animals creep out in the darkness of the night for meat to appease their ravenous appetites with which their creator endowed them. The arch fiend dreams by night and plans by day, crosses land and sea, carrying with him all the death-dealing instruments possible, in order to take the money sought, whether from the most saintly widow or poorest orphan, matters not.

Fanatics and sentimentalists say they are too good to receive the death penalty, though they may have committed all the crimes in the ten commandments. Over five million allies died that liberty and righteousness might be preserved; surely they gave their lives in vain if anarchists and incarnate demons are permitted to feast and fatten on the fruits they reaped.

President Harding did a wise thing when he ordered all mail clerks on the railroads to go armed, and shoot if necessary. Train robbing decreased at once.

Capital punishment is neither "gruesome" nor "vengeful." More gruesome sights occur in hospitals all over the nation than can be seen at an electrocution. At the former persons have their limbs amputated and their bodies cut open, while at the latter, not a bone is broken, not a drop of blood is shed.

There is no malice in the law. Neither the law, nor the judge, nor jury are guilty in any fair trial. The criminal is the author of his own death, as the old prophet Hosea said to the idolatrous Israel, "Oh, Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself."

The Almighty has sanctioned all this law and order in His own word. W. H. TOWNSEND.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be introduced in the present session of the Legislature to amend the charter of the town of Boone so as to extend the boundaries of the said town. Edw. N. Hahn, Mayor. This Jan. 1 1923

### THE CASE OF DR. PEACOCK

(News and Observer.)

The case of Dr. Peacock discloses three things which reflect upon North Carolina justice. They are:

1. The failure to convict Dr. Peacock of premeditated murder of the policeman of Thomasville. He was an efficient officer and the cruel murder caused the righteous indignation of the whole State. This was not lessened by the failure of punishment because he was declared insane. The average layman did not believe he was insane when he committed the deed, but of course had to acquiesce in the action taken upon the testimony of high and honorable medical experts. He was sent to the department of the criminal insane. It was then truly predicted by the doubtful that after a time he would be declared sane and escape punishment.

2. The second event that made the people feel the miscarriage of justice keenly was when Dr. Peacock was permitted to escape from the State Prison. He had not been put at work. Many people felt that the authorities had not exercised the continuing watchfulness necessary, and when it was found that he effected his escape by means of five sheets in his room there was much criticism and some suspicion that he had been aided by employees of the prison or outside parties who were in collusion with inside. The superintendent and a board ordered an investigation but could find no evidence implicating any official or employe. His escape has therefore remained a mystery. It however caused more diligent watch on such prisoners and a recommendation by the superintendent that the criminal insane be cared for elsewhere than in the state prison. That matter will come before the legislature.

3. The third lamentable chapter in the miscarriage was the failure to law the escaped doctor and apprehend him. When the president of the bank at Thomasville defaulted and escaped to Mexico the banking detective force kept on his trail located him in Mexico and brought him back to North Carolina for trial. When Dr. Peacock escaped there was an attempt to locate him at first but evidently the attempt was not kept up diligently. The first thing the authorities knew of his whereabouts was when he was located at the home of his sister after he had gone into the courts and obtained a verdict that he was sane. It would have been comparatively easy to have kept in touch with the home of his sister in Florida. It is indeed surprising that such obvious precautions to locate the escaped man were not taken. Any detective who knew his job would have seen to it that an es-

caped prisoner could not unbeknowingly to the state authorities openly live in the home of his sister in Florida, begin proceedings in a court and carry them to a decree adverse to this State's judgement with noone representing North Carolina, having no hint of it until the decree was issued. In the case of the Thomasville banker, he had only used money that had belonged to others, in the case of the Thomasville doctor he had in cold blood murdered a faithful and conscientious officer. Is more diligence to be shown to apprehend a defaulting bank officer than an escaped murderer?

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