

Letters To The Editor

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 10th

Editor Cherokee Scout:

I have just read your Editorial of Feb. 10th regarding the Townsend Old Pension Plan. Will you kindly give me space for a few words of

The great trouble with the Townsend Pension Plan is that a lot of people are condemning it before they understand it and the actual cost to government.

Under Our Revised Townsend Pension Plan now before Congress and backed by upwards of sixty Congressmen some of whom have been there in Congress for eighteen or twenty years. Provides, that the Pensioners who wish to apply passed the age of sixty will accept whatever two per cent transaction tax on all the gross business done in the U. S. each thirty days will produce let it be fifty, sixty, or seventy-five dollars each month, with the maximum amount to be paid of \$200. When the time arrives that the tax produces enough to pay that amount.

We also agree to first collect this money with the two per cent tax each month and put it into the Treasury first before it is paid out to the Pensioners, thereby creating no debt, no inflation, no borrowing or issue of bonds to carry same on with.

The amount collected each month to be pro-rated out to those who agree to give up their jobs and spend under oath all the money each month. The Townsend Pension Movement is a speedy recovery measure, to force money into circulation to every section of the country every thirty days. To restore buying power in a larger amount into the hands of these elderly people very few of whom have none now. It is intended to retire these elderly people with spending power to start the business of the country mor rapidly and create jobs for the younger people.

The improved machine age has so replaced so many people that we are compelled to retire some and who would we retire other than the elderly people who have made the nation what it is today.

Do you know that Rep. Blanton from Texas as well as a lot more Congressmen are opposed to the Townsend Pension Plan.

Also a lot of the wealth of the nation, but what else can you expect

to have a lot of Congressmen that are in favor and supporting the Townsend Revised Plan. Blanton of Texas represents the big oil companies of Texas.

If you will investigate most of the errors that write articles against the Townsend Plan are high salaried people or are representing big corporations and what else can you expect.

They say it will cost the Government eighteen to twenty four billions of dollars and that to come out of Uncle Sams net income. Those arguments are incorrect. It will only cost one to one and half billion dollars to carry the whole proposition and on for all time to come. It did start off with a billion or a million and half dollars, you might think that would be the capitol stock, but come out to the Pensioners each month, they would put it right into circulation, the two per cent transaction tax would put it into the Treasury each month and it would come out again. If the two per cent did not produce enough to pay the \$200, then they take what it does produce.

This Capitol stock would turn over twelve times each year out and over and over, you might say use the same money turning over and producing revenue each time. It would not take a penny out of the net income of the government because the Revenue would be derived from the Gross business done each month which is twelve or fifteen times as much as the net income. When you buy a hat at the store now, you pay sales tax on the merchant's net profit or do you pay on the gross price of the hat? The answer is of course.

Most of writers never take into consideration the terrific amount of money that is being spent now for the county home, other pensions and so on that the Townsend Bill will relieve.

In the year 1929, the National income was eighty some odd billion dollars. In 1933 it dropped down to nine billion. Why was the income so low?

Buying Power out of the hands of the Masses. The Townsend Pension bill proposes to restore this buying power to a large extent and doing rather than plunge Uncle Sams more in debt it would help him get out of debt.

And where people post themselves against the Townsend Pension Plan and stand what it would mean to the business of the Country. That eighty five per cent of the people of this Nation would Support

it. Some papers say that only about five per cent are in favor of the Townsend Plan. Up in Michigan in the Congressional election held there on the 17th of December when the Man that run on the Townsend Pension Platform beat his opponent two to one, that looks like more than five per cent.

There has not been a Candidate yet run on the Townsend Pension Platform been defeated and the people will find that when the issue is left to a vote of the people they then will find out which way the wind will blow.

This is the only thing that has ever been offered to the poor people of the Nation to amount to anything, they will vote for it if they can get a chance.

To have seventy five or a hundred thousand dollars turned loose every thirty days to these Elderly people in Cherokee County, would that make conditions worse than what they are now?

The Townsend Pension bill if enacted into law would mean the largest Pay Roll the U. S. had ever had or perhaps ever would have and another fine thing is that it would go into every County in the Nation every thirty days.

The false rumor that Mr. Townsend is getting rich, is perfectly ridiculous and is absolutely untrue.

All these Nickels and dimes that is collected go into the organization at Washington to further the cause and to help fight the bill thru Congress. An Audit of the Organization is made by Uncle Sam and so far there has been nothing found crooked. Mr. Townsend draws a Salary of fifty dollars per week for what he is trying to do for the poor people and for the business of this country.

This is the biggest movement ever it before the people of the Nation and before this Nation and you can't get the bill through Congress without some funds.

What about the big Campaign funds for all the great Political parties of the Nation. Why don't one squeal about that.

Before passing Judgment on the Townsend Pension bill please read Proverbs 18-13.

Thank you,
W. B. FISHER,
State Manager.

SLEEPING BEAUTY STARTS FIFTH YEAR

Chicago—Pretty, dark-haired Patricia Maguire, the modern "sleeping princess," will begin her fifth year of slumber next week.

Her condition — "No recent change."

Thus, with cheerful patience born of long days and nights of constant nursing, did the stenographer's mother and sister report on her progress.

Although Pat is nearer consciousness now than at the end of the first year after her attack of sleeping sickness, no "fairy prince" in the form of medical science has yet crossed the threshold of the modest suburban Oak Park home to awaken her.

"But we have not given up hope," reiterated the mother, Mrs. Peter Miley, whose hair has turned white in the last two years.

"No, indeed," echoed her other daughter, Mrs. Gladys Hansen, who has turned her nursing experience with Pat into outside channels. She is now doing practical nursing.

It was four years ago — the night of February 13, 1932—that Pat, who had been complaining for days of feeling "so tired and sleepy," went out to mail a valentine to her niece.

The next day she did not get up, and soon afterward, Pat, then 26 years old, drifted into a coma from which she has never completely aroused.

The first year she was merely animate. Helpless as a baby, she had to be fed by means of a tube. She made no response to heat or cold. She remained unaffected by noise.

Medical science struggled to overcome the illness. Serums, blood transfusions, artificially stimulated fevers, special diets and massages were tried.

Gradually Patricia's mind returned to the fringe of consciousness. Doctors found her reflex action normal. The patient became aware of heat, cold and sound.

About a year and a half ago it was noted she would respond to vocal commands to "lift a finger." Next, it was observed she could, with an effort, focus her eyes and read from a slate an instruction to "smile." She indicated she knew her mother.

But since then there's been "no definite change for better or worse," said Mrs. Mansen.

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