

There's a new "Third Party" movement looming up to complicate the political situation in the Presidential election year of 1936. It is big enough, and has enough votes behind it, distributed all over the United States, to make the seasoned politicians of both major parties sit up and take notice.

This is the "Townsend Plan" Party.

Washington regards the announcement by Dr. Townsend that he will put a third party ticket in the field, unless the Democrats or the Republicans satisfy him and his followers, as the biggest political news since the death of Huey Long and the consequent collapse of the Louisiana Senator's third party threat. It is big news, and something to be taken seriously, for two major reasons.

1. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can satisfy Dr. Townsend and his followers.

2. As every fresh arrival in Washington testifies, if he has kept his ear to the ground while back home, The Townsend Old Age Pension plan has enrolled literally millions of voters in its thousands of Townsend Clubs, all pledged to work and vote for \$200 a month pensions for every man and woman over 60 years old.

POWER OF THE GROUP

Politicians know the power of organization. Those with long memories recall the way in which the Anti-Saloon League put over Prohibition, by organizing the church people in every community and using the "pressure group" method to defeat "wet" candidates and elect "dry" ones. They were laughed at as fanatics—but they got Prohibition. The Townsends are looked upon by the politicians on Capitol Hill as equally fanatical—but they are beginning to feel the pressure.

It is believed here that there are more potential votes behind the Townsend movement than there ever were behind Prohibition. To most folks, the Prohibition movement was somewhat abstract, based upon moral principles. The Townsend movement is decidedly concrete, and is based upon the fundamental human itch to get something for nothing.

**CONGRESS ACTION
PREDICTED**

One inevitable effect of the Townsend threat, observers here believe, will be a desperate effort to put through at the coming session of Congress some amendment to the Social Security Act, to make the Old-Age Benefits provided for by that measure payable immediately and in full to every qualified person, instead of at some time in the distant future. Also, to "raise the ante" from the present sliding scale, which runs from \$10 to \$85 a month, to come nearer to meeting the demands of the Townsends.

There is little belief, however, that such a program can be put over. It is fairly certain that President Roosevelt would veto it if it were passed. The Social Security Act only received his approval after the parts which would have required direct appropriations by the Federal Government were stricken out, and the plan put on an actuarial self-perpetuating basis.

The political implications of the Townsend threat as it may affect the choice of the Republican candidate, and the election next November, are being carefully appraised. It is a quite general understanding

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May Boost N. C. WPA Funds

President Refuses To Restore Relief

**Chief Holds
Local Units
Responsible**

**Administration Will Stay
Within 3,500,000
WPA Limit**

BUDGET DISCUSSED

Washington—Full responsibility for caring for all needy unemployed beyond the 3,500,000 on Federal work-relief was placed squarely upon local governments and private charity Monday by President Roosevelt.

The \$4,000,000,000 work-relief fund, the President said at his press conference, was calculated to take care of only 3,500,000 persons. He said he had to stick to that limitation, and that any other needy persons, either employable or unemployable, must be cared for locally.

His statement followed by a few days a report from Harry L. Hopkins, WPA chief, that the relief situation had been affected "adversely" by winter conditions, and attributing the small decrease in big-city relief rolls to the fact that many now were seeking aid for the first time.

Responsibility for the unemployables already has been handed back to the States. The Chief Executive further expressed confidence that the 3,500,000 estimate of the nation's needy and jobless employables was an accurate one.

Asked about estimates that there were 11,000,000 unemployed in the nation, the President answered by asking for a definition of "unemployed."

He asserted a census of the jobless was impossible because of the difficulty in finding such a definition.

Out of 50 housing projects, the President said in discussing this last point, 48 were under contract on the mid-December deadline date and 88 per cent of the funds for other public works had been placed under contract excluding those projects held up by litigation or other outside circumstances.

A question about how nearly WPA came to taking care of the 3,500,000 employables on relief started the President's discussion of the problem.

He pointed to the last report showing the works-relief drive was only 20,000 short of its goal.

Asked whether the public was justified in believing the Federal government was committed to taking care of all employables, Mr. Roosevelt replied that it was a presumption to say the public had any thought on the subject because he

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*** MARTIAL TANGLE
PUZZLES COURT ***

Chicago—A strange story of how Norbert U. Kolb's first wife allegedly posed as his sister while he courted a new prospective bride for himself and shopped around for a new husband for Mrs. Kolb presented Circuit Judge Harry M. Fisher with a tangled martial problem. Kolb offered the story as his defense in a \$75,000 alienation of affection suit brought by his former wife, Mrs. Ella Kolb, against his second spouse, Mrs. Gertrude Kolb.

**Serious Fire
At Faith Sun.**

**Fire Destroys Three Resi-
dents; Damaging
Fourth**

A fire which broke out about 3 o'clock Sunday morning destroyed three homes and damaged a fourth before local and Granite Quarry citizens and the chemical truck from this city were able to check the flames.

It is thought that the flames, which originated in the home of Dick Jones, were caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the lights on a Christmas tree. However, this was not definitely known.

The three homes burned were those of Mr. Jones, Mrs. Bob Williams and J. C. Barger. H. D. Brown's home was damaged.

Only one living room suite was recovered from the Jones home, and about half of the Williams furniture was saved while practically all of Barger's furniture was removed to a place of safety.

The damage, which was practically covered by insurance, was estimated at about \$6,000.00.

Henry L. Barger, 63 year old citizen dropped dead while fighting the fire. It is believed that over exhaustion, excitement and congestion from smoke caused a heart attack which resulted in his sudden death.

Mr. Barger had lived in Faith 40 years and had been in the best of health apparently.

Funeral services were held last Monday, the Rev. J. L. Morgan conducting the services. Internment was in Faith Lutheran church cemetery.

He is survived by his widow and three children, and several sisters and brothers.

**Heiress Seeks To
Divorce Nobleman**

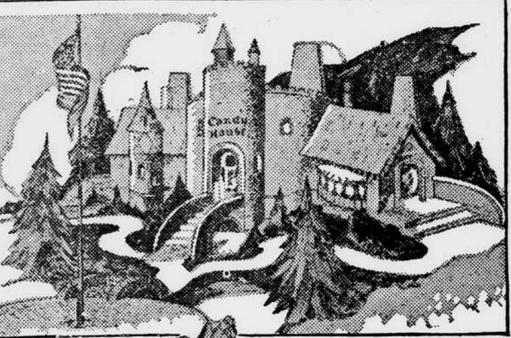
Fort Worth, Texas—Princess Marion Snowden Rospigliosi, twenty-three, New York heiress, left here by plane for Mexico City, where she expects to get a divorce from the Italian Prince Girolomo Rospigliosi. She said there is nothing definite yet regarding reports she would marry Louis F. Reed, Jr., of Orange, N. J.

**Bandits Rob Bank
\$17,000 Old Bills**

Fort Lea, N. J.—Four bandits armed with revolvers and machine guns, held up the First National Bank and escaped with \$17,000. The money was mutilated bills which had been locked up in a vault preparatory to being sent to the United States Treasury to be exchanged for new currency, Joseph Cook, treasurer, said.

Three out of every four race horses never earn their keep.

Candy-House Postoffice Shrine at Santa Claus



SANTA CLAUS, Ind. . . . The fame this small town has attained, as thousands upon thousands of pieces of mail are sent here during the holidays for re-mailing each year, is to be perpetuated by a new post office building, dedicated as a shrine to the children of America. Above is an artist's drawing of the "Candy-House" postoffice which the Santa Claus Chamber of Commerce has approved. Below is the present postoffice which has carried on through the years . . . to fame.

**Pilot Drops 2,000 Feet
In Ripped Chute--Unhurt**

Bell Buckle, Tenn.—Out of gas 8,000 feet above the mountains, Pilot Joe Greer bailed out of his airplane, saw his parachute rip after a 2,000 foot drop while he fumbled for his rip cord and still got to earth safely.

Greer went up to the 18,000-foot level as a substitute observation pilot for the U. S. weather bureau at Sky Harbor, 20 miles from here. The weather closed in on him.

The 34-year-old flyer explained that his radio went out while he

**Reveals Son's Hideout
On Promise Of Photo**

Columbia, S. C.—Martha Greer and her boy, Booker Washington, are going to have their pictures in the paper.

Sheriff T. Alex Heise of Richland county told the Eastover negro so, and she believed him.

So much so, that she told him where 33-year-old Booker was hiding to avoid a charge of murder.

Heise said she revealed the hideout upon condition that her photograph and that of her son be published in the newspapers.

When officers acceded to the mother's novel request, the son was found and gave himself up without resistance.

The mother accompanied the arresting officers to the Richland jail, where she and her son were photographed by the sheriff in several poses.

"She even had me take a picture of her praying for her son," Heise said.

The son was held to answer charges of killing John W. Jones with a table leg in an argument December 5.

The Columbia Record announced it would publish the pictures.

SAYS JAPS PLAN INVASION

Moscow—Soviet news agency reports that Japanese army headquarters in Manchoukuo is studying a plan for the invasion of outer Mongolia were displayed prominently by Moscow newspapers, but without comment.

*** STRANGE CULT
OBSERVES YULE
ON JANUARY 6 ***

Kinston—A small group near here will "ast as on any other 'day'" on December 25. They insist January 6 is the birthday of Christ. The Old Testament, they say, proves it. Here and there in eastern North Carolina are groups of individuals who keep "old Christmas," but the group near here carry their observance to the point of getting out of bed at midnight to see cows and other animals "kneel and face the east." This happens, they insist. Members of the group claim to have seen the sun rise twice on more than one January 6. It "comes up," retires and rises again after about an hour, they assert.

**Coan Expects
Further Grant**

**Possibility of Additional
\$1,300,000 Develops Af-
ter Conference**

Raleigh—George W. Coan, Jr., State works progress administrator for North Carolina, said Monday indications were North Carolina would receive an additional grant of \$1,300,000 for the WPA program. Coan has just returned from a regional conference in New Orleans.

A recent boost of \$1,000,000 in Federal funds for the WPA gave the State \$8,400,000 in all to spend for obs. The additional allotment would raise this total to \$9,700,000.

In addition to announcing the possibility of an additional allotment, as suggested in conference with Regional Field Representative Malcom J. Miller, Coan asserted the majority of the states in the Southern region had been ordered to reduce administrative expenses.

Coan said North Carolina would be expected to make consolidations as well as transfers of administrative personnel to the project operations.

District WPA directors in North Carolina already have been given instructions to proceed with the consolidation program.

Coan stated his intention to "assign all available qualified relief labor, except those now working on WPA projects carrying No. 1 priority" to the Federal and highway program which has been hampered by a scarcity of labor in the areas where road-building is contemplated. Regulations of the Federal Bureau of Roads require that 80 per cent of relief labor be used on the road projects.

It has been calculated that the \$9,500,000 allocated to North Carolina for highway work should give employment to 12,000 heads of families in the State.

So far, the State WPA has given employment to approximately 40,000 persons, said Coan. Ten of the 12 states in the Southern region exceeded their quotas before the end of November, the State administrator reported.

**Scorns Change
For \$1,000 Bill**

New York—The American Airlines finally got rid of \$900 in spare change when the owner to whom they had originally offered it decided it belonged to him after all.

A Detroit lawyer, leaving on the morning plane for his home town, gave the ticket agent a bill and received change for \$100. The ticket agent later discovered a bonafide \$1,000 bill but no \$100 note. The lawyer said the money was not his. No other passenger would claim it.

Later the Detroit man radioed the airline offices here that the money was his after all and that he would be delighted if they would send it on to him.

The Milky Way or Galaxy is a tremendous group of stars containing probably 500 million suns.

**Income Taxes
Continue Rise**

**Final Analysis of 1933
Payments Show Gains
In Virtually Every
Category**

Washington—Gains in virtually every income tax category over the previous year were disclosed by the Treasury in its final analysis of returns on 1933 incomes.

The gains were continued during 1934, preliminary reports of the department made public earlier this month indicated.

The final report on 1933 activities disclosed 3,723,558 persons submitted returns of which 1,747,740 were taxable. The aggregate income for the year was \$11,008,754, the taxable income was \$7,372,660,352 and the tax liability \$374,120,469.

In the previous year 3,877,430 returns were submitted of which 1,936,095 were taxable. The aggregate income was \$11,655,757,000 and the tax liability \$329,962,000.

Preliminary statements for 1934 incomes, based on reports received through August 31, showed 3,988,269 returns of which 1,750,843 were taxable. The aggregate income for the year was \$12,452,262,491, while the tax liability was \$506,481,123.

A total of 50 persons reported incomes of more than \$1,000,000 during 1933, which was 30 in excess of the number reported during the previous year. This sum, however, dropped to 32 in 1934, the preliminary report showed.

The report for 1933 showed 14.13 per cent of the population of the District of Columbia filed income tax returns for 1933 to lead all other geographical sections by a wide margin. On the other extreme was Mississippi which showed only .53 per cent of its population filed returns.

On November 1 the sun passes the meridian about 16 minutes before the clock shows 12; in February it passes the meridian 14 or 15 minutes after 12.

**Cotton Ginnings
Near 10 Millions**

Cotton of this year's crop, ginned prior to December 13, was reported this week by the census bureau at Washington to total 9,757,680 running bales, counting 238,547 round bales as half bales and including 13,557 American Egyptian.

Ginnings to that date a year ago totalled 9,173,295, including 174,569 round bales and 11,079 American Egyptian.

South Carolina registered 720,536 bales and North Carolina 555,176.

**Woman Admits
Robbery of Bank**

Albert Lea, Minn.—A prisoner authorities described as Minnesota's first woman bank robber was in jail here. She identified herself as Mary Lyon of South Bend, Ind. County Attorney Elmer R. Peterson said she confessed she held up the Twin Lakes State Bank near here, taking \$700. A posse captured her.

Matter is either organic or inorganic. Organic matter is either alive or once formed a part of a living thing.

**Girl Breaks Off Talk,
Gets Gun And Kills Self**

North Wilkesboro—Jennie Kautt, 16-year-old high school girl shot and killed herself at the home of her parents near here Sunday night.

According to reports she was in the home with a friend and they were conversing when she excused herself, went into another part of the home, procured a .32 calibre pistol and shot herself in the forehead. She died a short time later.

Library, Catawba College