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THIRD PARTY THREAT LOOMS

Townsend Move Causing Concern to Major Parties

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Washington, Dec. 24—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 there. 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 Townsendites are looked upon by the politicians as 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

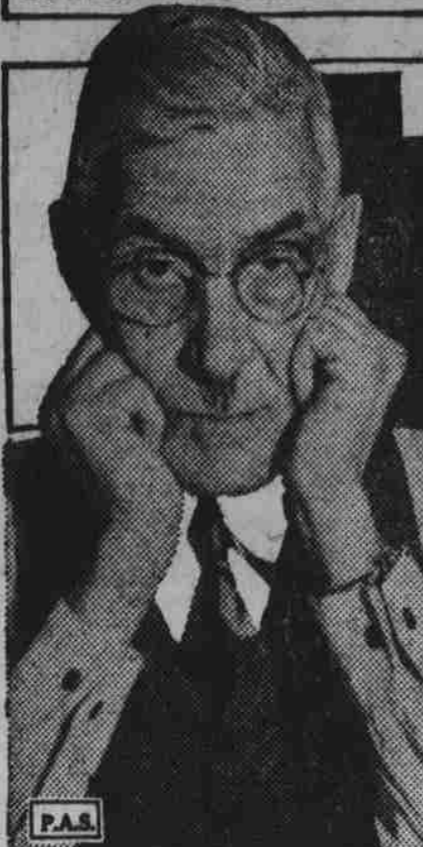
One inevitable effect of the Townsend threat, observers here believe, will be a desperate effort to put through at the coming session of Congress some amendment to the Social Security Act, to make the Old-Age Benefits provided for by that measure payable immediately and in full to every qualified person, 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 Townsendites.

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 that Senator Borah would be a satisfactory candidate to Dr. Townsend and his followers. But

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Townsend Threat Alarms



WASHINGTON . . . Political leaders of both big parties gathered here agreed privately that the startling growth of the "Townsend \$200-per-month pension plan and the threat of Francis E. Townsend (above), to organize a Third Party next year, might be occasion for real alarm.

ANOTHER GRAY VETERAN DIES

Funeral Services Held for Rufe H. Hall, 93, Of Etna

Funeral services for Rufe H. Hall, 93, a Confederate veteran, were held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the Oak Grove Baptist church at Etna. The Rev. A. S. Solesbee officiated.

Mr. Hall died last Thursday afternoon at his home in Etna after a short illness from influenza. A native of Macon county, he had resided here all his life. He was a well-known farmer, and a member of the Oak Grove church. During the War Between the States he served in Company A of the 65th N. C. regiment.

Three sons and one daughter survive by his first marriage, which was to Miss Lucy Morrison. They are: Elbert and Dee Hall, of Warren, N. C.; Doc. of Etna; Mrs. Laura Shaw, of Spokane, Wash.

Later Mr. Hall married Miss Maggie Slagle. By this marriage three daughters survive: Mrs. Ben Matlock, of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Maude Wells, of the state of Washington; and Mrs. Hattie Williams, Etna. Sixty grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren survive.

J. H. Carelock To Operate Farm in Georgia

After nine years of residence in Franklin as an employe of The Franklin Press, J. H. Carelock left last week to take up farming near Douglas, Ga.

Mr. Carelock came to Franklin during Christmas week, 1926, to accept a position as operator of an Intertype type-casting machine for The Press. Except for one short interval, he was employed continuously by this newspaper until Christmas week of this year.

Mr. Carelock took his children to their new home last Saturday, and Mrs. Carelock, who was supply telephone operator for the Western Carolina Telephone Company, followed on Monday.

Nathan Pennington, who for the past year has been with The Press, "learning the trade," has succeeded Mr. Carelock as Intertype operator.

Mr. Carelock was an excellent type-setter and an all round good fellow. The Press will miss his presence on the staff, but employes and management alike wish for him the best of success in his new field of endeavor.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. M'KINNEY

Highlands Mourns Loss of One of Its Oldest Residents

(Special to The Press-Maconian)

Highlands, Dec. 24—Funeral services for Mrs. J. P. McKinney, who died at her home here at 1:40 p. m. Monday, were conducted at the Methodist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Rev. C. R. McCarty, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Angel, of Franklin, one of Mrs. McKinney's nephews.

Mrs. McKinney was born in Franklin November 17, 1854. Her maiden name was Margaret Jane Gribble. On December 28, 1875, she was married to John Palmer McKinney, and they soon moved to Highlands to live. Being one of the first three families of Highlands, they watched the town grow from a small settlement to one of the South's leading resort centers.

To Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were born eight children, seven of whom are now living. Mrs. McKinney was a faithful member of the Methodist church. She was fondly known to Highlands people as "Old Lady McKinney." She was always interested in the young folks and made many of them happy with dainty gifts.

Last November 17 Mrs. McKinney enjoyed her 81st birthday anniversary. All of her children were present. Had she lived five more days, she and Mr. McKinney would have been married exactly 60 years.

Mrs. McKinney is survived by her husband, John Palmer McKinney; and the following children: Allison D. McKinney, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Montie Louise McKinney, Mrs. Hiram Paul, Charlie McKinney, Mrs. F. H. Potts and Mrs. Helen Thompson, all of Highlands; 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the funeral were the following grandsons: Henry Cleveland, Weldon Paul, Jack Potts, Kenneth McKinney, John McKinney, and Hiram McKinney.

Highlands Boy Making Good at Wake Forest

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 24—Edison A. Picklesimer, of Highlands, is Macon County's representative among one thousand students enrolled this year in Wake Forest College.

Picklesimer, who is a second-year law student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Picklesimer of Highlands. In addition to making a fine scholastic record, he also is taking a prominent part in campus activities at the Baptist institution. He is a member of the Barrister's Club, law student organization, and the Statesman's Club, and is sheriff of Moot Court.

During the last five years, the administration of President Thurman D. Kitchen, the enrollment at Wake Forest has almost doubled.

"G-man" Rewarded



CLEVELAND . . . Eliot Ness (above), 32, is a former "G-man" who "broke" the Al Capone beer racket a few years ago. Today he is the new safety director here, in charge of Cleveland's police and fire departments, the youngest man ever to hold the job.

W P A WORKING HOURS CHANGED

New Order Calls for Four Eight-Hour Days Each Week

J. R. Morrison, labor assignment clerk for the Works Progress Administration in Macon county announced Monday that he had received instructions from state WPA headquarters at Raleigh providing for a change in working hours on WPA projects that would be more advantageous to workmen, especially those living on farms.

Hitherto hours on WPA projects in this county have been seven hours a day, five days a week. Under the new arrangement they will be eight hours a day, four days a week.

The pay scale will remain the same, Mr. Morrison stated, although workmen will be required to put in only 32 hours a week instead of 35. The greatest advantage was seen, however, in the fact that farmers employed on WPA projects will have two full days each week for working their farms.

Two Ladies Have Narrow Escape

While returning from Johnson City, Tenn., last Monday Mrs. T. S. Munday, and Mrs. P. F. Callahan had a narrow escape from death when their car overturned on an icy road in the Toe river country, near the Tennessee line, and rolled down a high bank, landing in a creek.

The car landed right side up and both ladies escaped without other injuries than severe bruises.

They had the car lifted to the road and came on to Franklin Tuesday.

W. J. ZACHARY FUNERAL HELD

Prominent Macon County Man Succumbs to Pneumonia

Funeral services for Wiley J. Zachary, 75, well known Macon county resident who died at 7:30 o'clock Christmas morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harry Higgins, on Harrison avenue, were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist church.

Mr. Zachary had been in declining health for about two years. Recently he developed pneumonia, to which his death was attributed.

Mr. Zachary was born in Cashier's Valley, Jackson County, a son of the late Jonathan Zachary.

Mr. Zachary went to Asheville as a young man, living there until about 40 years ago, when he came to Macon county. He was active as a business man and farmer until his retirement eight or ten years ago.

The funeral Thursday afternoon was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church. In the absence of the Methodist minister, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., the Rev. Frank Bloxham, Episcopal minister, assisted. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were W. T. Moore, Derald Ashe, Floyd Welch, R. L. Porter, Robert A. Patton, Grover Lewis, Sam Jacobs, Hayne Arthur and Paul West. Honorary pallbearers were John O. Harrison, R. D. Sisk, George Dalrymple, W. L. McCoy, A. L. Leach, T. W. Angel, Sr., Carl S. Slagle, Dr. J. H. Fouts, D. Robert Davis, Lester Conley, Jim Palmer, T. H. Johnson, George Jacobs, Nelson Waldroop, George Malone, Gordon Moore, C. T. Blaine, W. C. Wilkes and George Wallace.

Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were: C. E. Zachary, Atlanta, a brother; Mrs. J. T. Gassaway, Central, S. C., a sister; Mrs. Ruth Gassaway Duckett, Joe Gaines, Graves Duckett and Lawrence Falls, all of Central, S. C.; J. D. Porter and Guy Angel, of Spruce Pine; and Mr. and Mrs. Cole Cameron, of Dillsboro.

Surviving Mr. Zachary are his widow, the former Miss Maria Dawson; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Porter, of Spruce Pine, and Mrs. Higgins; one son, E. H. Zachary, of Franklin; three sisters, Mrs. D. H. Rogers, Lisbon, Fla., Mrs. J. R. Ashmore, Eustis, Fla., and Mrs. J. T. Gassaway, Central, S. C.; two brothers, Frank P. Zachary, of Brevard, and C. E. Zachary, of Atlanta, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

Franklin Scouts Win Honors at Bryson City

Members of the Franklin Boy Scout troop were again in the lead at the court of honor for the Smoky Mountain district held last week at Bryson City.

Four boys were advanced to the rank of second class Scouts, two to first class and four received the award of Life Scout. Thirty-eight merit badges were awarded to members of the troop.

For the past three months, as inter-patrol competitions have been held, points have been awarded for inspection, promotions merit badge awards and work done by the Scouts in repairing and beautifying the Scout house. The winners were members of the Eagle Patrol and on Monday of this week the patrol journeyed to Asheville for the day and had dinner at the S & W cafeteria in company with A. W. Allen, Scout executive for the district, and John H. Stone, formerly supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest and now supervisor of the Pisgah Forest.

READERS, don't miss this treat

Promenade Deck

By Ishbel Ross

The story of people on a five-month world cruise, aboard a great ocean liner. Like Grand Hotel, this story is a study of people in situations entertaining, romantic --- and tragic---NOT A DULL MOMENT--- The second installment, with synopsis of previous chapter, appears in this issue of The Press-Maconian.