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News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The fatal antitrust trick behind the Townsend old-age pension plan is disclosed by the fact that the well-meaning doctor chose to base his figures on 1929 business.
No other year in the history of the world would have offered him sufficiently inflated statistics to make his plan balance up on paper. At least the banking transaction turn-over of that year (which forms the basis for Dr. Townsend's published calculations) was the largest in history.
If the doctor had based his revenue hopes on the banking turnover of 1934, he would receive exactly \$65 instead of \$200 a month for his pensioners.

There is, of course, a large difference between tax returns on paper and tax receipts in the treasury. But conceding that Dr. Townsend could have applied and collected his tax, it would have worked out this way for last year:
The bank turnover for 1934 was just about one-third of 1929, namely \$54,880,000,000 (federal reserve board official figures). If you follow Dr. Townsend's reasoning and add 10 per cent for each city and another 10 per cent for each which did not go through banks, you will find that he theoretically taxable income would amount to exactly \$428,256,000,000, instead of the 1929 figure of \$1,300,000,000,000.
His 2 per cent tax would have tapped that Kitty for a theoretical \$8,565,120,000, instead of his advertised \$20,000,000,000. (For this year the revenue would have been possibly \$9,000,000,000 on the basis of available unofficial estimates.)
The 1934 computation figures down to \$64 a month, or a little over \$2 a day, for the 11,000,000 persons over sixty years of age, 80 per cent of whom do not need it.

The fundamental danger does not, however, lie in Dr. Townsend's highly optimistic calculations, but in estimates of what his plan would do to the established business system, to the cost of living, to the banking and middle classes, to the banking business, to stock market transactions—in fact, to all economic life.
When you start on that, you get into the realm of indefinite theory which all sincere Townsendites now occupy. But if anyone wants to spend a rainy afternoon exploring the fantastic price increases, etc., it would provide him, faithful Townsendite, many good economies out of earshot of their bosses here, will tell you transactions on the stock exchange would be largely abolished, that the bookkeeping involved would require surveillance by half the nation to keep the other half straight, that existing divisions of industry would have to be shaken down and entirely reorganized.

Townsend circulars make their figures look rosy still, by computing the cost of crime at \$1,500,000,000 a month, the cost of charity at \$3,000,000,000. The total is \$4,500,000,000 a month, or \$54,000,000,000 a year, of which the circulars say 50 per cent would be saved by the Townsend plan.
It sounds big. It is big—in fact, too big.
The fact is that the entire national income of the United States last year was not as much as the Townsendites say was spent on crime and charity. The national income was \$50,000,000,000, or \$4,000,000,000 short of the Townsend computation of the cost of crime and charity.
Or consider the charity bill alone, as that is a direct payment. The Townsend circular computes it at \$10,000,000,000 a year, or three-fourths of the national income. It makes Mr. Roosevelt's \$4,000,000,000 for supporting 20,000,000 persons look like a sandhill.

Also there is good ground for suspecting that the Townsend plan might work two ways on crime. It is conceivable that every skintight and crook in the country would drop present pursuits to sell gold-bricks and gadgets to the recipients of Dr. Townsend's monthly bounty.

The fact that the outstanding economists in the country favor the Townsend plan is not considered by the Townsendites to indicate a defect in their scheme. They write that matter off with the explanation that the economists are paid by their bosses to fear the big boon.
Non-partisans may suspect there
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Civic 883 Party
RENO, Ore., Dec. 14.—The Officers of Bend and the Obidians of Eugene will meet at the summit of the Cascade mountains tomorrow for an inter-community skiing party on the snow-covered lava beds of the Mt. Hood divide. Skyliners announced today.

TOWNSEND BOASTS POLITICAL POWER TO RULE NATION

Now In Position To Dictate With 'Pension Party'—Plans Full 1936 Ticket—'Crusaders' To Combat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(UP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend tonight challenged national political circles with the assertion that his \$200 a month pension party now is in a position to dominate the American government and dictate its policies.
The tall gray-haired doctor, who has become a political phenomenon such as the nation has not seen in years, said his organization intended to put a complete third party ticket in next year's election. In defiance of old line Democrats and Republicans, even of those who favor his program.
"If they won't desert their own parties, we don't want them," he said. "We are through with the two regular parties, unless they show a sudden and immediate change of heart."
"The Republicans and the Democrats have programs for their own parties and the people are becoming tired of their vague promises. We have a national program for the benefit of all the people; the old line parties have a program for themselves."
The doctor said that his followers had been "lying low" these many months, while the Townsend clubs "snowballed all over the country."
"We wanted to steal a march until we could assume a dictatorial attitude," he said. "Now we are so strong we can dictate and we shall have a full slate in the 1936 campaigns."
"I am predicting that by next fall there won't be a half dozen congressmen who have a chance to return unless they cease being Republicans and Democrats and get behind our movement."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(UP)—The first organized opposition to the Townsend old age revolving pension plan arose today with the decision of the California Crusaders, claiming a membership of 80,000, to campaign against the OARP as "non-feasible."
Pointing out that the estimated cost of paying all persons over 60 \$200 a month would exceed \$20,000,000,000 as a minimum, the organization said it wanted to know where the money is going to come from.
"Townsendites frequently seem to resent questions about the feasibility of their scheme," said Samuel J. Hume, regional director of the Crusaders. "This is because they are strongly moved emotionally by their devotion to its objectives."
Hume said the Crusaders intend to analyze the plan of the Long Beach, Cal. physician and his followers and to publish findings within the next three weeks.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, long a Democratic party leader, asserted today that if President Roosevelt is re-nominated he "is prepared to vote for the Republican candidate, provided that nominee is pledged to stand by the constitution."
He refused to say who might be acceptable to him as the Republican candidate.

REED SWEARS TO VOTE REPUBLICAN

HOLD-UP FOILED BY GIRL'S CRIES

AN attempted holdup was foiled last night by a woman's screams. Miss Ruth Waters, about 20, was leaving her uncle's store, the Home Grocery at 200 Broadway, yesterday evening when a man shabbily dressed in a dirty overcoat and tweed cap pointed an automatic pistol at her, demanding "Give me what you got," and flourishing the gun.
Miss Waters screamed, and dashed across the street—the man turned and fled. W. P. Brooks, owner of the store, told police he had seen the man, described as about 30 years of age, in company with another shabbily dressed man of about 50, earlier in the day. Both were described as "tramps." Police were searching for them last night.

Dairy Meet Set
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Rogers Morse, secretary of the Oregon Dairyman's association, said today the organization will meet at Tillamook January 6 and 7, for its annual convention.

WAR SECRETARY BACK IN U. S.



Secretary George H. Dern, representative of President Roosevelt at the inauguration of the Philippine Commonwealth, and Mrs. Dern returned from their trip aboard the U. S. S. Chester and from San Francisco went to Southern California. (Associated Press Photo)

BONUS PAYMENTS FROM WPA FUNDS FAVORED BY GOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(UP)—Harrison Spangler, director of the Republican national committee's western office, tonight presented a six-point program as a suggested basis for the 1936 Republican campaign platform.
Spangler's program was expected to draw attention to the national committee session called for Monday at which the date and place of the 1936 convention will be picked.
The program:
1. Economy in government through a balanced budget.
2. Sound money.
3. Division of powers between federal, state and local governments.
4. Retention of the protective tariff.
5. Treatment of relief as a local problem, except where the local community was unable to handle it.
6. Pay the bonus out of the \$4,000,000,000 works progress fund.
Spangler said the problem of reducing expenditures and balancing the budget probably was the most difficult to be faced, especially in view of the mounting demands for the Townsend old age pension plan.
He characterized the Townsend plan as the "unknown factor" of the 1936 campaign and favored taking the bonus issue out of contention by paying it from the work relief fund.
The party's stand on agricultural issues depends upon the supreme court's action in the test of the AAA's constitutionality, he said. He asserted the party would be ready with a substitute if the AAA is declared unconstitutional, possibly based on removal of submarginal acres from cultivation.

NEW CLUES LINK LIGGETT MURDER TO URSCHEL CASE
Fiery Editor Traced Money Changing In Kidnap Case And Exposure Feared, New Theory.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—(UP)—A trail of evidence which may lead to the sensational Jake Liggett murder and the \$200,000 Urschel kidnaping case was followed by authorities tonight in their search for the assassin of Walter Liggett, fiery Minneapolis editor.
Both threads of evidence were dim but Police Chief Frank Forestal said he had received sufficient information to warrant an investigation.
The United Press learned that Forestal was told by an unofficial source that an "anonymous sum" of money was paid to underworld gunmen to kill Liggett because of information he was reported to have unearthed in connection with the Urschel case. It was learned that Liggett had completed an inquiry into the kidnaping. Police theorized he held information which persons who would be involved by his disclosure considered dangerous and that he was slain to silence the evidence. (Three persons were arrested here for possession of Urschel kidnap currency in 1934).
It was recalled that two Minneapolis men, Edward Berman and Cliff Skelley, were convicted of money changing operations in the Urschel affair. Further, Isador (Kid Cann) Blumenfeld, now the chief suspect in the Liggett slaying, was tried and acquitted on similar charges. The grand jury here will be asked Wednesday to indict Cann on murder charges. Mrs. Liggett has identified him as the man who fired the five machine gun shots into her husband's back last Monday night. Cann has been in custody since a few hours after the slaying.
He leaves his wife, Mrs. Josephine Murray; three sons: Kenneth, James and John; and three daughters: Mrs. Herbert Rostel, Mrs. Cecil Barwick and Miss Lucille, and one brother, Robert, all of Memphis.
A complete obituary will appear in the Mail Tribune Monday.

WOMEN HURT IN BATH ROOM FALLS MAY AID LAMSON

ONTARIO, Cal., Dec. 14.—(UP)—Mrs. James Miller, 35, who was injured in a bathtub fall in a manner similar to that which David A. Lamson contends killed his wife, tonight disclosed that she had been approached to testify in his defense.
Revealing the defense strategy in Lamson's coming re-trial, an unidentified San Diego woman who suffered a similar fall also was reported approached.
Mrs. Miller was partially paralyzed for a year after she fell in a bathtub two and one-half years ago. She lay in the tub unconscious for an hour before her husband discovered her.
Lamson's defense representatives contacted her through a friend, and told her she would be subpoenaed, Mrs. Miller said. The case enters its fourth trial January 27.

HOUSING PROGRAM ONLY HALF DONE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—With virtually the entire PWA housing program safely past tomorrow's deadline for starting construction, indications appeared today that less than half of the non-federal project would be under contract within President Roosevelt's original schedule.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—An Angu Railway company employee and an automobile belonging to Pietro Denovo of Stuhenville met here.
"The company's attorneys have sued Denovo for damages they claim his car caused to the locomotive."
Wood Prices Firm
BOSTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—(USA)—Wood prices the past week were mostly very firm despite small sales.

GOVERNOR FLAYS 'CARPING CRITICS' URGES PROGRESS

State Retarded By 'Swarm Of Pessimists' Democratic Society Told—Favors Greater Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Governor Charles D. Martin flayed "pessimists and carping critics" tonight in an address at the Willamette Democratic society's political "kick-off" banquet.
"Let us resolve here that Oregon is going to be the 'fourth class of progress and development,' the governor urged.
"Let us also quietly and firmly say that the swarm of pessimists and carping critics who have no better plan of a constructive, up-building order to offer shall be relegated to the background where they are innocuous."
Governor Martin lauded the development of the Willamette valley "probably the greatest single land project yet undertaken in the west."
He appealed for a vision of a greater Oregon, and urged that all impetus be given to the Willamette development project to bring from 2,500,000 to 3,500,000 additional acres under cultivation.
He cited several projects as stimulating the "fourth class and vigor" of Oregon's neighboring states—Washington and California.
"We find our neighbors to the north and south of us having a very much greater per capita income and we also find them going ahead with the utmost enthusiasm and confidence on the development of their natural resources," the governor declared.
In commenting on national politics, he said:
"To me it is unthinkable that Oregon should turn against President Roosevelt after all he has done for this forgotten state."
The governor's talk was prefaced by a commendation of the Oregon house of representatives and a pointed criticism of the senate which Governor Martin at a mining congress this week attacked for defeating a proposal for a state mineral survey.

LADY FRIEND OF HALL TELLS OF PLEA FOR MONEY

COURT HOUSE, PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Carle M. Stickle, Memphis, Tenn., dietitian, told the Erland's Point mass murder trial jury today that Leo Hall wrote her three days after the killings of March 28, 1934, asking for money to flee from Seattle.
Miss Stickle identified a letter, which Special Prosecutor Ray R. Greenwood handed her, as the one she received from Hall. The letter, dated March 31 and postmarked in Seattle April 1, requested money to go to her in Memphis. She said she never saw him but made inquiries instead.
The signature, "Leo R. B." stood for Leo Rudolph Bernard Hall and was in Hall's handwriting, Miss Stickle said.
Miss Stickle was the second former woman friend of the defendant to take the stand against him today.
Miss Joan Umek of Olympia, Wash., was the first. She described a scar on his cheek in "late April or early May" of 1934. She quoted Hall as saying he received it in an accident "coming down from Vancouver" (B. C.).
Twenty witnesses testified for the prosecution today, most of them being used to corroborate testimony given by Peggy Peterson Pauls, Hall's co-defendant and accused on first degree murder charges, or to corroborate testimony of other persons.
A hush fell over the court room as Miss Stickle, in a smart fine-checked suit and black hat, sat motionless when Special Prosecutor Greenwood took the letter from her, stepped before the jury and read it.
Prefaced with, "Daring, this time I am writing to you and you don't know what anguish it is causing me to do it," the letter continued in part:
"I am in a jam, Carle, a frightful mess, and need you to stand by me."

HOOPER OFF FOR ST. LOUIS SPEECH

PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 14.—(UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover headed eastward today for St. Louis where on Monday he will address a Republican meeting in one of the series of addresses of political nature he has been making. Sen. Allen, California newspaperman, accompanied the former chief executive. They will return to California immediately after the meeting.

ALBERTA HAMLET SWEEP BY FIRE

DRUMHELLER, Alta., Dec. 14.—(AP)—A spectacular fire destroyed three buildings, including the Waldorf hotel, in Drumheller's business section today. The loss was estimated at \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.
The Universal garage and the office of the Drumheller Transport company, where the fire started, were the other structures razed.

Fan Dancer Puts On More Clothes To Entertain CCC

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Police closed the night club where fan dancer Ruby Fey worked because she said she wore too few clothes. More modestly attired, she now is with a works progress administration vaudeville troupe which will tour Minnesota's 87 CCC camps.

ENTIRE OKLAHOMA COUNTY HELD IN MASS QUARANTINE

Drastic Action To Halt Meningitis Epidemic Causes Mild Panic—Gas Sales Curbed.

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 14.—(UP)—Virtually every activity of the 30,000 residents of Kiowa county was governed tonight by a doctor's prescription.
The drastic regulations of mass quarantine were imposed by state authorities in an effort to halt an epidemic of spinal meningitis.
Five additional cases of the dread disease which inflames the spinal covering and frequently causes sudden death were found today, one at Cold Springs and the other at Sulder. This brought to 12 the number of known cases.
Physicians have diagnosed positively one of the 10 fatal cases in the county during the past three weeks as spinal meningitis. They attribute the nine other deaths to this malady.
To halt the epidemic Dr. C. M. Pearce, state health officer, ordered the mass quarantine, medical science's most drastic weapon.
As a result of the stringent rules Hobart and other Kiowa county towns resembled deserted villages tonight. No more than three persons could congregate at one place within the county. Only drug and grocery stores and establishments rendering essential services were permitted to remain open. These were manned by skeleton staffs and their activities restricted in such manner as to prevent assembly of more than three persons.
One had to have a doctor's prescription to buy a gallon of gasoline here. The ban on gasoline was designed to cut down traffic. Through transit was not hindered and buses and trains operated on regular schedules.

BRITISH ATTEMPT TO FORCE ETHIOPIA PEACE REVEALED

Pressure On Selassie, Promise To Mussolini Shown—Rome Gloomy And League Uncertain.
(By The Associated Press)
Diplomatic disclosures bobbed up Saturday to embarrass further the British government, already on the defensive for its part in the peace plan it worked out with France.
An official foreign office "white paper" disclosed:
1. That Great Britain instructed its minister to Addis Ababa to use strong pressure upon Emperor Haile Selassie to have him accept the peace plan.
2. Britain hinted to Premier Mussolini that if he would negotiate over the formula a threatened league oil sanction would be called off.
The plan found few friends except in official London and Paris circles. Even Premier Mussolini, who, league officials estimated, would receive direct or indirect control of two-thirds of Ethiopia under it, was cool.
Peace hopes in Rome slumped badly.
Guns on the African front were relatively quiet but a tragic accident killed an American missionary in Ethiopia.
Dr. Robert W. Hockman, 28, formerly of Wheaton, Ill., died when an unexploded Italian bomb he was handling Friday at Daggai Bur went off. These bombs were his hobby.
A significant diplomatic development was the disclosure that Great Britain has begun negotiations with Germany for a closer relationship.
The Evening Star, liberal newspaper, headlined the foreign office white paper showing different attitudes toward Rome and Addis Ababa on the peace plan: "Diary of the Great Ethiopia Betrayal."
Uncertainty clouded the halls of the League of Nations, where the peace plan was denounced privately in many quarters Friday when it was made public.
The council meets next Wednesday to take up the plan and to act on Emperor Haile Selassie's demand for a session of the assembly because the formula's application would be a violation of the covenant.

COL. HOUSE'S KIN IS SELF SLAYER

WACO, Tex., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Thomas William House, Jr. 31, nephew of Col. E. M. House and son-in-law of former Gov. Deneen of Illinois, was shot to death at his home here today and Joe Trippett, assistant district attorney, pronounced the wounds self-inflicted.
House, whose uncle was a principal advisor to President Woodrow Wilson, was vice president of the Texas Long Distance Telephone company.
Trippett said House left notes addressed to his wife and children saying "I couldn't make the grade."
He was dead upon reaching a hospital but a physician, called by Mrs. House, reached the scene before he died. The presence of the physician satisfied legal requirements and no inquest was held.
Fall Improves
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, had a comfortable night and his condition was reported satisfactory today at William Beaumont general hospital. He has bronchial pneumonia.

Vote Irrigation District

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Farmers of the Loomis area voted 59 to 15 in favor of forming the Loomis Irrigation district. Adoption of the vote showed today.
Overdose Kills Babe
SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Physicians blamed an overdose of laxative for the death of Bruce Baldwin, 2 who died here five days after becoming ill.

Port Orchard Judge



Superior Judge H. G. Sutton (above) of Port Orchard, Wash., before whom Mrs. Peggy Paulos and Leo Hall, former Seattle boxer, were tried on charges of a sextuple killing in 1934. (Associated Press Photo)

STRINGER, LOCAL YOUTH, CONFESSES PART IN MURDER

Prison Inmate Implicates Missing Ralph Tremaine In Vancouver, Wash., Slaying During Hold-Up.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 14.—(AP)—A confession by a convict in the Oregon state penitentiary solved the holdup slaying of Herbert Caples, a candy salesman, at his home here a year and a half ago. Chief of Police Frank Osmond said today.
He said Glenn Stringer, 23, serving a three and a half year term from a slaying of Herbert Caples, a candy salesman, at his home here a year and a half ago. Chief of Police Frank Osmond said today.
Caples was shot during a scuffle and his slaying, estimated \$500, was taken the night of March 10, 1934. Chief Osmond said Stringer stated.

SALEM, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Glenn Stringer, serving a three and a half year term in the Oregon penitentiary, talked to officers from Vancouver, Wash., at the penitentiary December 3, 1934 after conviction on a burglary charge in Jackson county. Lewis said he had not heard the conversation between Stringer and the officers, but that he understood the convict had admitted participation in the holdup which resulted in the slaying of Herbert Caples at Vancouver.
Stringer entered the penitentiary December 3, 1934 after conviction on a burglary charge in Jackson county. Lewis said he did not know what arrangements would be made to take care of the holdup-slaying case after Stringer's term had ended.

Stringer was sentenced from this county for the robbery of Mann's department store, and was implicated in a series of other burglaries in this county in the summer and spring of 1934. He had a previous police record, and the beneficiary of several paroles.
In passing sentence upon Stringer, Circuit Judge Norton, commented on the number of times Stringer had been paroled, with the remark from the bench: "This state seems to need a new parole office."
There was a sharp retort from then State Parole Officer Dan Kellaher, who replied, in defense, among other things, "Jackson county needs a new circuit judge."
Kellaher, removed from office last summer by Governor Martin, is now under grand jury investigation in Marion county for an alleged plot to secure the release from the penitentiary for \$50,000 of L. A. Banks, former local auditor, now serving a life term for murder.

Stringer in a statement to the authorities lists a dozen or more robberies in this vicinity in which he took part. He named Ralph Tremaine and others as accomplices. Tremaine has been sought for over a year.
The state police here have been working on the Vancouver angle for several months. Stringer made his confession several weeks ago, local authorities state, but it was only recently made public. A revolver was a vital clue, officers said.

FREQUENT RAINS WEEK'S OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON AND OREGON—Generally cloudy Sunday and Monday, becoming unsettled with rain near the coast; no change in temperature; southeast and south gales off the coast.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The outlook for the coming week in far western states is for frequent rains in Pacific Northwest and by Tuesday in northern California and northern plateau; slightly higher temperatures.

HEAVY OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The postoffice reported today that Christmas mail from the United States to European countries had broken an all time record this year with \$9,697 sacks loaded on outbound mail vessels at New York this week.
The previous record of 44,134 sacks last year was surpassed at 13,300 p. m. when the United States liner Washington was fully loaded with 27,607 sacks of parcel post matter and letters, said by the postoffice foreign mail department to be the largest amount of mail ever carried on a ship from this port.