

## TOWNSEND PLAN ORGANIZER SUGGESTS ROOSEVELT MAY ESPOUSE CAUSE FOR VOTES

Trefz Declares 50,000 Members, Forming Inner Organization, Will Bring Pressure on Congress for Recognition.

Suggestion that the Townsend Plan may be espoused by President Roosevelt and become a law before the next Democratic national convention was laid before 3500 Towsendites yesterday in a Tomlinson Hall mass meeting by Edward F. Trefz, Townsend organizer and former field secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Declaring that the Townsend movement has progressed to the point where it has become a strong political factor, Mr. Trefz referred directly to the President although he did not name him.

His declaration that Mr. Roosevelt is eying the Townsend vote came in the statement:

### May See Strength

"It is my opinion that a certain gentleman in the White House, having in charge the administration of the affairs of the nation, during the nomination and re-election as much as his soul's salvation may, before the nomination in June, see in the strength of this movement a way to accomplish this desire."

Mr. Trefz said 50,000 members of the inner organization of the Townsend movement, known as the Townsend National Legion, will go to Washington about Jan. 1 to stage demonstrations demanding consideration of the revolving pension plan. Each Legion member pays \$12 a year membership dues, the money to be used for presenting the plan in Washington. Forty persons were given the oath yesterday.

Mr. Trefz declared the Legion is not a mob, but a well-organized body under one leader.

"We are tired of having Congress tell us what they want done," he said. "It is time for us to tell them. We are the government and governmental officials from the President on down; are only agents to do our bidding."

### Former Local Resident

The speaker, now a resident of Los Angeles, formerly lived in Indianapolis. His father was pastor of the New Jersey Street M. E. Church years ago. Mr. Trefz said his work with the Chamber of Commerce had convinced him that many industrialists and bankers are controlling industry so that profits are realized from reduced wages rather than through the sale of goods.

The Townsend Plan, involving a mandatory 2 per cent gross negotiations tax with which to finance \$200 a month pensions for persons over 60, has gained more members in Indiana in the last month than in any other state, according to Homer A. Schwinger, Chicago, regional director.

He said Indiana and Wisconsin are leading all states in new organization. Roy A. Webb, Wisconsin state manager, also spoke at the meeting, which was under direction of W. S. McClinton, Indiana director.

### BISHOP WILL DISCUSS FREE SPEECH FRIDAY

Edgar Blake to Talk on Reed Club Series at Castle Hall.

Bishop Edgar Blake of the Indiana-Michigan diocese of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to deliver a lecture on "Is Free Speech Doomed?" Friday night at Castle Hall Building, 230 E. Ohio-st.

The lecture is the seventh in a series of 10 sponsored by the John Reed Club. The Rev. Howard G. Lytle of the Fletcher Avenue M. E. Church is to preside.

### U. S. HOUSING OFFICER TO SPEAK TOMORROW

Scarborough Is Here to Aid Peters in Work.

Louis E. Scarborough, Washington, assistant manager of financial relations of the Federal Housing Administration, will speak tomorrow at a luncheon of the Construction League of Indianapolis at the Architects and Builders Building.

Mr. Scarborough, with other FHA executives, is in Indianapolis to assist R. Earl Peters, Indiana manager of the FHA, in holding clinics to explain the purposes of the National Housing Act.

### SEEK TRANSPORTATION

Perry Township to Meet Tonight on Facilities.

Efforts of Perry Township Civic League to increase transportation facilities is to be the theme of the league's meeting at 8 tonight in the University Heights school. Township residents are invited.

Brothers, Sisters Wed 50 Years

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 2.—The Thiesen brothers, Peter and Mathias, and the sisters they married on Dec. 5, 1885, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Thursday. They were married in a double ceremony in the little Danish Lutheran Church here.

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## WHY NOT TRY GOD?

.. BY MARY PICKFORD

Miss Pickford's article Saturday pointed to the freedom-power of thought. Today's treats of the proper direction of that power.

CHAPTER IV

**R**IIGHT where you are at this very minute, no matter how black and difficult your situation, you have one priceless possession. You can think. And if you have thought your way into any kind of trouble, and that is the only way we get into trouble, you can turn at any time you choose and think your way out again. Nothing can hold you there but your thinking. You are the dictator of your own world of thinking. And what you think, and only what you think, goes. We set our own boundaries and limits. We alone set the margins around our thinking and our experience.

How little we know of the marvelous universe unfolding all about us! Sir James Jeans, the great scientist, who has told us such astonishing things about astronomy, said, not so long ago, that our universe seemed to be nearer a great thought than to a great machine.

When he was asked if this meant that the universe is one of thought, he is quoted as saying, "I would say as a speculation, not as a scientific fact, that the universe and all material objects in it—atoms, stars and nebulae—are merely creations of thought—of course, not of your individual mind or mine, but of some great universal Mind underlying and co-ordinating all our minds. The most we can say is that scientific knowledge seems to be moving in this direction." And at another time he said, "It may be, it seems to me, that each individual consciousness is a brain cell in a universal mind."

Belief in political and religious liberty was strong in the mind of Mrs. Godown since childhood. She traced her ancestry back to Jonathan Fairbank, colonist, whose home in Dedham, Mass., still stands. Her grandfather, Zacheus, was one of the colonists aroused by Paul Revere to stand with the Minute Men at Concord bridge.

### Rockwood Native Drowns

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haffield, 3216 Guilford-av, have been advised of the death of their son-in-law, Floyd Painter, 28, who was drowned in Portsmouth, O., on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Painter, who was married to Miss Margaret Haffield 16 months ago, lost his life in the Ohio River. He was born into the water when a sailboat occupied by himself and two friends capsized.

Beside the widow, Mr. Painter is survived by a 4-months-old son, Floyd Jr.

Mr. Painter was a native of Rockwood, Ind. He was graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College and attended Harvard University. He had planned to take a teaching position at Portsmouth in January. Mrs. Painter is a graduate of Broad Ripple High School.

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