

PENSION RALLY SPEAKER TAKES SLAP AT BORAH

Stokes Attends Townsend
Meeting to Hear
New Gospel.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—In the heart of San Francisco, along that street where the trolley car climbs on its cable toward the sky, I listened to the new gospel according to "St. Francis" Townsend which has gripped the Pacific Coast in a crusade of the old folk.

About 60 or 70 elderly persons were gathered in the weekly meeting of a Townsend club—one of thousands along the Pacific Coast—in a hall adjoining headquarters of the Northern California area of "OARP"—Old-Age Revolving Pensions, Inc.

Most were fairly well dressed. A few of the women wore fur coats, some of which had seen several seasons. On the back row several old men talked animatedly before the meeting began, just such a group as you'd see in rocking chairs at Fort Myers, Fla., around the stove in a small town in Michigan, or at the country store in Egypt, Ga.

Remembers Early Heroism

One of them, a gnarled and pug-nacious-looking Irishman, was telling of some exploit of his younger days. Crouching intently as he hefted the two men on either side of him enthralled.

"There were 32 policemen there," I overheard, "but not a one dared to touch me."

His eyes gleamed with remembered heroism.

In front of them sat an old woman, scrawny and raw-boned, who opened a paper bag on her lap and began to eat. When the chairman called the meeting to order and asked for "My Country 'Tis of Thee," she munched and sang at the same time.

Recite Pledge to Flag

After the sing they recited in unison the pledge to the flag, with their hands on their hearts. The rotund chairman explained that, since the club had been organized only recently there were no minutes, but that minutes would be kept this meeting and hereafter.

The speaker of the evening was introduced, a lean gentleman of Chautauqua bearing, with hair plastered closely and a heavy gold chain across his front, who explained that he once had been a newspaperman. Before long his listeners learned that he spoke regularly to Townsend Clubs, that he was a Democrat of Tennessee extraction and his wife a Republican from the North, but that both are now Townsendites first and Democrats and Republicans second.

The old woman extracted another morsel from her bag and prepared to enjoy herself.

The speaker described the Townsend plan—and as simply and effectively as I've ever heard it described—with homely examples and then, in mock surprise, added:

"And some people don't know yet that it will end the depression!"

Here's the Idea

"The idea," he continued, "is to stop the depression. Our Administration in Washington is trying to stop it and they've done a pretty good job—but it's not functioning well as it ought."

You got the idea as he went along that his Tennessee democracy is hard to shake out of his system.

He told his hearers that they were to be the "distributing agents" of prosperity under the Townsend Plan. He liked the phrase and repeated it.

"I bet when you start you'll be able to spend that \$200 all right—and be sitting around waiting for the next check."

The old lady cracked and took another bite.

"Senator Borah told the people up in Idaho he was for our plan," the speaker said. "But then he went to New York and forgot about it."

Quotes James Farley

"I thought President Roosevelt might be for it. You know Jim Farley went up to Oregon and told those folk up there that either the Townsend Plan or something like it would fit into the President's recovery program. But then they said the President didn't say that."

"But I still believe President Roosevelt's man of enough sense to come along with us."

When he finished the chairman read quotations from "the enemy"—excerpts from The Crusader, a paper published by the Crusaders, an organization which is fighting the Townsend Plan.

He got so worked up as he read that he ran on and on. He was particularly aroused that people like the Townsendites, who are trying to change things in this country, should be accused of being unpatriotic by such people as the Crusaders.

He was not so wrapped up in his anger, however, that he did not see two or three people leave the hall. Interrupting himself, he instructed an aid to take up the collection. So quickly was this done that nobody else got away before the box was passed.

But the old lady clutched at her paper sacks and looked the other way when they came toward her.

FIGHTING PRIEST DIES

Archbishop in Mexico Opposed Government's Religious Policy.

By United Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Feb. 19.—Archbishop Francisco Orozco Jiminez, fighting archbishop of Guadalajara, died at his home last night of heart disease. He was 51. He opposed any compromise with the government on religious activities, which he held belonged as a right, to the people.

V. F. W. TO ENTERTAIN

Post to Give Party for Business Men's Association.

Lavelle-Grossett Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is to entertain members and wives of the W. Michigan Street Business and Professional Men's Association at 7:30 tomorrow night at the post hall, King-ay and Walnut-st. Harry Ferris, post commander, and Thomas McTarnay of the association are to speak.

AKRON FEARS COMPLETE PARALYSIS OF TIRE INDUSTRY AS STRIKE CRIPPLES TWO PLANTS



Through a "chain line" of pickets numbering nearly 500, guarding the No. 2 plant of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., in Akron, O., police squads endeavored in vain to crowd with 400 employees who wanted to continue work. Only a handful of men were squeezed through this scene showing the officers as they helped one of the workers through the plant door.

Steaming soup and hot sandwiches fortified pickets against near zero temperatures as they massed about plant No. 2 of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron, O., paralyzing operations and threatening to involve the nation's tire capital in a serious tieup. Layoffs, caused by slackened production, were at the bottom of the strike. A "sit-down strike" meant to tie up the No. 1 plant.

JURY CONVICTS PIERCE, JOSEPH

Life Sentence on Pair Is
Expected to Be Passed
Saturday.

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Saturday by Judge Arthur C. Van-Duy.

The verdict was no surprise, even to the desperadoes who, trapped in a North Side Indianapolis apartment on Dec. 7, shot down Quinnette and wounded his partner in a hand-to-hand struggle.

They received the jury's decision without a sign of emotion, merely staring at the judge. "We're satisfied," both said as they were led from the courtroom.

But Henry Goett and James Watson, deputy prosecutors, were not pleased. They had sought a death verdict.

Ask One More Ballot

Testimony has been presented for seven days. Shortly before 10 last night, the bailiff prepared to lock up the jury for the night. They asked to take one more ballot. Three minutes later they returned with the decision.

It was reported that early in the balloting they agreed on first degree verdict and that three of the jurymen held out for the death penalty.

Mrs. Quinnette, slain officer's widow, wept as she left the courtroom. She, too, had anticipated the death penalty. Later she pointed out that the pair was convicted two months to the day after Mr. Quinnette's death.

CATHOLIC ALUMNAE TO SPONSOR LECTURE

Psychology Professor to Speak
March 8 at Civic Theater

Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, psychology professor at Chicago University, is to speak in the Civic Theater March 8 on "Misapplied Psychology." He is to be the first speaker in a lecture series to be sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, assisted by the Butler-Newman Club, Catholic Alumni and the Catholic Study Club.

Prof. Rufus Rauch, Notre Dame, is to speak March 29 on "Shakespeare, Catholicism and the Modern Dilemma."

'HOME RULE' DEMANDED

Official's Group to Fight for
Guarantees in Extra Session.

A campaign to guarantee enactment of "home rule" legislation at the proposed special session of the General Assembly is to be conducted by the Indiana County and Township Officials Association, Inc., Sheriff Ray, president, announced today.

The association is organized in virtually all of the state's 92 counties, he said.

Charles M. Dawson, Washington Township trustee and association treasurer, is to direct state headquarters of the association here.

COAT THIEF ROBS HOME

Clothes Worth \$60 Taken; Cab Bandit Gets \$15.

Some one last night entered the home of Joseph Cortner, 1908 Broad way, an stole coats valued at \$60, he reported to police today. Harold Mathes, 23, of 514 N. East-st., told police that a fare in his cab produced a gun at New York and New Jersey-sts and robbed him of \$15.

BORNSTEIN NAMED on Committee

Louis J. Borinstein, 4137 N. Meridian-st., has been named to the executive committee of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel, Inc., it was announced today in New York. Mr. Borinstein is also chairman of the institute's legislative committee.

Pay a Little AND Get a Value Permanent

THAT INCLUDES
Hats, Cut, Shampoo, Wave, Neck Trim, Rinse. Now only

85¢ For
\$1.59
Hats, Cut, Shampoo, Wave, Neck Trim, Rinse. Now only

50¢ Finger Wave, \$1.00 Complete. All 3 for... 25¢. Genuine Oil Permanent. \$1.50. Henna Bleaches 50¢ \$2, \$3 and \$5. No Appointment Needed.

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Job Insurance Measure to Minimize Unemployment

Low Labor Turnover to Be
Basis for Reduced
Levy on Employer.

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going to the benefit of the frequently unemployed.

One committee spokesman said: "If we offer a reduced pay roll levy as an inducement to stabilize employment we are less likely to incur the recurrent labor upheavals, which would mean a heavy drain on the unemployment fund. Unless an attractively rate is offered the employer who makes an honest effort to stabilize his employment, we are sure to have a group of the more unscrupulous employers making raids on the unemployment fund."

Organizations Are Listed

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The committee proposals included:

1. If unemployment compensation legislation is enacted, the individual employer reserve type of fund with merit rating be adopted.

TAX LIMIT SUGGESTED

2. That the employers' tax for 1936, 1937 and 1938 be no more than the amount paid by Indiana employers to receive full credit on the Federal unemployment compensation tax.

3. That employees be required to contribute to the reserve fund in an amount equal to the employer's contribution.

4. Inclusion in exempted classes of Federal, state and local government employees who are engaged in public service enterprises in direct competition with private industry.

5. That administration of unemployment insurance be entrusted to a bipartisan board consisting of two members from each major political party, serving staggered terms, and that the law provide for a merit system for selection, promotion and dismissal of all employees from the director down.

Proposals on "If" Basis

6. That that provision be made for making the state law immediately inoperative if the Federal law is declared unconstitutional or if Congress repeals the law.

All proposals were made on the conditions of "if a compensation law is enacted."

The program suggested that \$2500 be the maximum salary on which an employee pay roll tax be levied.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

Mrs. Rosamond Van Camp Hill Wins Decree on Cruelty Charge.

Mrs. Rosamond Van Camp Hill today obtained a divorce from her estranged husband, Horace F. Hill III, 4801 N. Michigan-nd., in Superior Court One on grounds of cruelty and inhuman treatment.

CLUB TO HEAR PATENT LAWYER

Ralph G. Lockwood, Indianapolis patent attorney, is to speak on "Patent Law and Unusual Patents" at the Exchange Club luncheon tomorrow in the Washington. E. R. Bertsch, club president, is to preside.

PENNSY TRAIN DERAILED

None Injured When Seven Cars Leave Track in Ohio.

By United Press

WEILERSVILLE, O., Feb. 19.—Seven cars of a westbound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train were derailed at the station here early today, blocking traffic and delaying more than a score of passengers an hour before they could be transferred to another train. No one was injured.

Etruscan Room

★ Luncheon from 40¢

HOTEL LINCOLN

BLASTS AGAIN SHAKE BUSINESS AREA OF UTICA

Manhole Covers Fly High in
Air as Explosions Rock District.

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sicians feared his leg would have to be amputated. He was struck by a flying manhole cover during the first series of blasts yesterday.

Warnings Are Issued

Newspapers, radio and police men carried warnings of the danger. Mayor Vincent Corruo said department stores, banks and office buildings in the threatened area probably could not open until tomorrow. Most of them closed within an hour after opening yesterday to remove their employees from danger.

A street worker's sledge, utility officers said, caused the main break in the gas lines and ignited the gas. The sledge broke a pipe joint, they asserted, and in striking the steel main caused sparks that fired the gas.

The fire leaped like a flash through miles of conduits under the streets where a "normal" accumulation of gas nearly always lies. Almost simultaneously, over an 11-block district, the ground shook with explosions.

Sewer man-hole covers weighing 60 pounds leaped in the air. Some witnesses said they whistled higher than five-story buildings. When they fell they made craters 12 feet across in the street.

Strikes Flare From Manholes

Blue and yellow flames flared out of the manholes and at one corner danced 10 to 20 feet high over panic-stricken shoppers and hundreds of building occupants who rushed to the streets.

Fire broke out in a large department store and a large chain drug store.

All the fire equipment and all city policemen were ordered into the district after the first explosion.

The first explosion occurred at 10 a.m. by 11, virtually every business house and office in the area was closed. Shoppers, stenographers, clerks and their bosses raced each other out of danger.

Fireman Is Injured

A chunk of flying asphalt struck Fireman Cornell Reese while he sprayed a chemical fire extinguisher down a sewer. He received an arm fracture and other critical injuries. An explosion near a woman running across a street knocked her flat. She rose to knees, screaming, and crawled several feet in frantic haste before she rose to her feet.