

Dr. Townsend, 72 Today, Believes House Will Pass Pension Plan This Session

He's Less Optimistic Over Fate of Bill in The Senate.

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A pleasant-spoken old gentleman who is able to scare the daylight out of many Congressmen is observing his 72nd birthday on this Friday the 13th.

Dr. F. E. Townsend, now beginning the fifth year of his siege of Capitol Hill on behalf of \$200-a-month pensions for all past 60, sat on the narrow bed in his little hotel room and mused about his unusual career and the prospects of his crusade.

Seventy-two years ago today he was born in a log cabin in Illinois.

"It wasn't all log cabin, as a matter of fact," he said. "The original part was log, but Dad added a lean-to, and then he got hold of a one-room house that some homesteader had abandoned and moved it alongside. So we had three rooms."

"But there were 13 of us in the house. Every bed had a trundle bed under it."

"No More Palliatives"

Today the Illinois farm boy is a retired physician and the leader of any arm of old folks who have discovered that when they act together they wield a lot of political power.

They showed it at the polls last November, when a number of Congressmen who didn't approve of the Townsend plan were unseated.

Dr. Townsend served notice that he will show even greater political strength in 1940, if his plan of "something better" isn't adopted by the present Congress.

"We certainly won't stand for any more palliatives," he said. "If we don't get action at this session we will campaign in every one of the 435 congressional districts next time."

He believes that his plan, embodied in bills introduced by Rep. Joe Hendricks (D. Fla.) and Senator Pepper (D. Fla.) will be passed by the House this session, but he is less sanguine about the Senate.

"I won't make any predictions about the Senate," he said, "but the Senate will be faced with the same problem as the House. Its members are anxious to comply with the wishes of the public, and they aren't going to be left in doubt about what the people want."

10,000 Townsend Clubs Now

There are about 10,000 Townsend clubs in the country today, he said, including 48 new ones added in the last 40 days, and the Townsend Weekly has a circulation of around 300,000. "Every town a Townsend town" is the new slogan of the movement.

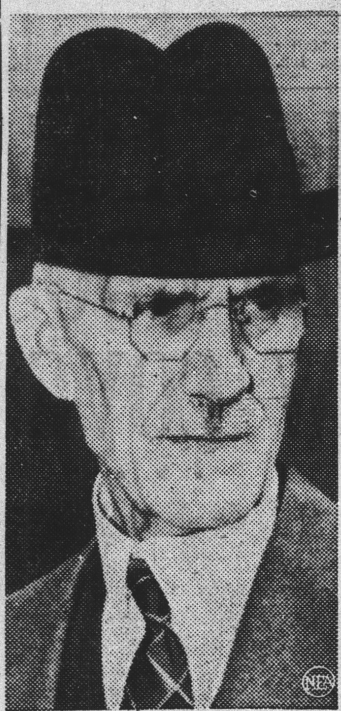
Dr. Townsend doubts if he will testify before the House Ways and Means Committee when his plan is given a hearing, as promised by Chairman Robert L. Doughton.

It isn't that he is thinking of his previous experience with a Congressional committee, when he stalked out of a hearing and as a result was sentenced to jail for contempt, only to be pardoned by President Roosevelt.

But he thinks Louis C. Silva, Deputy Tax Commissioner of Hawaii, will make a more convincing witness with his testimony in praise of Hawaii's gross income tax—a levy which Dr. Townsend regards as similar to, though lower than, the 2 per cent transactions tax with which he would finance old-age pensions.

He seemed in good health, although he said he had been bothered with a cold. And his stomach troubles him a little.

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Dr. Townsend

PHILCO TO IMPROVE INDIANAPOLIS PLANT

W. Paul Jones Is Named to Presidency of Firm.

Plans for retoting the Philco Refrigerator Co., successor to the Fairbanks-Morse Co., at a cost of about \$50,000, to increase production, went forward today.

Announcement was made of the election of W. Paul Jones, formerly executive vice president of the home appliances division of Fairbanks-Morse, as president.

Manufacture of a new line will begin Jan. 23 and it will be shown to distributors and salesmen at the national sales convention Feb. 16, 17 and 18 at Palm Beach.

Fairbanks-Morse Co. was moved to Indianapolis April 1, 1936, and the company was taken over by Philco Jan. 2 this year. W. R. Wilson is treasurer of the new company and C. F. Steinruck Jr. is secretary. They, Mr. Jones and J. S. Timmons, Philadelphia, form the board of directors.

a good thing. It has kept me from eating too much and getting soft."

"When you get this old," Dr. Townsend said, "the years pile up mighty fast. But old age wouldn't be a thing to dread if the old people got decent pensions."

"Pensions would create a tremendous demand for goods and services. The old people would be useful, that way, as well as comfortable."

He estimated that his tax plan would produce enough revenue at the start to yield pensions of \$100 a month to all past 60, and more later.

The doctor is leaving in a day or two to visit his Chicago headquarters, and may go on to California for a few days before returning here.

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Sale! Famous Name Fabric Gloves 49c PAIR

These gloves have been discontinued by this famous name maker, hence the very low price! Slipons in novelty rayon weaves with metal, button, fancy stitch and leather trims. Sizes 6 to 7 1/2 in group.

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"Betty Shaw" Date Dress

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You'll cheer the smartness of this little date dress in checked rayon and wool. It has everything you want, smart styling and the new flared lines to the skirt. Sizes 9 to 15 in the group.

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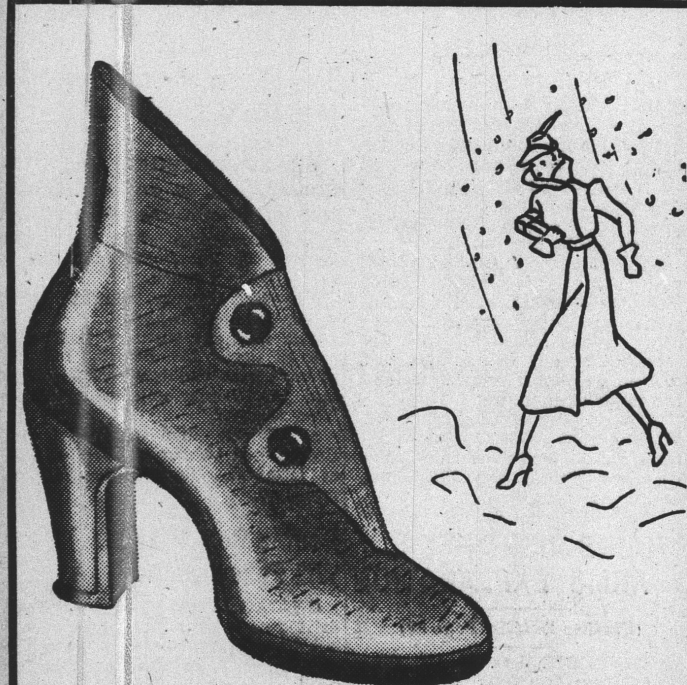
Your Pride and Glory! A New Wool Felt Poke Bonnet \$2.00 EACH

Frame your face in beauty with a glorious new Poke Bonnet of wool felt. In black, brown, fuchsia, Suez, Japonica, Sheba colors with ribbon band and veil. Head sizes 22 and 22 1/2.

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