

TOWNSEND

L.J. Sunoco. Monday, April 18, 1930.

46
Dr. Francis ~~E.~~ Townsend appeared today at the office of the District Attorney in Washington, ~~D.C.~~ With him he brought a clean shirt, an extra pair of socks and a typewriter[^] of ancient vintage; ~~He was~~ all ready to serve his thirty day^s sentence in jail, and ~~while he was there to~~ write the story of his life.

Just as he was about to be taken to jail, a messenger arrived breathless from the White House. ~~It was~~^{Brought} a full pardon from President Roosevelt. ~~Of course~~^T The aged champion of old-age pensions was triumphant. Said he: "It's a complete vindication for me," and he added: "The President, as spokesman for Congress, has performed an act of contrition^v for the way they treated me."

That isn't exactly the way the President looks at it. Said the statement from the White House: "The authority, the dignity and the rights of the House of Representatives have been fully sustained, by Dr. Townsend's conviction." And the White House said further that executive clemency has been recommended by the Speaker of the House, the Majority Leader, and the Chairman of the Committee that Dr. Townsend had defied. Said that Chairman: "I am convinced that Dr. Townsend was acting under the influence of stronger men than himself."

47

The Secretary of the Treasury
~~Big news from the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Morgenthau~~

announces that the government has abandoned the sterilization

altogether.

of gold, [^] ~~that makes way for a huge increase of credit available~~

~~to business men.~~ That move was started last week by the ^{treasury} ~~Federal~~

at the mandate of the White House.

~~Reserve Board.~~ [^] The Governor of the ~~Federal Reserve~~ reduced the

~~amount of money that banks are required to keep in reserve~~

~~against deposits.~~ That means that ~~three quarters of a billion~~

~~dollars are made~~ ~~xxi~~ available for loans by banks. On top of

~~that the Treasury de-sterilized all the large volume of~~

~~inactive gold.~~ That releases ^d one billion four hundred million

to help ^{Pres,} ~~on Mr.~~ Roosevelt's lending and spending program, to

^{Today} counter-act the depression. [^] in abandoning the ~~xx~~ sterilization

~~policy altogether,~~ ^{a vast new horde of} that is for the time being, the Treasury

inactive gold is thrown into channels
~~takes a new step in line with the government's policy.~~

of money and credit.

GARNER

Again the White House contradicts the continual reports of a break between the President and the Vice-President. Nevertheless, the rumor persists. People on the inside of Washington affairs say that Mr. Garner won't back down from the statement he is supposed to have made to President Roosevelt that spending has got to stop.

48
The Vice-President was one of a group of congressional leaders who visited the White House today. They went there to talk over the four and a half billion dollar lending and spending program of the President. When Mr. Garner came away he declined to say anything about it. But the other leaders ^{declared} ~~said~~ that the administration program would go through. Perhaps there would be a lot of talk about it, but eventually Congress would okay it.

BARTON FOLLOWS GARNER

Republican ~~Mr.~~ ^{Congressman} Bruce Barton ~~has~~ attacked ^s~~ed~~ the pump-priming

policy from a new angle. He says the administration program is destroying religious liberty and crippling charitable institutions.

Bruce

~~Mr.~~ Barton backed up his attack with a communication from the President of the New York Biblical Seminary. Institutions like that, he said, are dependent upon the generosity of rich givers.

The heavy taxation of the rich, he added, ~~has~~ ^(is) cutting down enormously their donations to charity and to educational institutions.

TAXES

49

The deadlock over the Tax Bill is rapidly becoming no better. As you know, the bill is in conference between Representatives of the House and the Senate. The House conferees stand pat. The Senators wanted them to send the bill back to the House for another vote, resubmit it. To which the House conferees said, "Nothing doing." The situation is becoming serious. Mr. Doughton, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, said: "There must be a way of getting together, otherwise there'll be no Tax Bill."

Which doesn't mean that there'll be no taxes.

NEUTRALITY

The movement among Congressmen to revise our Neutrality Act has begun in earnest. The first step was a demand from the House for information from the State Department. The Representatives want the State Department to give official information as to how many foreign powers have broken treaties signed by Uncle Sam. This will be done within ten days. Actually, the list is already made up. It consists of Italy, Germany and Japan. ~~It~~ Sounds rather comic that it should ~~require~~ ^{take} the State Department ten days to compile a list of three names.

MUSSOLINI

20
Another diplomatic victory for ~~Duce~~ Mussolini! This time it's France that tenders the olive branch and gives in to many of the Duce's ~~ardent~~ demands. Among the things the Black Shirt chieftain gains ~~is a big~~ ^{are} chunk^s of territory in Africa from France, ~~territory~~ adding many thousands of square miles to the Italian colony of Libya. France also gives up a strip of land from French Somaliland, giving the Duce more frontage on the Red Sea. And furthermore, his demands are met with a concession of joint control over the railroad from Djibouti to Addis Ababa. That means, of course, free access to the ^{important} seaport of Djibouti.

France, however, retains possession of the ^{Somali} port. There are several other stipulations of a less spectacular nature, including a settlement of the rights of workers who have emigrated to France from Italy.

What France ~~would~~ ^{will} actually get is not ~~yet~~ quite clear. What she would like to have is a promise that the Duce will not interfere with the independent state of Syria after its independence has been established. ~~xxxxxx~~ She is also anxious that Mussolini should build no more fortifications on the ~~islands of~~ ^{islands,} Dodecanese.

and other spots off the Syrian coast.

~~Mussolini for his part does not wait for French recognition
of Ethiopia. He has once more sent a full ambassador to Paris,~~

SPAIN

The steamroller of the three European Fascist powers rolls more and more inexorably over Spain. The City of Tortosa ~~itself~~ *is reported partially occupied - almost* ~~has not yet surrendered to Franco's Italian troops. But they~~ ~~have the place~~ surrounded. Franco now holds the Mediterranean shore from the mouth of the Ebro to a point south of the seaport of Benicarlo, ~~That is a stretch~~ *a stretch* forty-three miles ~~long. His armies~~ are closing in upon ~~Tortosa~~ and expect to batter through the last line of defense in the next few days.

~~Further north,~~ Nearly twenty thousand government troops, *are reported* many of them Americans, ~~are~~ trapped in the valley of the Ebro.

Among the battalions thus encircled are the famous International Brigades. They've lost contact with the main government army.

~~Any further resistance on their part is pronounced nothing more~~

It is said ~~or less than suicide.~~ Their only alternatives *s are* ~~would be to~~ surrender

or swim the Ebro at a point where it is three-quarters of a mile

wide. ~~Further up, say the Italians are already within rifle shot~~ of Tortosa.

BASEBALL

"Play ball!", shouted the umpire at Griffith Stadium after President Roosevelt had ~~thrown one out from his box~~ ^{made the first pitch.} The Nineteen Thirty-Eight ~~year had~~ ^{season} officially began. (Ordinarily that would have been enough to build a sports story on any day. ~~There was~~ ~~xx~~ But today there was such a mass of interesting stuff about our national game that the opening of the season was swamped.

52
First of all, ^W Frank ~~R~~igley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, let the cat out of the bag about the money he had actually paid for Dizzy Dean. It was a whopping sum. Some twenty-seven years ago, it was thought extraordinary when Colonel Jake Ruppert and Colonel Houston of the Yankees paid a hundred thousand dollars for Babe Ruth. The sum the Cubs paid for Dizzy was one hundred and eighty-five thousand in cash. In addition to that, Sam Breadon, ~~xxx~~ President of the Cardinals, got three players. They aren't exactly stars, but they're ~~good still quite~~ ^{big} useful ~~first~~ ^{men;} league ~~ball players,~~ Davis, Shoun and Stainback. What makes the sports experts open their eyes all the wider is the belief that the volatile Dizzy has seen his best days on the mound. ~~That's what some people think. Others say~~ that Dizzy had a bad season with the Cards last year because he

~~wasn't happy, that he'll pitch plenty of victories this year
because he'll be happy under Charlie Grimm.~~

~~While Connie Mack's Athletics were playing the Senators~~

~~in Washington, the Boston Red Sox entertained the New York~~

PP The Yankee opened

~~Yankees, a Yankee team~~ without Joe diMaggio. ~~Early~~ This afternoon

~~the NEW YORK SUN sprung~~ a sports sensation ^{camp} with the announcement

that Joe had capitulated, was on his way east, to play for the

figure that Colonel Ruppert had offered him, twenty-five thousand.

~~dollars.~~ The story was promptly denied by Ed Barrow, General

Manager of the Yankees. And when it was wired out to San Francisco,

~~Joe~~ himself corroborated with an emphatic "No!" And he added:

"It's forty thousand dollars or I stick to my restaurant business

right here in good old San Francisco."

Ed Barrow pointed out that if Joe doesn't show up within ten days, he'll be automatically suspended according to baseball rules. When that happens, he can only be reinstated through a special dispensation from Commissioner Landis or from Mr. Harridge, President of the American League.

Incidentally, the Yankees without diMaggio took a licking, eight to four, from the Boston Red ~~Sox~~ Sox.

WHITFIELD

There's a welter of conflicting stories about the disappearance of Andrew Carnegie's nephew. Only this much is certain. Twenty-eight year old Andrew Carnegie Whitfield took off on Friday afternoon in his own monoplane from Roosevelt Field, Long Island. The police have been ~~scouring at the airport~~ ^{searching} within a radius of three hundred miles, ~~have also been hunting elsewhere~~ but haven't found him.

Then there's one confusing report. The cashier at the Roosevelt Field Hotel declares he saw young Mr. Whitfield in the lobby, on Saturday. ~~That was~~ almost twenty-four hours after he had taken off in his plane. With him was a professional pilot, privately employed by an American theatrical producer. Late this afternoon came a report that Whitfield had boarded the Red Star liner WESTERLAND shortly before she sailed for Europe on Saturday. And the report continued that he was in the company of that same pilot. ~~employed by an American theatrical producer~~

The missing man's brother and officials of the Red Star Line promptly radioed the master of the liner. Up to a late hour, no reply had been received from mid-ocean. *Gentlemen on the high seas, what about it?*

54

CHAIN GANG

Life in a Georgia chain gang has been represented to us as one of the ^{world's} ~~most~~ ^{set a} awful forms of existence. ^A man in Detroit today deliberately went back to it after having escaped. ~~He~~ ^Went to the police station and gave himself up, of his own accord. ~~It~~ ^{was} just a year ^{after his} ~~since he~~ ^{chain} escaped from a gang at Hawkinsville, Georgia. When he was taken to court he said: "Even the chain gang is better than trying to find a job in Detroit." And he added: "Anyway, the climate in Georgia is nicer than ⁱⁿ Michigan."

All of which sounds like a contradiction of what I heard. Warden Lawes of Sing Sing ~~say~~ the other day: - that to a prisoner any form of life on the outside is preferable to prison no matter how comfortable you make life in a cell.

COOGAN

That widely discussed Jackie Coogan case brought a tearful scene today. Tears were shed in the office of a Los Angeles lawyer.

~~this afternoon.~~ The story begins many years ago, when Charlie Chaplin was making his film ~~called~~ "The Kid", and introduced ^{Charlie} an appealing little lad to the screen. ~~remarkably attractive little boy actor into show business.~~

Under Chaplin's direction -- and some people say he is the finest director of all, barring none -- the little boy advanced and prospered. He received whopping fees, that is, his parents received them. It is said that he earned not less than four million dollars. And now the whole story breaks into the courts because that boy, now a man, is broke, never got any part of that four million ~~dollars~~ except his upkeep while he was a minor. ^{Now he is} ~~suing~~ ~~today~~ ^{And today she} ~~suit against~~ his mother. ~~started in a lawyer's office where she~~ appeared to make a deposition before young Jackie's counsel.

The lady turned on the lacrymose ducts plentifully. She took much time out from her testimony to dab at her eyes with her handkerchief. Supporting her and her tears was her second husband, a Mr. Bernstein, who used to be their financial advisor when Coogan, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Senior, was alive and the Kid was piling up all those millions. ^{Step-father Bernstein declares} ~~In other words, Mr. Bernstein is now the second~~ ~~Mr. Coogan.~~ ~~He~~ is vehement in proclaiming that Jack Coogan has no

56

right to ~~any of~~ the millions that he earned.

Jack^{ie's} lawyer asked Mrs. Coogan Bernstein whether Jackie's father had ever talked about giving the boy the proceeds of certain enterprises. No, said ~~Mrs. Bernstein~~^{she.} The lawyer then asked about a forty-five thousand dollar diamond ring, asked whether she hadn't ~~been~~ said she was buying it as an investment for Jackie? She refused to answer. Then she was asked: "Did Mr. Coogan ever tell Jack^{ie} that he was going to create a trust fund?" Mrs. Coogan Bernstein replied, "No."

Then she said: "I never had any idea my son would do anything of this sort." She was then asked: "Do you now intend to create a trust fund for Jackie?" To that the reply was an emphatic "No." The law says he has no right to his earnings, I don't see why I should give them to him."

~~And evidently Jackie doesn't even get any share of the large estate left by his father, the estate accumulated by the boy's own work.~~

In one outburst of tears, Mrs. Coogan Bernstein said: "I love him and I've done my best for him. I've tried to make a man

of him but haven't succeeded very well."

57
This trial is arousing a furore in Hollywood. Motion picture companies today decline to employ infants unless their parents set aside their earnings in a trust fund, taking for themselves only enough to support an establishment for the child actors.

FILM

Everybody has heard of the uproar about the motion picture *about babies and the stark.*
~~called "The Birth of a Baby"~~ In many cities the censors called a taboo on it, won't allow anybody to see it. Individuals and societies protested against it. But there's one important personage who has no sympathy with such protests. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt not only does not sympathize with such censorship, but she announced early today that she was going to have the film projected at the White House for herself and several guests. In making that announcement she said firmly: "I never think that honest things are bad. I think suggestive ^{things} things, which do not deal honestly with the subject, are harmful." And she added: "It seems to me in this case the intent is to supply people with information which should be valuable."

58
Later in the afternoon, however, the First Lady *The picture will not be shown at the White House.*
exercised her privilege and changed her mind. Nevertheless, she insists, she sees no objection to the film as such.

The ~~next~~ net result - a lot of publicity when and if they do allow the film to be shown.

EASTER

There was a gay sight on the lawn of the White House today: ^{the}
~~It was the~~ ^{traditional} Easter ~~Monday~~ egg rolling ceremony. A quarter of a
million eggs were rolled ~~all the way~~ across the lawn and ~~then~~
~~all the way back~~ ^{— those that survived.} Nobody has ever quite decided what the idea is.

There's no element of competition in ~~it~~, and even as exercise it
seems to have its limitations. Nevertheless, thousands of
youngsters enjoy it every year. ~~¶~~ The army of children that rolled 'em
today was estimated at no less than fifty thousand. ~~¶~~ One observer
was trying to ~~compute~~ compute the number of stomachaches that
would result. ^{For} lots of ~~the~~ ^{egg} eggs were eaten right on the spot.

If you can imagine a quarter of a million hard boiled eggs resting
in those youthful alimentary canals, ^{— well, let's leave} ~~you don't need to be a~~
~~the subject right there.~~ [↑] ~~physician to guess at the consequences.~~ Mother, I'll
~~be home for dinner in a minute,~~ ~~encouraging influence upon the sale of castor oil~~
but no hard boiled eggs.

And now Hugh
what from you?

58 1/2

59

59 1/4