

Downturn

By Peter Lingard

The stock market continues to slide. As people no longer have need of dentistry, sales of dental equipment, toothpaste, teeth cleaning tools, and the like, hit rock bottom. The only meat purchased in the last few weeks has been minced beef and filet mignon. Butchers, like dentists are closing their businesses.

Blame sits squarely on the delicate shoulders of Titania Fey, the independent thought to considering a run for the White House in 2012. Since she said the tooth fairy would be bringing in helpers and that all would be working overtime to purchase all teeth left under the nation's pillows, people have been pulling out their pegs. Ms. Fey, who claims to be a fairy herself, said that is now impossible for truthful, generous beings to enter government buildings and banks. Therefore, the only way the spirit world can help Uncle Sam to pay off his debts is to leave money under peoples' pillows. The fairies will not, she emphasized, take the teeth away but will leave them in place so they can visit again when next in the area. Amounts left would be in direct proportion to the number of teeth found.

It is hoped all money found under pillows will be handed to the government as a voluntary tax to be used solely to pay of the national debt. Ms. Fey said when interviewed last month that she was extremely proud of the American people for the selfless and heroic way they are pulling together for the sake of the nation.

Democrats issued a statement saying that they could understand if the disenfranchised chose to put the money found under their pillows into their personal bank accounts. Taxes levied on the income would help pay off the country's debt and so people could still feel they were 'doing their bit'. President Obama said everyone should use some of the money to pay for health insurance. Republicans said money invested in the nations' businesses would not incur taxes and the citizens would reap great profits in the future. They suggested that a donation of one per cent of money received should be donated to the Republican Party.

Occupy Wall Street protesters complained that, as they were without pillows, they were being ripped off yet again.

Lawyers for illegal immigrants wanted assurances that money illegals deposited in their bank accounts would not be subject to either confiscation or taxation. Republicans said, should they be voted into office at the next election, they would allow all illegal immigrants to use the money to return,

unhindered, to their homeland. Those who chose to stay would be taxed at sixty-five per cent.

Ms. Fey cried on camera today. She said how disappointed she was in the politicians' reactions to her plan. She was explaining why she was halting the 'money for teeth' scheme and would look for a more feasible alternative when a man stepped from the crowd and stabbed her seventy-two times.

© 2012, Peter Lingard