

CHILD WELFARE WORK IN STATE WINS U. S. PRAISE

County System of Caring for Dependents, However, Is Criticized.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Indiana's system of taking care of dependent children through the child welfare department of the State board of charities is given high praise in a current bulletin of the children's bureau, Department of Labor.

But the Indiana county system of children's boards and homes is severely criticized. One of the features of the State welfare department which is praised is its activity in placing children in homes, and thereby decreasing the number in county homes.

The county home system which prevails in Indiana, Ohio and Connecticut has never been satisfactory in any of these three States," the statement said.

Indiana is also named as one of the twelve States which have no State children's home society.

"Ohio, Indiana and Connecticut county children's homes were supposed to be placing-out agencies," the bulletin says, "but the tendency has always been to accumulate the children in county homes and to minimize the placing-out work."

"Indiana has for many years had county boards of children's guardians which had a certain degree of responsibility for the care of the neglected and dependent children of the county."

Placing of children in family homes, after careful investigation and under careful supervision is recommended by the bureau.

CHURCH TO BE REPAIRED

Seventh Day Adventists Seek \$5,000 for Explosive Damaged Structure.

A drive will be started soon for a \$5,000 fund to repair the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Laurel and Orange Sts., damaged in an explosion last Thursday, it has been announced by the Rev. H. A. Lukens, pastor. James Wheeler, church missionary leader, will be in charge.

GROWTH OF LODGE TOLD

Odd Fellows Order Holds Service on 107th Anniversary.

Growth of the Odd Fellows Lodge since its introduction in America 107 years ago, was told by the Rev. Fred A. Line, Central Universalist Church pastor, at anniversary services Sunday. Odd Fellows and Rebeccas attended in a body.

The Reverend Line, past noble grand and past chief patriarch of the order, said membership today is 2,674,456.

HOME MISSIONS TOPIC

National Manager Will Speak at District Meeting.

Mrs. Daniel Stecker of Wilmette, Ill., national manager of Methodist Home Missionary work, will speak on Wednesday morning before the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Indianapolis district, at the Central Avenue M. E. Church. Mrs. A. A. Shafer, president, will be in charge. Dr. Harry Andrews King, superintendent of the Indianapolis district, will lead the morning devotional service and Mrs. O. W. Pier the afternoon.

LEAGUE WILL MEET

Young Methodists to Hold Rally on Wednesday Night.

Fifty chapters of the Indianapolis district, Epworth League, representing 2,000 young Methodists, will hold a rally on Wednesday night at St. Paul's M. E. Church.

The Rev. Elmer Jones, pastor, will lead devotional services. De Pauw University trio will provide music. A silver cup will be awarded to the chapter with the largest attendance.

WILL TALK ON CONGO

The Christian conquest in the Belgian Congo, Africa, will be described Thursday at Central Avenue M. E. Church by Mrs. John M. Springer, Methodist missionary, at a meeting of Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Indianapolis district of the Methodist church.

The unit having the largest number of representatives in proportion to membership will receive a \$15 prize.

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Zip, Famous Freak of Circus, Is Dead

Famed 'What Is It?' Introduced to Wondering Public 70 Years Ago by P. T. Barnum, Succumbs.

By Gene Cohn
NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK, April 26.—It hadn't occurred to the tent show folk that a 'What-Is-It?' could die just like other humans in whose veins run blood.

You see, Zip had been a freak for seventy years—but, well, he was human after all. Zip died Sunday.

But, then, Zip has always inspired this confusion in those who knew him best. Where did the freak leave off and the human begin?

The Barkers

The barkers in front of the side show have shouted:

"What is it? What is it? Man or monkey—the missing link?" they have chanted millions. Queen Victoria stopped to ponder, as did King Edward VII. Charles Dickens, smiling at the query put to him by the great Barnum, is said to have christened Zip.

The point is that hard-boiled showmen whose pores had fully absorbed the tanbark, has accepted him as a freak, but as the years went on began to ponder, too. What was this strange little being with the egg-shaped head? They built legends about him. The topnotch on Zip's egg-like head grew grayer, and the two almost came to primitive batte. How could Zip know?

There were so many things upon which to build legend and myth... these freaks sure are confusing, the showfolk admitted.

Meanwhile Zip was getting to be an old man...something like 90. As though a "What-Is-It?" grew old.

And yet, Zip was stricken, like any other human. Funny, big egg-shaped head lying on a white pillow; fever running through his brown body; doctors saying he would die.

Oh, well, that's the circus game—here today and gone tomorrow—freaks and humans alike.

But this Zip—he was different. He was a real "What-is-it?"

What the devil was he, anyway?

NEW TURBINE MOTOR

Russian Student Designs Apparatus in California.

By United Press

BERKELEY, Cal., April 26.—An internal combustion turbine engine which may be developed on a practical basis, has been designed by George Penkoff, Russian student in the mechanical laboratories of the University of California.

The apparatus consists of a combination of chambers in which charges are set off. Valves conduct the expanding gases to the revolving turbine unit, where they strike the vanes of the rotor.

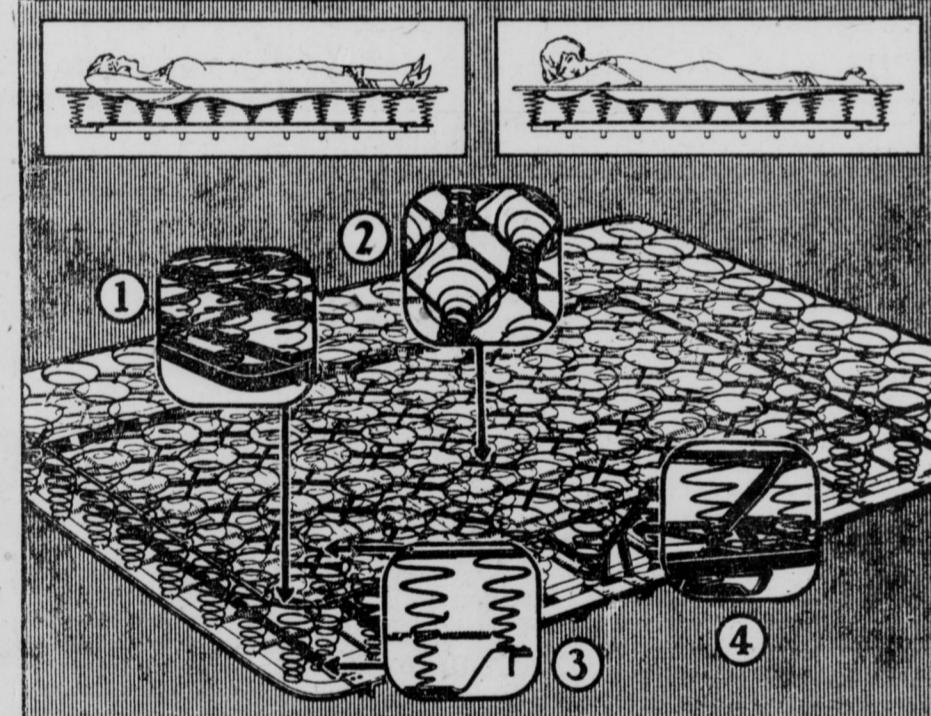
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Frank Harryman, 1823 W. Morris St., on the right leg.

PROTEST ABANDONMENT

Road Building to Help Conditions in State.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A slight surplus of labor is reported from Indiana, the Department of Labor's monthly bulletin on employment conditions reported today. The huge road-building programs and contracts for many large buildings are expected to improve conditions.

All Indianapolis plants are running and improvement in employment is daily expected, the bulletin said.

Practically all Evansville plants are running, but there is still a slight surplus of labor. Common laborers are leaving the Terre Haute dis-

trict for other points, there being a large surplus there.

MONAHAN IS ELECTED

Frank J. Monahan is new president of St. John's Boys' School Alumni, which met Sunday at St. John's Catholic Church.

Other new officers are Brother Hubert, vice president; Daniel Cangany, recording secretary, and John Fa-

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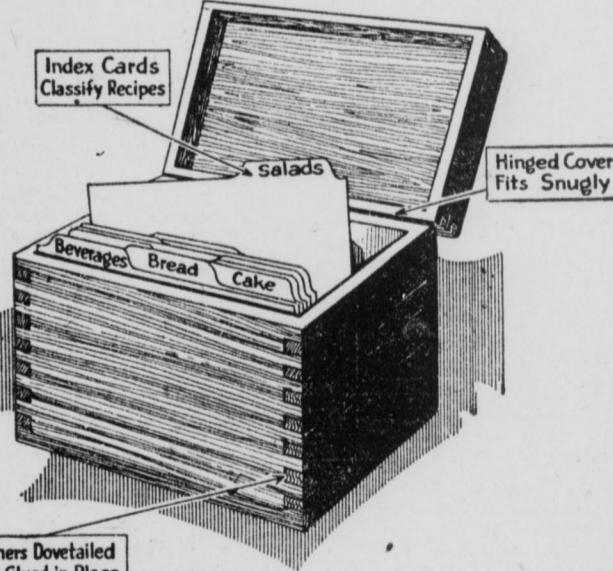
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