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## HEALTH BOARD FIGHTS DELAY ON HOSPITAL

City Council's Indication of  
Piece-Meal Plan Draws  
Fire.

### APPEALS TO PUBLIC

Asks Citizens to Visit Insti-  
tution to View Con-  
ditions.

Indication by the city council that it favors piecemeal enlargement of city hospital with completion of only the power plant unit at once drew from the city health board today a declaration:

It is beyond human understanding how anyone with eyes for seeing and vision for guidance can, after visiting the hospital and dispensary, conceive any valid reason for delaying the plan of construction as outlined by the board of health.

The board did not deliberately take the council to task for the attitude indicated in a recent conference and the announcement last week that the council would receive a bond issue for \$530,000 for the power plant unit.

The board did, however, issue a strong statement in an effort to arouse the public to the need for adequate provisions for the hospital at once.

#### Must Extend Work

The board contends that \$1,921,000 must be expended at once and directed its attorney formally to request the city controller to present a request for a bond issue for this amount to the council at a special meeting Friday night.

This issue would provide for the power plant, the \$516,000 out-patient and laboratory building and the two ward units costing \$875,000. The council is expected to authorize at least part of the program at the regular meeting, Monday night.

Dr. Frederick E. Jackson, health board president, supplemented the board's statement with the assertion:

"It is a pitiable condition of affairs when a department of governmental administration is compelled to organize an irresistible moving force before it can arouse public interest sufficient to protect the public welfare," pointing to the three-year effort of the board to get action on the hospital program.

#### Statement Is Issued

The board invites the public to inspect the hospital this week in its statement:

The city hospital and dispensary are the two chief units of the health department of Indianapolis for the sick poor and will continue for all time to come as such.

Every person, rich and poor, should be vitally interested in his municipal hospital. We wonder how many citizens, rich or poor, know that in case of accident outside of their own home the chances are nine out of ten that a city hospital ambulance will carry them first to city hospital.

In most respects health is a purchasable quantity, yet there are rumbplings that Indianapolis cannot afford to pay for her sick poor. The real reputation of a city and of its individual outstanding citizens is not measured finally by the number of smoke stacks, by the number of banks, by the parks, the large stores, the churches, lodges, clubs, number of millionaires or geniuses, but by the attitude of that city toward the common people.

#### Picture of Conditions

A child with scarlet fever separated by a sheet of muslin from a child with measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, erysipelas; a ward built for twenty-eight sick people crowded with forty-three to forty-nine patients; sick Negroes crowded six to eight in a room meant for two with a little basement window for refreshing air; psychopathic patients who need quiet and no confusion, much light, air, pleasant conditions for restoration to mental health, housed in a basement ward originally meant for repair shops, are pictures for the contemplation of those citizens interested either for or against the poor, who are compelled to use the city institution.

Along with those pictures also may be viewed a barn-like fire trap with creaky floors, plaster-less ceilings, dingy rooms called the city dispensary where the medical profession yearly donates to the tax payers in free service to the poor a sum of money equal to hundreds of dollars.

Another picture might be that of the tax receipt which was the medical profession to become suddenly class-conscious. Still another picture might be one comparing the outpatient department and the city hospital of Indianapolis to that of other cities of similar size and wealth.

For nearly three years the board of health has appealed to the public and to city governments to give the poor Negro, the poor child sick with contagion, the poor man and woman with incurable tuberculosis slowing but surely coughing his way to the grave, a wholesome place commensurable with the Christian religion in which to pass from this life into the eternal unknown.

### Soak Soars

From Manila to White House to Be Fate of Once Humble Parakeet.

BY RANDALL GOULD,  
United Press Staff Correspondent

MANILA, P. I., April 9.—This is the history of The Old Soak, soon to become the "first parrot in the land."

The Old Soak, Secretary of State Henry Stimson's pet parakeet, was dissatisfied when his owner left the Government's mansion to go to Washington, but more recently found solace in the company of a Manila policeman.

Now word has been received that he is ordered to Washington, where, it is reported, he will grace the White House menagerie.

The skeleton in The Old Soak's closet is that he can scream like a Chinese pirate and, sad to relate, is an addict to furniture chewing.

MRS. STIMSON was responsible for the rise of the Old Soak to his exalted position, and it is feared that she now has regrets.

She sought a present for her husband, who is fond of pets, and decided on a parakeet. She hunted a long time for a bird which would suit. As she explained shortly before sailing, "it had to be a bird which wouldn't bite ears, because a husband insists on petting his animals."

Finally, a bird was found whose owner solemnly vowed it never chewed ears. He said nothing about furniture.

Even then, the parakeet's fate was in doubt, because he was moulting and looked like something fragile caught in the rain.

His owner promised, however, that in a few weeks he would be a handsome bird, and he was, with glistening white feathers.

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Caretakers of the veranda furniture were scandalized by the bird's devastation of wicker and bamboo pieces. Every chair and divan bore the marks of a parakeet's claws.

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If Secretary Stimson should change the Kellogg ruling before Thursday night, Mrs. Gann might be elevated to the dinner chair of the Saloon Royale, are not night club habitués, nor have they ever been to Tex's club "just to see what it's like."

Neither are they prejudiced against night clubs, those who keep them, work in them as entertainers, or frequent them, and in particular they are not prejudiced against the Vice President.

While these formidable forces were massing at the capitol they developed a possibility that Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, might settle the dispute before the senators could swing into action. Mrs. Gann is invited to a dinner at the Chilean embassy Thursday night. The embassy will follow in its seating arrangements whatever may be the official rule of the state department.

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### WHIPPED; SUES DAD

Missouri Girl Asks \$10,000 for Shock of Beating.

By United Press

BUTLER, Mo., April 9.—Charging she suffered humiliation and nervous shock from a whipping with a cattle whip administered by her father, a prominent farmer, Miss Chloe Ehart, 22, filed a \$10,000 damage suit against her parent here today.

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After a few days of moping, the Old Soak was taken over by a policeman Frank Waite, who guards the Malacanan Palace, and soon was reconciled.

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### SOCIAL RATING OF MRS. GANN STIRS HEFLIN

Proposes to Take Fight  
Over Curtis' Sister to  
Congress.

### ENVOYS TAKE ACTION

Clearing Up of Tangle on  
Vice-President's Hostess  
Demanded.

BY PAUL R. MALLON,  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The controversy over the social status of Mrs. Edward Everett Gann, half-sister of Vice-President Charles Curtis, was thrust forward as a national issue today when Senator T. J. Heflin of Alabama, a Democrat, announced seriously his intention of proposing a law at the coming session of congress establishing Mrs. Gann as the "second lady" of the land.

Heflin's move was assured of serious and expeditious attention when he called on Chairman William Borah of the senate foreign relations committee and received Borah's promise that the resolution would not be permitted to languish long in committee.

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### SCIENCE SAYS EVELYN IS RIGHT Sulphur and Molasses No Longer Prescribed as Spring Cure-All



"Do we have to take that?" mutters Warren Little, 8, of 4525 Guilford avenue, and Evelyn Laven Shuey, 8, of 969 Dorman avenue, in the photo at the extreme left as they eye a sulphur and molasses bottle and a big spoon.

"Ugh," says Evelyn in the center photo as she fills the spoon with what's good for spring fever.

"Hurrah! into the trash can this goes," is Evelyn's jubilant cry, in