

JUVENILE COURT FOR DISTRICT TO BE MODEL FOR U. S.

Attorney General Gregory Sends to Congress Drafts of Two Proposed Laws.

FLEXNER BOARD REPORT

Bill Would Relieve 4,000 Children of Disqualification for Public Office or Jury Duty.

Attorney General Gregory today sent to Congress the draft of two proposed laws, one giving the District of Columbia a juvenile court system designed to serve as a model for the entire country, and the other relieving the disqualification for jury duty, holding public office or entering the public service which now exists against 4,000 children who have previously been convicted in the juvenile court.

The bills were prepared by a committee composed of Bernard Flexner, of Chicago, chairman; Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the Children's Bureau; the Rev. William J. Kerby, professor of sociology at Catholic University; Walter C. Clephane and William H. Baldwin, of Washington.

This committee, which was appointed a year ago, also submitted to the Attorney General an exhaustive report of forty-five printed pages, which was referred to Congress by Attorney General Gregory with the two proposed laws.

Present Law Unsatisfactory.

Present laws of the District pertaining to delinquent children are assailed as "strikingly out of harmony with the modern movement touching juvenile courts," in that they brand children as criminals to be prosecuted by the state, rather than saved by it. To correct this the draft of the proposed act abandons the traditions of the criminal law and rests upon the principle that a child who finds his way into court "is not to be regarded as a criminal, but rather as a ward of the nation, and whose individual welfare coincides with the well-being of the state."

Features of Proposed Act.

A petition stating facts is filed instead of a criminal information or complaint against a child. The child is not arraigned nor put on oath nor asked to plead guilty or not guilty, but the court shall hear testimony and make inquiries into habits and surroundings of the child in order to render a judgment which shall best conserve his welfare.

Power is given to the court to allow the child to remain in his home, or to be placed in suitable home or institution. The court is given power to exclude the general public from hearings against children, admitting only those who have direct interest in the case. No adjudication against a child shall operate as a disqualification for jury duty or for public office, and no child shall be denominated a criminal by reason of such conviction.

In exceptional cases requiring a child to be dealt with by the criminal courts the judge may certify the case for criminal trial. The juvenile court judge may appoint an advisory board of six to ten persons without salary to visit correctional institutions twice a year.

Power of appointing the board of Children's Guardians is taken from the judges of the Police Court and criminal courts and vested in the District commissioners.

The tenure of the juvenile court judge is changed from six years, as at present, to ten years.

The passage of the act in question, the report of the committee says, "will not add anything to the burden of the taxpayer, as it calls for no appropriation, and the money set apart for the present court is to be used for the new court."

Several criticisms of existing juvenile court procedure in the District. This court, which was established in 1896, is described as essentially a "police court for children." Under the present act the court has jurisdiction of "petty offenses" and "misdemeanors" only, and must hold children for "greater offenses," for action by the grand jury.

Makes Permanent Record. Children before the court at present must be charged with "crime" and when found "guilty" a conviction must be entered, thus making a permanent criminal record against them. Between the fiscal years June 30, 1907, and June 30, 1913, both inclusive, 16,557 children passed through the court, the Flexner committee report says.

Of this total, upward of 4,000 children were found guilty of crime, had judgments of conviction entered against them, and by reason of such a judgment "are disqualified from jury duty, holding public office, or entering the public service."

Summarizing its criticism of the present law, the Flexner committee report says: "The foregoing legislation is strikingly out of harmony with the modern method touching juvenile court legislation. So far as the law is concerned, every detail of the criminal law is worked out against the child, and the adult, he is a lawbreaker; he is an offender against the public peace; the particular offense he is charged with is of no moment; he may be charged with breaking a window in his play—an offense against property—or taking a newspaper, larceny. There is no accounting to the conception underlying

Plan Garden City As Suburb of Washington

Forward-to-Land League Promoters Gain Support From Three Departments.

INVESTMENTS ARE PROMISED

Mrs. Haviland Lund Explains System of Financing and Developing Scheme.

By KENDRICK SCOFIELD.

If the plans of the national "Forward to the Land League" mature, Washington, within the next year or two, will have at least one Garden City suburb, and maybe several more.

It was not already known that a Garden City suburb is, let Mrs. Haviland H. Lund, the league's secretary and prime mover in an effort to solve the economic and social problems presented by the men of small means, as well as by the men of small means, her idea of a Garden City is a residential center some ten or twelve miles from an important municipality, which it is connected by express train, which it is connected by express train, which it is connected by express train.

Region of Farm Homes. Beyond the zone of the garden homes will lie "farm homes" on five to ten acres, which can also be obtained at figures which the average Government clerk's salary can meet. So she began to plan practical relief of the men and women who through lack of money are crowded into the congested districts of the city, where living was fairly cheap.

The "forward to the land" plan has appealed to moneyed men who wish safe and profitable investments, and who are willing to put their money into a proposition which has an investment limit of \$5 per acre, and a promised operation to the league in Washington is Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of the division of information, Department of Labor; Assistant Secretary of the Public Health Service; and Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

To Secure Options. Mrs. Lund plans to open a "bureau of information" and headquarters in Washington within the next month, following which a local committee will be appointed to investigate and report on the plan.

May Strike Records. "No more striking injustice can be found than is presented by the fact that today there are permanent criminal records against more than 4,000 children of the District; and these records the committee hopes Congress may expunge so as to enable the children to take care of the disabilities under which they are now resting. These convictions should not be permitted to stand as permanent criminal records against these children. The nation has nothing to lose, and has everything to gain by purging these records so as to emancipate the children, who have had to pass through the court, from the stigma of a conviction of crime."

Attorney General Gregory, in sending the report of the committee to Congress today, said he had carefully gone over the report, and had given it his hearty approval. He urged Congress to enact the legislation recommended.

The Flexner committee will continue its investigation of the present law, and reporting at a future date on the need for an institution for feeble-minded and epileptic persons in the District and for an institution in which delinquent children may be cared for.

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LET CAPITAL FIX TAXES, SAYS CLARK

Speaker Makes Principal Address at Banquet to Congressman Bartholdt.

"I'd like to see the people of Washington fix their own taxes, pay their own taxes, and attend to their own business," Speaker of the House Champ Clark, in his address at the banquet given at Rauscher's in honor of Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, who retires from public life on Thursday, after serving twenty-two years in the lower house.

Speaker Clark said that he was tired of the continuous squabble over the relations of the District and Federal governments. He declared there was not a man in either house of the national legislature who was not a friend of the District.

"There isn't a man in the Senate or House, however, fit to be a Washington city councilman, because they don't know enough of local affairs," said the speaker. "We in Congress realize that every Senator and Representative has two sets of constituents, those back in his district and those in the District of Columbia. For that reason every man in Congress is doing all he can to make this the most beautiful city in the world."

Commending Congressman Bartholdt for his services in the House, Speaker Clark said that he was a Washington patriot. Dr. Bartholdt is one of the few men who have been in the House longer than I have. He should have had the peace prize the year it was given to Roosevelt.

Launching into a defense of American of the hyphenated type Speaker Clark declared the people who talk about the lack of patriotism among the German-born American citizens "are making fools of themselves." The speaker said that the European countries who are the sons of immigrants are more loyal and patriotic than the descendants of those who came here hundreds of years ago.

Does any sane man believe that because a man crossed 3,000 miles of water he has forgotten the land of his birth? asked the speaker. "The English-born American, or any other American born on foreign soil naturally enters into the citizenship of his native land, but at the same time is capable of the truest patriotism to the land of his adoption."

Women Judges Soon to Try Women, Says Pastor

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Before a mass meeting of representatives of women's societies, called to protest against the removal of women probation officers from the courts of the city, Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, pastor of the Church of the Ascension, predicted that the time was only a short way off when women prisoners would be tried before a woman judge, with a jury of women, women lawyers, and court attendants, and a woman district attorney.

"Now," said Dr. Grant, "we have the spectacle of a timid woman, like a dab in milking, or an accident-prone woman, presiding over a court of law, endeavoring to defend herself. How much better if there were a woman judge, women policemen, and a woman public defender."

Mediterranean Toured in Elmendorf Lecture

A voyage around the Mediterranean that began at Madeira and ended with the battle of flowers at Nice during carnival times, was made yesterday afternoon by a capacity audience under the guidance of Dwight Elmendorf, at the lecture given by the lecturer in the Elmendorf series drew an even larger house than had attended the first, and the demonstrations of appreciation over exquisite pictures and eloquent descriptions were more continuous.

The journey which provided material for yesterday's talk was made by ship, automobile and rail. The party landed at Madeira and then plunged into the Orient by way of Tangier, the Mauritanian town seen in both artistically colored photographs and motion pictures. From Tangier the voyage was continued to Algiers, and afterwards into the country and along the coast led into Egypt, where the pyramids were examined and climbed.

From Egypt the lecturer conducted his easy chair travelers to Joppa, Palestine, the Holy Land being visited. Jerusalem was viewed from the Mt. of Olives, the upper Jordan valley was explored, and the cities of Tyre, Sidon, Bosphorus, Constantinople, Corfu, a section of Dalmatia, Cattaro, Mt. Aetna, Taormina, Naples, Vesuvius, and Rome were all seen before the boat was finally departed for the railway which took the party to Menton, Monaco, and finally Nice.

Potato Shippers Warned.

Warning to potato exporters that new markets for American potatoes, opened in South America by the war, are being endangered by lack of care in packing and shipping, is given by the Department of Agriculture today.

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"Jim Crow Bill" Killed by Prayer

At Least, Colored Congregation Decides Its Period of Fasting Did It.

Prayer has defeated the "Jim Crow" bill, pending in the House, according to resolutions adopted last night by colored persons assembled at Cosmopolitan Church.

The Rev. Simon Drew offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, asserting that the period of fasting and prayer recently inaugurated, together with the material efforts of the Rev. Jones and Clapp and Congressman Madden had defeated the bill.

There has been no vote in the House on the "Jim Crow" bill, but the supporters of its defeat construe the House action last Monday to mean the bill's undoing.

The House considered, with the end of the session approaching, the question of the material efforts of the Rev. Jones and Clapp and Congressman Madden had defeated the bill.

With the membership campaign rapidly drawing to a close, secretaries of the various departments at the Young Women's Christian Association are planning to interest the new members in the several activities there. Today the number of new members added was eighty-four, making the grand total of those brought in during the campaign 338.

Tomorrow afternoon the Council of Friendship clubs, under the guidance of Miss Anna G. Seesholtz, educational secretary, and comprised of girls representing all of the five white high schools, will be held at the Y. W. C. A. The entertainment is to be a "stipendiary match." These clubs do definite social service work and have for their motto "Christian ideals of womanhood and democracy."

Titled Briton Dies in Michigan Poor House

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—Penniless, but not without friends, a man known in Detroit for many years as Capt. William Butler, but in reality an English baronet, Sir William Thomas Gould, the son of Sir Thomas Gould, a wealthy tea plantation proprietor in India, is dead at the Elisee county poorhouse.

Sir William was a member of the British army all through the Crimean war with the rank of captain.

SALARY FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY CARRIERS

Postmaster Praeger Transfers Fifty Messengers From Commission Basis.

Fifty special delivery messengers in the city postoffice are to be paid a definite salary instead of a commission. Each of them will receive, beginning on March 1, \$46 a month, instead of 8 cents on each letter delivered, as at present.

The average earnings of the fifty boys have been \$22.50 a month. Postmaster Praeger says. All are not satisfied with the change, claiming that they averaged under the "commission" system as much as \$25 and \$30 a month.

Postmaster Praeger explained that under the present system some of the boys earn as high as \$20 or \$25 a month, while other boys, through no fault of their own, are only able to make from \$10 to \$15 a month.

The salary basis for special delivery messengers is an innovation in the postal service.

"Headhunters" Film to Be Shown Again Today

Again this afternoon the Curtis Alaskan drama, "In the Land of the Headhunters," will be presented at the Belasco Theater.

The presentation of this remarkable film yesterday for the benefit of war sufferers marked another phase of the usefulness of the motion picture, and also emphasized a "new departure" in the work of its author, Edward S. Curtis, who for many years has lived among the Pacific coast Indians, studied their legends, and written about them.

The picture drama tells the story of the love of Montana, a head-hunting brave, for Naida, a copper-skinned "Helen of Troy."

Montana, to prove his bravery and manliness, must capture a seal lion, and a whole-in pursuit of which adventure he meets and loves a rival chieftain's daughter. Her father requires of him the head of a dressed moose living in that neighborhood before he will consent to the marriage. Montana secures the fearful token and after many vicissitudes wins Naida.

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URGES LOCAL LABOR ON BRIDGE BUILDING

Chamber of Commerce, President, in Behalf of Union, Appeals to Commissioners.

In compliance with a request from the Central Labor Union, F. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has written the Commissioners asking that they use their influence to have local labor employed on the new bridge that is to span Rock Creek.

Mr. Moran had received a communication from Henry Nolda, chairman of the executive committee of the Central Labor Union, reciting that the latter had been informed by the Hardware Construction Company, a Georgia corporation, to which the contract for the construction of the bridge was awarded, that the company proposed to bring such labor as might be required from points outside of the District.

Mr. Nolda called attention to the large number of unemployed men in Washington seeking work, and pointed out that the cost of the bridge will be deducted from the amount collected from the property owners of this city.

Sigma Chi to Honor Memory of Dr. Farnam

Epsilon Chapter and the Washington Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity will hold joint memorial services for the late Dr. Robert L. Farnam, of Monday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Dr. Farnam, 422 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

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