

MORGAN IS HOUSE SPEAKER—DRYS PREPARE STIFFER LAWS

CONGRESS URGED TO PASS DRASTIC EUGENICS LAW

Would Apply to Habitual Criminals to Protect Posterity.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Federal government was appealed to in the fight for stabilization of habitual criminals.

Chief Justice Harry Olsen of the Chicago municipal court, in a letter to a member of President Harding's cabinet, urged the necessity of Federal cooperation.

Olsen, who is president of the research bureau, of the Carnegie Foundation and a student of criminal heredity, is one of the leaders in the war for sterilization.

"Sterilization laws have been passed in fifteen states and efforts are being made to get similar laws in other states."

"The habitual criminal, in many cases is the product of heredity. He is a menace to the race and should be barred from the production of offspring."

"Many of our feeble-minded, our degenerates and members of that class who breed the tainted brain of the dangerous criminal have been passed to us through emigration."

"Other countries are away ahead of us in the study of hereditary taints and they have wished on us scores of persons they wanted to get rid of."

"The dangerous criminal is not a menace because of low grade intelligence but because of low grade emotions and low grade morals."

"In the United States today there are approximately 1,500 persons who have been sterilized for the benefit of society."

"The operation itself is simple. It can be done in five minutes with the use of a local anesthetic and the patient can return immediately to his work. It is not as dangerous as having a tooth pulled."

"The operation does not impair the emotions of the individual operated upon."

GOVERNOR DEMANDS REVISION OF FINANCES

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found whereby the good features of the law can be retained and its benefits safeguarded by increasing the penalties for violation to the end that the law may be made safe as well as convenient," he said.

Popular Amendments Die
In discussing amendments to the State constitution, the Governor pointed out that in many instances proposed amendments had received majorities in referendums, but had not received a majority of all the electors and to the end that this may not happen again, the Governor recommended an amendment to make a majority of votes cast sufficient for passage of an amendment.

At the opening of the last session the Governor objected to the fact that the Assembly convenes during the first year of a Governor's term. In his message today he recommended a constitutional amendment providing the Assembly shall convene during the second and fourth years of a term instead of the first and third.

Amendment to the State tax law recommended by the Governor would tend to give the tax board more authority than it now possesses. One amendment proposed would give the board power to reassess any property after proper notice to taxpayers. The Governor also recommended that the board be given power to order bond of bond issues to the board be cleared up and that public officials be prevented from borrowing money for any purpose in cases where money for these purposes has been provided in a budget. The Governor also recommended a penalty in cases where local officials fail to submit and publish a budget.

An echo of the present chaotic condition of State finances was contained in this reference:

"I wish to suggest to the General Assembly that the balances of the State should be kept in two funds, one the tuition fund, as designated by our constitution, and the other a general fund from which all payments can be made according to the amounts appropriated for the various activities of the State, as designated by the budget."

Borrowing Bad Business
"It certainly is poor business for the State to be compelled to negotiate loans to provide for a fund that is temporarily exhausted, while at the same time large balances are maintained in other funds that will not be drawn upon. I recommend such legislation as will enable this reform to be put into practice, believing that it will be a saving to the State that can well be made."

Demands from all sources have been made that State boards and departments be reduced or eliminated. In answer, the Governor recommended that the membership of the industrial board be reduced from five to three, and that the offices of clerk of the Supreme Court and reporter of the Supreme Court be combined. He also suggested that "it might be practical to combine the offices of State librarian, public library commission and historical commission under one head."

A recommendation also was made that the assembly enact a law changing the present agriculture board law, which was found not to be workable.

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State Legislature Goes Into First Session With Party Lines Closely Drawn—Woman Gets Office.

Raymond C. Morgan of Knightstown, Henry County farmer, today was formally elected speaker of the House of Representatives for the seventy-third General Assembly, which convened at the Statehouse this morning.

Morgan, chosen at a Republican caucus last night, received 51 votes against 48 for Thurman A. Gottschalk of Berne, choice of the Democratic caucus.

Each house was called to order shortly after 10 a. m. and proceeded immediately to organize along lines laid down at party caucuses last night.

A committee of each house was named to notify the other it was ready for business and a joint committee of the two houses was appointed to wait on Governor McCray. Meanwhile the Senate went into joint session with the house. The Governor appeared and read his message.

The legislators were sworn in by Louis B. Ewbank, chief justice of the State.

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Morgan's chief opponent in balloting in caucus was Lemuel A. Pittenger of Selma, who withdrew on the fourth ballot following similar action by Asa J. Smith of Indianapolis and J. Glen Harris of Gary, leaving the election unanimous for Morgan.

Frank E. Wright of Lynn, member of the House during 1915, 1917 and 1919, also chief clerk at the last session, was re-elected to the latter position.

Miss Nina Schmidt of Indianapolis was chosen assistant clerk and Everett J. Newlin of Plinfield was the position of principal doorkeeper of the House.

Small Margin at Start
On the first ballot the count was: Morgan, 17; Smith, 15; Pittenger, 11, and Harris, 8. The second showed a gain of two for Morgan, with Smith having 14, and Pittenger and Harris, 11 and 7, respectively. On the third ballot Morgan rose to 24, with the others falling off as follows: Smith, 13; Pittenger, 8, and Harris, 6. On the fourth Smith and Harris withdrew from the race and in the course of balloting Pittenger also withdrew.

In the organization of the Senate James J. Nais of Lake county was named president pro tem. He was selected at the Republican caucus last night over Senator Winfield Miller of Indianapolis. Nejd received twenty votes and Miller twelve.

Zell Swain of Middletown was named secretary. He was opposed in the caucus by Claude Phillips of Carson, Miss Fern Ale of Indianapolis was named assistant secretary, having defeated Mrs. Ida Belzer in the caucus.

Jerome Brown of Anderson was named principal doorkeeper and George Graham was named postmaster without opposition.

Spills Board Selected
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Unions, Headed by McNamara, Talk to Commissioners.

Protest by a committee from the Marion County Building Trades Council against alleged methods involving use of outside non-union labor on work for the county at the Julietta Home for the Insane was lodged with the board of county commissioners today.

The committee, headed by R. C. Fox, president of the council, and J. J. McNamara, representing the structural iron workers union.

The contract for erecting a steel tower at two county institutions is held by the Pittsburgh Steel Construction Company, against which McNamara protested. He said local union laborers working alongside of the non-union men might be withdrawn in case the matter was not adjusted.

"If it were a matter involving a local company, employing local men, we would settle our differences with them directly," said McNamara. "This company is strong and unfair to us. We can only talk to you commissioners."

The commissioners stated that they could not cancel the contract, but would send for a representative of the company to confer with the union men and themselves.

Gottschalk Minority Leader
Gottschalk was named minority floor leader by acclamation at the Democratic house caucus. He represents Adams and Wells Counties.

Herbert Kenney of New Albany was named permanent Democratic caucus chairman. Albert B. Clapp of Jeffersonville was named permanent caucus secretary.

Herman Meyers of Ft. Wayne was nominated chief clerk by Edward P. Barry of Indianapolis as assistant. Charles Bidean of Terre Haute was named as candidate for doorkeeper. Bidman was a candidate for Congress from the Fifth district.

Discussion of proposed bills marked the caucus following the nominations. H. P. Kenney, chairman of the caucus, said there was no action taken on the proposed gasoline tax, or other measure now proposed.

Kennedy admitted that John W. Fitch of Plymouth discussed the proposed budget report during the caucus. Gottschalk, following his election, responded with a short speech of acceptance.

Mrs. Roy Williams, 40, of Greensburg, Ind., is dead, despite efforts of science to save her life. She died at the Methodist Hospital Wednesday afternoon after a blood transfusion had failed. From a number of volunteers, Mrs. Williams' father-in-law, was selected to give his blood for the operation.

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