

HOUSE TO REEVALUATE DISCUSSION ON LANGUAGE BILL

Will Be Carried Over From Thursday of Last Week; May Be Returned to Senate.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 23.—Discussion of the foreign language problem will be renewed in the lower branch of the legislature this afternoon when the lower branch reconvenes to reconsider the Siman bill, S. F. 24, in the committee of the whole.

This bill was left over last Thursday when the companion measure, the Burney parochial school bill, occupied the attention of the house for almost a day. The two had been made a special order of business at that time.

In the amended form which it has been placed by the house committee, the Siman bill simply provides that no foreign tongue shall be used for either secular or religious instruction in any public, private or parochial school, and including the eighth grade and adds a penalty of fine or jail imprisonment for its violation.

The part covering "church or denominational schools," as distinguished from "parochial schools," was eliminated by the house committee on education, which also cut out the proviso which forbade language instruction in foreign tongue above the eighth grade unless approved by the state superintendent.

May Go Back. These provisions were in the bill as it passed the senate and some of the members of the upper branch have already indicated that they will have to go back before the two houses meet each day.

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Gabriele D'Annunzio, Man Who is Said to Have Put Italy Into War, Makes Appeal to Countrymen; Says Italy Begging Smile from President Wilson.

By Universal Service. New York, Feb. 23.—Following is the public appeal to his countrymen by Gabriele D'Annunzio, famous Italian writer and poet, whose fiery eloquence is said to have put Italy into the war.

"To my countrymen: Words are not an adequate weapon to fight indifference and humility while our war is not only not ended, but has reached its climax. On September 15, I made a vow before the altars of Zara, Sebenico, Spalato, Trau, Ragusa and Cattaro that Dalmatia should be ours and all of you repeated the vow with me.

"And the other day I happened before the altar of a tiny church on the Dalmatian coast. Who had reopened the little church on the arid coast? I was the first one to arrive. It was empty and desolate.

"Deserted and Forgotten. "If it is very small, this Dalmatian oratory, almost a wooden shed, lonesome in its desolation. Everything of value had been taken from it and it had been shut for fear of aerial raids. It had been deserted and forgotten. But the other day, empty and desolate as it was, it appeared to me as a powerful human frame.

"What Kind of Peace? "And the people of the Star Spangled Banner do not conceal that it has concluded the best and greatest of its work, i.e.—the achievement of 'eternal idealism,' and Italy already allows strangers to interfere in internal affairs.

"No Sacred Vessels. "And in that small church of the Dalmatians, as in all other churches, roused by the roar of battle, and changed to nothing more than a poor shelter for wounded, the altar, for you and me, no more sacred vessels nor candles nor flowers, but you and me only the shoes and helmets of the dead decorated in the helmets battered, rusty, gray like ashes, with the lining clotted with blood—the shoes which had remained for days and nights in the mud, in the dust and among rocks, and the lace of which had to be cut in order to extract them from the frozen feet at the edge of the grave—the garments which had once covered the head and the feet of the living who had gone forward to die.

"Fought For Victory. "We all fought because we believe in victory. We fought to win the war. All the war. During the dark days of Caporetto (the retreat to the Piave) we did not lose heart. We said 'Italy has won 11 victories over the enemy. Her 12th victory is won over her own self.' And her last victory was the victory of victories.

"Portland Man Hangs Self Near Town of Scottsbluff. "It was the Roman wedge smashing into the enemy's strength—it was the collapse of a formidable life—it was the final knockout to an empire whose roots were deep in the blackest ignominy.

"Bark Sinks After Collision and 16 of Crew Are Lost. New York, Feb. 23.—The French bark Heleue was sunk early yesterday morning in a collision with the Norwegian freighter Ganford off Winter Quarter Light, Virginia, and 16 of the crew perished.

"Survivors were brought here on the Ganford, with its bows stove in and its forepeak full of water. The Heleue, bound for Baltimore to Nantes, was loaded chiefly with steel and went down like a plummet.

YOUNG WOMEN OF NATION HAVE GREAT PROBLEM

Must Find Use for Wrist Watches Now Worn by Discharged Soldiers, Says Fred Woosley.

The conclusion of the war has brought two great questions to the fore. One of them pertaining to the disposition of the hand-wrist watches of Flanders and northern France has already been solved. It has been resolved to utilize the wire in knitting a sweater for the Kaiser. The other, and the indefinitely more important question, has not yet been answered, and it is up to the young women to find the solution since it is of greatest concern to them.

"What is to be done with the wrist watches which nearly all discharged men are wearing? These were the statements made by Fred Woosley, member of the Dietz Memorial church, Tenth and Pierce streets, when called upon to deliver an address of welcome to the soldiers and sailors who had assembled to witness the demobilization of the service flag at that church.

"But only the beginning of Mr. Woosley's address was humorous. As he dwelt upon the sacrifices of the doughboy and gobb, and took the soldier's doctrine, he is once more facing us, claiming for himself what is ours.

"In Silent Prayer. The service flag of the church, bearing 34 silver stars surrounding one star of gold, was lowered and Mrs. J. T. Long, who has contributed two songs to the service, pinned a silver bar above each of the stars.

"Kerr Welcomes Men. Dundee Kerr welcomed the returned men in a speech. "We met our best and we did our best," he stated. "We are proud of you men," he continued.

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Mayor's Plan to Rid Omaha of Social Evil Not Good Ethics

Rev. Mr. Kuykendall Says it is Not Right to Throw Refuse Into Your Neighbor's Yard; War Gives the World New Gospel; Smith's Plan Will Not Work.

Mayor Smith's plan for ridding Omaha of the social evil by driving all prostitutes from the city, in addition to being unworkable, is unethical, unsocial, unscientific and un-Christian, declared Rev. J. Delman Kuykendall, at Plymouth Congregational church Sunday morning.

Mr. Kuykendall stated that the motives of the mayor are no doubt good and his courage beyond question, but that the proposed method of bringing about the needed reform is evidently the result of very shallow thinking.

"The mayor will find," said the speaker, "as he probably has discovered already, that when he attempts to drive out the woman of the street he will simply start a merry-go-round, and that what goes out one door will come in another. He will also find that the process of creating prostitution is still going on in the city itself. His plan simply will not work.

"Don't Shift Burden. "It is hardly good ethics for a householder to throw his refuse and his old tomato cans into his neighbor's back yard, although that may seem the easiest way to dispose of them. Shipping human refuse from one city to another is not one whit more ethical.

"Invades Personal Liberty. The discussion of the mayor's statement came in the course of a sermon on "The Gospel of Good Health," in which Mr. Kuykendall declared that health of body, mind and soul is fundamental to success, not only of individuals, but of social groups and of nations.

"Find Cause and Cure It. "The scientific method of treating any disease is to seek its cause and to apply the cure—not to spread it through the world. When Omaha—and every other city—goes wholeheartedly at the task of finding the cause of the social problem, and

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Brief City News

Royal Sweepers, Burgess-Grandon Co. Have Root Plant It—Bacon Press. Dr. W. Douglas Burns has returned from the dental corps of the army and resumed practice, 655 Brandeis Theater Bldg.

Church Festival Opens—The St. Rose church festival opened Sunday in the auditorium at Father Flanagan's home for boys at the old Geary man home on South Thirteenth street with a large attendance and with considerable interest in the program.

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The bill merely provides, Senator Cordeal says, that the affairs of the state be administered under the direction of six departments and does not represent a radical departure such as is evidently feared by a large number of Nebraskans.

The duties of the different state departments will not be greatly different under the code bill than at present, Senator Cordeal says in his statement.

It is the rewritten administrative code bill of the state of Illinois, Cordeal declares.

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