

CHURCHES WANT INJUNCTION ON LANGUAGE LAW

Lutherans and Catholics Assert That Most of Their Pupils Cannot Speak the English Language.

Lutherans and Catholics joined yesterday in asking the Douglas county district court for an injunction against the foreign language bill passed by the last legislature which prohibits the teaching of any language except English in any grade below the ninth.

The suit for the injunction was filed by the Nebraska district of Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri and St. Francis Catholic church, South Omaha. The attorneys are A. M. Post, Alberts & Wagner and Arthur F. Mullen. Want Injunction Issued.

The court is asked to issue an injunction against Samuel R. McKelvie, governor of Nebraska, Clarence A. Davis, attorney general of Nebraska, and Abel Shotwell, attorney for Douglas county, restraining them from interfering with the parochial schools which, it is asserted, are compelled to teach in languages other than English because the children do not understand English when they enter the schools.

The petition asserts that the foreign language act as passed, in contravention of the United States and Nebraska constitution, interferes with the teaching of religion and morality, retards education and that enforcement of the act would deprive the churches and parochial schools of their liberty and property without due process of law.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri states that in its Nebraska district it has 400 congregations, 26,000 communicant members, 200 parochial schools and about 6,000 pupils. The school property is valued at \$250,000.

A majority of the members, says the petition, speak and understand German only and when the children first come to school they cannot be instructed in any other language. It has been the purpose of the synod for some time to abolish the use of any language except English and already in 10 per cent of the parochial schools English exclusively is used, while in the other 90 per cent English is used above the seventh grade.

St. Francis Catholic church states in the petition that its members are all Polish and hardly any of them can speak or understand English. Early instruction of children in religion, the moral and civic virtues, is a cardinal doctrine of the Catholic church, it is stated.

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Captain Phelps Paine, Civil War Vet, Dies at Age of 75

Past Commander of G. A. R. Post Served for Four Years on Side of Union Army and His Efficiency Won Him a Captaincy in 1863.



Captain Phelps Paine as he looked as an officer of the Union army in '63, and as he looked shortly before his death.

Capt. Phelps Paine, civil war veteran and pioneer settler in Nebraska, died at his apartment in the Chiodo, Twenty-fifth and Mason streets, at 10 o'clock this morning. He was 75 years old.

Captain Paine saw four years of army service in the civil war, where he received his commission in 1863. He was prominent in G. A. R. circles and at one time post commander of Paragut lodge at Lincoln. He was well known throughout the state through his political activities. After residing in Lincoln for 25 years Captain Paine came to Omaha 10 years ago, and has been actively employed with federal inspection work until recently on the South Side.

Survived by Two Sisters. Surviving Captain Paine are two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Porter, of Chicago, who has been at his bedside for the last three days, and Mrs. H. B. Templeton, of Seattle, Wash.

Military funeral services will be held at the Chiodo apartments Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Four pallbearers, who have seen service in the world war, and a number of honorary pallbearers, selected from the late captain's oldest friends and civil war comrades, will be present.

Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, himself a civil war veteran, will officiate. The body will be taken to Lincoln for burial in the Lincoln cemetery, where the late captain's wife is buried.

Bids for Indian Supplies Will Be Opened in St. Louis. The government will open bids in St. Louis May 26 and 27 for furnishing supplies to the Indians of the western reservations.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a number of applications and it is understood that many bids will be submitted by Omaha jobbers and manufacturers. Many of the articles to be delivered are, o. b. Omaha.

The supplies going to the Indians during the next year include tinware, stoves, rubber goods, shoes, furniture and woodware.

Lisbon Revolt Broken. Lisbon, May 3.—An attempted military revolt in Lisbon, which had been organized for last Tuesday, was broken up by the government. A number of persons were arrested and some have been expelled.

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The new law provides a fine of \$25

MANY STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK IN THE MORNING

Building Trades Laborers and Independent Contractors Reach Agreement on New Scale of Wages.

Following a conference between a committee of the Building Trades council and some of the independent contractors more than 300 of the 750 strikers who walked out Wednesday to enforce their demand for higher pay, returned to work this morning.

All construction work on the Skinner Packing company plant is still at a standstill.

The Builders' exchange, composed of local contractors, is standing firm in its determination neither to recognize or to deal with the union, according to John Gibb, secretary of the Building Trades council. Gibb says repeated attempts have been made by a committee of the union to confer with the members of the exchange, but they have all ended in failure.

Say Recognition Issue. Paul A. Haskell, secretary of the Omaha Builders' exchange, stated that the real point at issue between the exchange and the strikers was not the matter of wages, but the desire of the union men to make Omaha a strictly union town in all respects. He also contradicted the

statement made by Gibb that a conference was refused. "A request for a conference may have come," he said, "but it did not come through the proper channels." "No separate action will be taken by the Skinner Packing company in the present dispute," said C. W. Kamrath, operating manager of the Skinner plant on the South Side. "We do not stand alone in this matter and we are waiting to see just what will be done by other contractors."

FALL FROM TOP OF CAR IS FATAL TO SWITCHMAN

John W. Sund Dies of Injuries Sustained When He Drops Between Moving Cars in Yards.

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The injured man was rushed to the St. Catherine hospital, but died two hours after an operation performed by Drs. R. C. Smith and L. W. Hull.

No one witnessed the accident and the exact manner in which he was injured is not known. It is believed that as Mr. Sund was attempting to set a brake at one end of the car he slipped and fell between the moving coaches. His right leg was severed above the knee and his left foot was cut off. He also sustained a fractured skull.

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past 16 years. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge No. 148. Funeral services will be conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge at Brewer's chapel Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The body will be taken to the family home at Valley, Neb., for interment.

Colonel Stenger Back at Old Position With the U. P.

Colonel Stenger, who during the war was given leave of absence and enlisted with the United States engineers, going to France to aid in the building of the railroads up to the battle lines and also having charge of transportation matters, has been assigned to his old position with the Union Pacific, general superintendent of the southern district, the St. Joe & Grand Island and the Salina Northern. The appointment is effective Monday. His headquarters will be in Kansas City.

During the absence of Colonel Stenger, G. O. Brophy was general superintendent of the St. Joe lines. Monday he becomes general superintendent of the Kansas lines of the Union Pacific, succeeding J. V. Anderson, who will go to one of the other districts of the road.

School Board to Discuss Salaries Monday Afternoon

The board of education will meet next Monday afternoon in committee of the whole for discussion of high school salaries. The teachers' committee has obtained data from other cities which is being compiled. The High School of Commerce teachers have formed an organization which will ask the board to revise the salaries at this school.

The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday night.

Bold Negro Bandit Is Captured After Battle With Police

After a running gun fight in which 17 shots were fired, a negro who gave his name as Sam Clark, 2516 R street, was captured by Detectives A. W. Toland and Joe Baughman in the river bottoms near Eighth and Bancroft streets this afternoon.

The negro fired nine shots at Detective Toland, and the officer fired at the negro eight times. Clark held up Lawrence Lee, 403 Bancroft street, in front of his home in broad daylight and in the sight of several people, using a 38 calibre revolver and taking \$12 and a watch from Lee.

The holdup was reported to the police station and the two detectives were rushed to the scene. Clark saw the emergency car as it drove up and made a run for an abandoned brickyard at Eighth and Bancroft streets.

Detective Toland jumped out of the car and followed him, while Detective Baughman drove to the other side of the brick yard and entered it from that direction. Toland soon caught up with the negro, who turned and fired at him four times. Toland returned the fire. The negro ran behind a wall. Toland followed and more shots were fired.

The negro kept up the fire until he ran out of ammunition and was then captured. He was taken to the police station where the charges of highway robbery and shooting with intent to kill were booked against him.

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Divorce Courts

Hattie Riner has filed suit in district court against Walter Riner for a divorce on the charge of non-support. They were married in Omaha in 1911. Edith Goyrup filed suit for divorce from Sidney Goyrup on the charge that he abandoned her in 1916. Bertha Chapman charges Norman Chapman with non-support in a suit for divorce filed Sunday.

Edith Shouse was granted a decree of divorce by Judge Sears, sitting in divorce court. Her husband, Oliver Shouse, is ordered to pay her \$800 alimony. She is given the custody of their only minor child.

Cleo McDonald alleges in a divorce petition filed in district court, that his wife, Murdie, is living with another man in Oklahoma City, Okla. They were married in 1907.

Gas Company Requested to Submit Detailed Statement

City Commissioner Ure, as superintendent of the department of public accounts and finance, has requested the Omaha Gas company to submit to the city a detailed statement of operations since January 1, 1911.

Mr. Ure explained that he believed this information would be valuable in enabling the city to determine whether the forthcoming appraisal of the gas plant is reasonable.

Thieves Stole 59 Autos Last Month; 41 Recovered

Police Commissioner Ringer submits a report in which he states that during last month 59 automobiles were stolen and 41 were recovered. During April, 1918, 127 were stolen and 65 recovered.

Forty-four persons arrested last month on charges of automobile stealing were disposed of as follows: Held to district court, 9; fined, 7; sentenced to jail, 9; turned over to authorities of other states, 5; to juvenile court, 6; discharged, 8; pending, 1.

Two Boys Sentenced to Houses of Correction

Glen Baysdorfer was sent to the Kearney reform school by Judge Troup, sitting in juvenile court yesterday. Joe O'Neill was ordered to Father Flanagan's home for boys.

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