SPAIN STUDIES LEGALIZATION OF DIVORCES

MADRID, Oct. 16. (AP)—A constitutional article which would legalize divorce in Spain for the first time in centuries will be debated in the national assembly tonight.

The assembly already has introduced the issue, article 41, together with a number of amendments and it is expected the discussion will rival in intensity that which led to the resignation of Don Niceto Alcala Zamora as president in favor of Don Manuel Azana.

The religious section of the constitution was completed last night and an article guaranteeing freedom of worship was adopted. It provides for "liberty of conscience and the right to practice any religion compatible with public morals."

Catholic and agrarian deputies from the Basque and Navarre provinces boycotted the assembly in protest against recent legislation divorcing Catholicism from the government and threatening church orders with dissolution. In consequence, the constitutional drafting commission said it would advocate moderation in enforcing the new edicts while public opinion was divided.

TEXAS SALES ON INCREASE

AUSTIN, Oct. 15.—Texas department store sales for September made a gain of 24 per cent over August, according to the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas. Practically all of the cities shared in the increase, with the improvement in sales in Abilene, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo and San Antonio going above the average increase in the state, the Bureau's report showed.

"That the increase from August to September did not quite reach the average of 31 per cent for 1927-1928-1929 is probably due to a continuance of unseasonal dry, hot weather, over the entire state, which no doubt has tended to delay the purchasing of new fall and winter wear," the report said.

"As compared with September last year, Tyler was the only city in the state which made an increase, while the average for the 86 stores reporting to the Bureau showed a drop of 27 per cent. The volume of business so far this year has held up rather well in spite of declines in dollar value of sales, but this drop of 27 per cent seems to be greater than that in prices.

"Sales for the first nine months of 1931 are 12 per cent below those for the corresponding part of 1930. Tyler, Waco, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Galveston approach the 1930 levels more closely than any of the other cities, while Abilene, Beaumont, and San Angelo are lagging the farthest behind.

"The ratio of collections to outstandings for August was maintained through September, showing that collections are at least not getting any slower.

"In the United States, department store sales made somewhat less than the estimated seasonal increase, according to the Federal reserve board, while sales for September as compared with the corresponding month last year were 14 per cent less. Boston was the only one of the twelve districts to show an increase, while the Cleveland and Dallas districts had the largest declines. As compared with sales for the first nine months of 1930, sales for the year to date are 9 per cent less, though sales in eight of the twelve districts were 10 per cent or more under those for last year."

NO STREET CLEANER ON THIS AVENUE

PHILADELPHIA—Sansom street, between 7th and 8th, furnishes little work for city street sweepers. Dust and refuse which collects in this section is not placed on the curb for city collection; instead, it is carefully saved and burned. And for a good reason.

Sansom Street, "the street of gold," is the jewelry hub of the city. Here work the dealers in gold, silver and platinum. Dust and filings which collect in shops of this section is very valuable, being worth anywhere from 60 cents to $15 a pound.

Workers brush filings and dust into zinc-lined drawers, to be saved and remelted. Clothes, shoes, linoleum, floorboards and even the water in which hands are washed, are examined and the dust taken from them finds its way to the "wash barrel." This is chemically treated and the valuable metals recovered.

ENGLAND SINKING

LONDON.—Some day in the future the English will find themselves without a country—if England continues to crumble into the sea as fast as it has been. The island is falling into the sea at the rate of 6,600 acres every 35 years, a royal commission has reported. At the present rate of erosion, however, there is no cause for alarm. It would take more than 172,656 years for it to wash entirely away.

Right Babies for Right Parents!

(By NEA Service.)

EVANSTON, Ill.—Just the right babies are finding just the right parents through a unique placing home in this fashionable Chicago suburb. It is an entirely different system from the usual hit-or-miss style of adopting the cutest looking orphan in a line of babies.

The home appropriately enough is called The Cradle. Here, babies have their foster parents selected for them to match as nearly as possible their natural heritage so that when the child approaches maturity its own temperament and inclinations won't clash violently with those of its foster parents.

The babies must not only be normally healthy, but must be in perfect condition before being offered for adoption. Foster parents must match as nearly as possible the babies' natural parents in nationality, physical characteristics and religion. For instance, a fair-haired Nordic would never be given to parents of Latin extraction.

Before the adoption is made, the infants are given every physical test known to science; milk formulas are adjusted to special needs; rickets are cured; tiny limbs are straightened; birthmarks are removed. It may take a month, or six months, but not until the baby is in the pink-and-white of condition is it offered for adoption.

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One of the babies, Joan, with enticing chubby cheeks and golden fuzz of hair, was ready to greet her new parents when a reporter arrived at The Cradle. She was dressed in her daintiest best and placed in a wicker bassinet in a showroom in one of the three cottages of the home. Each of the showrooms is fitted out in pastel, with everything an ideal nursery should have.

As Joan lay, dimpled and sweet smelling in her nest of pillows, the applicants, their street clothes covered with surgeons' aprons, were ushered in. Mrs. Florence Walrath, founder and managing director of the Cradle Society, watched the couple intently. Their approval must be without reservation. If they so much as exclaim, "Her nose turns up," Joan is taken back to her crib and the applicants must wait until another baby is found whom they match.

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The Cradle Society, which finds perfect parents for 150 perfect babies every year, was founded in 1932 by Mrs. Walrath, who obtained the support of local business men. Its running expenses of $50,000 a year are met by voluntary contributions. The Cradle. One of them, Mrs. Gladys Dawes, Gene Tunney Charles W. Wrigley, General Robert E. Wood and Jetta Goudal.

A staff of a dozen physicians and specialists donate their services to the Cradle, ne of them, Mrs. Glayds Dick, a pathologist, herself recently adopted a Cradle baby.

A total of 1700 babies have been matched to foster parents since 1923, and there are Cradle babies in nearly all parts of the world, including China, South Africa and India. They come to the institution from orphanages of from poverty-stricken parents.

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Every day brings a smile or tear to The Cradle. There was the worried mother who telephoned, "Something must be wrong with the baby. She never cries!" There was the little white saque knitted by the unmarried mother for the babe she sacrificed so it might have a name, with the pathetic note pinned to it.

There was the hurry call from a hospital for a baby with red hair and a mole on its cheek—for a mother whose baby had died and who was in such a critical condition that she, too, would die if she knew her loss. Fortunately, just such a baby was found.

And so The Cradle has become famed not only as a placing home for infants, but as a nursery where just the right parents find just the right baby.

LEGION POST NAMES CHIEFS

(By Staff Correspondent)

SAN BENITO, Oct. 16.—Installation of the officers for the ensuing year was completed at the meeting of the Sam Jackson Post No. 111, held at the Memorial Home Thursday night. The following officers were installed: N. G. Chatelle, commander; Luther Kerr, vce commander; B. A. Epstein, finance officer; J. E. McAnally, adjutant; Dwight Cilley, sergeant at arms, Dr. Hugh Robertson, post chaplain, and John Prentiss, service officer.

Commander Chatelle appointed N. J. Kendrick, W. W. Housewright and Sam Griffin as the new house committee, with Kendrick as chairman. The newly elected members of the executive committee are Ed Brady, Cain Roberts and A. B. Weaver.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the post:

"Whereas the climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley is of a semi-tropical nature,

"And whereas the existing custom in other semi-tropical localities is to further the impression of a mild climate by wearing of summer apparel the year around,

"And whereas, it is the duty of every citizen of the Lower Rio Grande Valley to impress upon all visitors the mildness of the Valley winter climate.

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Sam Jackson Post, American Legion, San Benito, Texas, do hereby pledge ourselves to wear straw hats and light colored cotton clothing, except for evening wear, the year around, to use our gulf beaches during our favorable winter season, also to take part in and promote interest in the many year-round pleasures and amusements made possible by our mild semi-tropical climate.

"Be it further resolved that the adjutant of this post be ordered to notify all service clubs of San Benito of this action, and solicit their cooperation."

Refreshments were served under direction of a committee composed of Donald Work, Joe Spear and J. C. Bowers.

HE GOT STUNG!

SEATTLE, Wash.—A. A. Blauert, of Rendondo, thought he knew how to combat hornets, but he got stung. The hornets had built a colony in the walls of his home. Blauert took a hammer and stood by a hole in the wall in which the hornets went in and out. As they came out, Blauert hit him with a hammer. They started coming out fast. Blauert hammered faster. But he forgot to account for one thing—an emergency exit of the insects. They came pouring out the second hole and attacked him from the back. He quit hammering and ran.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTS BOARD TO STUDY FIRE

(Special to The Herald)

MERCEDES, Oct. 16. — Among business transacted at the regular meeting of the city council this week a fire insurance board was created with O. J. Schaeffer, Mrs. Kathryn Chadick, president of the local American Legion Auxiliary, the fire marshall nd the fire chief as members of the board.

The board was created for prevention of fire work, discouragement of arson, and making an annual report of activities of the fire department. It was also decided to discontinue merchant contribution for night watchmen service, as the budget recently passed sets aside $1,500 for this purpose.

December 1 has been definitely set as election day on the charter.

Election officials will be G. K. Wattson, presiding judge; Mrs. G. C. Fittz and Placido Gonzales, assistant judges; W. G. Greenlee, Miss Beth Garrett and E. H. Gauch, clerks.

Texan Crushed

HOUSTON, Oct. 6—(AP)— Cecil Shepherd, 28, was injured fatally last night when crushed beneath cotton after the truck on which he rode struck a culvert on the East Montgomery road.

E. C. Owens, driver of the truck, received a fracture of the leg and possible internal injuries.

NEW CITIZEN

HARLINGEN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Lorimer Brown, a boy weighing 7 3-4 pounds, at the Valley Baptist hospital.