

FEDERAL TELEGRAPH FINDS STATE FRIEND

Hasty Termination of Lease Held Public Injury.

8 MONTHS' DELAY DESIRED

Public Service Commission Sends Letter to Pacific Telegraph Company Giving Circumstances.

SALEM, Or., March 5.—(Special).—That hasty termination of lease held by the Federal Telegraph company on property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company might disrupt the service of the former corporation to the inconvenience of its patrons is indicated in a letter prepared here today by Fred Williams, member of the Oregon public service commission and addressed to the Pacific company.

"Many complaints addressed to Walter H. Evans, district attorney of Multnomah county, have been referred to this commission relative to contemplated change or termination in lease arrangements between the Federal Telegraph company and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, with consequential interruption of service," said Mr. Williams' letter. "We are informed that much of the wireless equipment employed by the Federal Telegraph company was turned over to the United States government during the war and was widely distributed and scattered, so much so that it has been impossible to reassemble it sufficiently to re-instate wireless service, and will take about eight months for completion; that by reason of this sacrifice, due to war demands beyond its control, the Federal company was compelled to adopt some of your facilities until such time as conditions could be readjusted, and that such arrangements were mutually agreeable and service to patrons satisfactory; that now your company proposed to terminate this lease before the Federal company has had sufficient time or opportunity to place its house in order.

"If the circumstances are as extenuating as they appear on their face and there seems to be no disposition on the part of the Federal company to take undue advantage, it appears that any action taken without sufficient and timely notice to the Federal company would be entirely inequitable if not unconscionable on your part.

"We would suggest, therefore, before any radical steps are taken that will in any way be injurious to either the Federal Telegraph company or its patrons that full weight and careful consideration be given to all circumstances.

"From a cursory examination it is the writer's opinion that a hasty or premature decision might be far-reaching in effect and an embarrassing one to a disastrous to the other."

PACIFISTS ARE BERATED

MAJOR WILLIAM S. GILBERT DELIVERS STIRRING SPEECH.

Responsibility for Present Situation at Washington Declared to Rest on Administration.

"Pacifists who, under such slogans as 'He kept us out of war,' led the nation unprepared into war," were denounced by Major William S. Gilbert, chaplain for Oregon's fighting men overseas and in the Philippines, in a stirring address delivered before the Roosevelt Republican club at the Benson yesterday. The dining hall was crowded. His remarks were greeted with applause.

Major Gilbert declared that responsibility for the present chaotic situation at Washington and the "ominous situation" of the nation rests on the present administration.

Without mentioning names, he recalled the atmosphere of pacifism that permeated Washington, even when the nation was on the brink of war.

"When we went into the war," said the fighting parson, "the fact that we were to be led by pacifists had us badly scared. But we set out and accomplished what the soul of the nation demanded should be done.

"Germany never would have provoked the war had she known that America would fight. If we had been prepared and could have said 'Sink the Lusitania and it means war,' the Lusitania would never have been torpedoed.

"Let us not forget the lessons of that war. Our country does not want militarism, but heaven save us from the pacifists. Give us preparedness; some form of universal service. This would engender a wholesome respect for law among the lawless element now attempting to tear down our government. The lawless, I might add, are not and have not been soldiers."

Chaplain Gilbert declared that ex-service men should have recognition and compensation for their sacrifices.

"To the credit of our fighting men," he said, "they returned to their homes and without complaint sought positions, many in vain. And in exchange for their services nothing has been done—no more than was done for the boys who enlisted for one war in the Philippines and fought two."

WOMEN WANT CHARTER

Centralia Legion Auxiliary Has 21 Members on Rolls.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 5.—(Special).—At a meeting held last night by the recently organized women's auxiliary of the Grant Lodge post, American Legion, an application for a charter was signed by 21 women eligible to membership. The organization will be perfected when the charter arrives, which will probably be the last of this month. In the meantime a membership campaign will be waged by two teams, captained by Mrs. C. D. Cunningham and Mrs. Nettie Salzer.

Plans are being formulated for the organization of a women's auxiliary to the William T. Mallanby post, American Legion, in Tenino.

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RED CASES ON TOMORROW

SYNDICALISM CHARGES TO BE HEARD AT CHEHALIS.

Five Rounded Up Soon After Centralia Affair Are Accused of Being Members of I. W. W.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 5.—(Special).—When the March term of the Lewis county superior court opens its session here Monday the first case to be tried will be that of Harold R. Johnson, Frank Heston, Charles Brown, Thomas L. Lassiter and Simon Hill on charges of criminal syndicalism under the state law. This will be the first prosecution of alleged members of the I. W. W. in Lewis county on such a charge. Johnson is a young man whose home is near Winlock, and he is a graduate of about two years' standing from the high school of that city.

When the I. W. W. roundup was made last fall following the Centralia massacre of ex-service men, Johnson was among the number of those arrested locally, but he was released, as there was no connection shown between him and the affair at Centralia. Thomas Lassiter is the same Seattle newspaper peddler, whose alleged driving out of Centralia many months ago owing to his reported affiliation with the I. W. W. later had much to do with precipitating matters there.

Judge W. A. Reynolds of the Lewis county superior court has been disqualified from sitting in this case, and it will be heard by Judge Abel of Grays Harbor county. The case will be called Tuesday, the complaint against the men being a joint one. J. E. Murray, special prosecutor, chosen owing to the absence of County Attorney Allen at Montesano, will have charge of the prosecution, while Attorney Emigh is reported as booked to represent the defendants.

DOMESTICS MAKE DEMANDS

Thirty Women Workers Decide to Form New Organization.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 5.—(Special).—No spring house-cleaning less than 45 cents an hour.

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RECTOR ACCEPTS PARISH

Head of Gonzaga University Transferred to Seattle.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 5.—(Special).—Rev. James M. Brogan, S. J., president of Gonzaga university for the last six years, has been transferred from his position as rector of the institution and will take charge of St. Joseph's parish in Seattle, according to the announcement of the Rev. F. C. Dillon, S. J., provincial of the society.

Brogan's successor will be the Rev. John A. McHugh, present pastor of St. Joseph's in Seattle. The change is to take place March 11, according to the announcement, and Father McHugh will arrive here on that date to take over his new office.

JEWISH WOMEN TO VOTE

Campaign for Suffrage in Palestine Reported Success.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Jewish women in Palestine have been granted the vote and will be eligible for election to the constituent assembly, according to a cable message from London today to the Zionist organization of America.

The message stated that the assembly would convene soon to formulate a constitution.

Mrs. Ada Mabel Miller Dead.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 6.—(Special).—Mrs. Ada Mabel Miller, wife of W. D. Miller, mill superintendent of the Klamath Lumber & Box company, is dead from pneumonia. She had resided here for 19 years. She was 27 years old. Her husband and three children survive.

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