

PHONE STRIKE THREATENS ALL LINES ON COAST

Coastwide Walkout of Electrical Workers of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company Looms as Possibility — Employees' Representatives Refuse Further Negotiations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—A coast-wide strike of electrical workers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company loomed today when it was announced that W. F. De Laney, Seattle; M. C. Derr, Fresno, and F. L. Shook, Los Angeles, members of the employees conference committee, had withdrawn abruptly from further negotiations with company officials. The announcement was made by De Laney.

Negotiations looking to a settlement of the wage controversy, and other demands of electrical workers affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, had been under way through the week.

Refuse Recognition.

The action of the three delegates, De Laney said, followed flat refusal of the company to entertain any proposals for recognition of the girl operators union.

"Nothing but concessions of all demands can avert a strike of those unions on the delegates who have bolted the conference," De Laney said.

The present wage agreement expires Sunday night.

The employees are demanding wage increases, elimination of efficiency examinations, the closed shop and recognition of the women operators' unions.

A general strike would tie up service from Vancouver to San Diego.

A counter proposal of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in answer to demands of its organized electrical workers for increased wages has been submitted to the unions involved for a referendum vote, it was announced by L. C. Graser, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers here today.

Proposed Conference.

The proposal contains an offer of a fifty-cent a day increase instead of the flat dollar increase demanded, Graser said. He refused to say whether the question of recognition of the woman operators union was embodied in the counter proposition. The result of the vote will be known within ten days, he said.

The further conferences will be held with company officials now.

Graser declared that a threatened general strike next Monday would not materialize. He declared that a strike of electrical workers in Washington would at this time be without the sanction of the international brotherhood.

The delegate from Washington said that the unions of that state would ignore the referendum and call a strike as scheduled.

JONES OF TEXAS HEADS RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Appointment of Jesse H. Jones, a Houston, Tex., business man, as director-general of military relief of the American Red Cross, was announced today by the Red Cross war council. He succeeds John D. Ryan, recently appointed by President Wilson to membership on the war council, and will serve without compensation during the war. He will supervise Red Cross activities in rendering such service as it will be called upon by the army to give in connection with the camps and cantonments, and also the barracks of base hospitals and hospital units, medical services, sanitary service, camp service and canteen service.

DIED.

REMEDI—At her home in Colorado Springs, Colo., October 18, Mrs. Alice C. Remedi, wife of J. M. Remedi, and mother of Mrs. Raymond H. Parsons, Hill street, Medford. The services will be held in Boston, Mass.

Notice

All back interest on city assessments must be paid by November 15th. Your co-operation in carrying out the Supreme court decision will be appreciated. "Do your bit."

By order of the City Council,
GUS H. SAMUELS,
City Treasurer.

NELSON'S FAREWELL INDICATES UTTER DISCOURAGEMENT

The Mail Tribune received the following letter Friday, postmarked Medford, Oct. 13, in an envelope addressed by the late O. N. Nelson, who committed suicide by shooting himself in an Ashland hotel Wednesday evening. The letter is dated August 19, indicating that the deed was long premeditated and that Mr. Nelson was completely discouraged. It was evidently found among his effects and mailed after death. It is a carbon copy, indicating that it was circulated as a farewell message. It reads as follows:

August 19, 1917.

Dear Sir:— I have always tried to live an honest and decent life, even a religious one. I have tried hard to meet the problems of life fairly and squarely. Hypocrisy, unfair dealings, and double living have been entirely contrary to my conception of things, altho I have been unable to live up to my high ideals. Few persons have been able to live up to their ideals.

Before settling in this valley I made a financial success of everything I undertook; and made a name for myself on a small scale in the literary world, which is not very easy to do. But here financial embarrassment, trouble and sorrows of all kinds, and ill health forced me to wear a crown of thorns all the time. It has hurt most dreadfully.

The heavy burdens pressed me down, the climate was unfavorable to me, and I was unable to readjust myself. I do not know what shall become of my child. I do not know to whom to appeal. My whole soul is wrapped up in her. But I am down and out. I am unable to concentrate my thoughts, or my usual energy as I could under more favorable circumstances.

O. N. NELSON.

Before shooting himself with a .22 caliber pistol in his room at the Ashland hotel Mr. Nelson also wrote the following unaddressed note, which was found after the fatal shot was fired:

"Some one please mail my letters which are in my room at the Nash hotel, Medford. They are very important. Oh, Linnea, forgive me. But I cannot live any longer. I am all worn out. Get my trunk and things at Mrs. Waller."

Linnea, of whom he so pathetically asks for forgiveness, is his 15-year-old daughter, who for some time has been a student at St. Mary's academy in this city, and who is his daughter by his first marriage.

Shortly after his act of self destruction and while he was still conscious, Linnea was hurried by auto from St. Mary's academy to her dying father's bedside at Ashland, and remained there until his death.

In accordance with her father's last wish she is now making her home with Dr. Swedenburg and family in Ashland, and will remain there until her father's relatives in Sweden can be communicated with and arrangements for her future made. Also before shooting himself Mr. Nelson wrote a long letter to Dr. Swedenburg pertaining to his contemplated suicide and the future care of the orphaned girl. He especially asked that the doctor and his family give her a home until certain relatives in Sweden could look after her.

All the letters left by the dead man indicate that he was in straitened financial circumstances. Mr. Nelson's wife, from whom he had been separated for some time is residing in Jacksonville.

He was a graduate of three universities and was prominent in Scandinavian circles and organized the Scandinavian society in the valley.

Mr. Nelson came here from Minneapolis. He was editor and publisher of a "History of the Scandinavians and Successful Scandinavians in the United States," in two volumes, in which many prominent Scandinavian-American citizens co-operated.

Information has been received at the Southern Pacific depot that the movement of the 13 trains of drafted troops which were scheduled to pass thru this city enroute north to the American Lake cantonment, beginning yesterday, has been indefinitely postponed.

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PATRIOTIC RALLY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

A pleasing feature of the liberty bond drive will be the patriotic rally at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening with a special patriotic music program and addresses by Mayor C. E. Gate and W. H. Gore. A splendid program is being arranged by George Andrews. The musical entertainment will include some of the best talent of the valley. Miss Geraldine Thayer will sing, "Flag of My Heart" (Farmer), the new patriotic song, which is now so popular in the apt. Mrs. Henry Provost of Ashland will sing "The Marching Song" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" with tableau. Mrs. Edna Isaacs will sing "O, Dry Those Tears" (Del Rio), with violin obligato. W. P. Brooks will sing "A-m-e-r-i-c-a," by B. J. McPhee. In addition, there will be many patriotic musical numbers with pipe organ and orchestral accompaniment.

BOY SPOOK USED IN CONFIDENCE GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—A confidence game in which a 14-year-old boy in phosphorescent clothes portrayed a spook, in an attempt to persuade the intended victim to invest \$1500 in a mining venture, was interrupted here when police last night arrested two mediums, one a woman, and the boy.

A raid on the mediums' den was made by police after a visit by a detective. An assortment of paraphernalia was confiscated, including slates, white robes and a rubber hose used as a secret telephone.

GRIZZLIES.

All Grizzlies who contemplate joint must notify Will G. Steel in the meantime, or seats will not be reserved. The cost will be 50 cents per person. Telephone 524-J. Automobiles will leave Crawford's confectionery store promptly at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. 180*

PALMER NAMED AS CUSTODIAN OF ALIEN PROPERTY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—A. Mitchell Palmer, Swarthmore, Pa., former representative in congress, was today appointed alien property custodian under the trading with the enemy law.

The alien property custodian, under the law, and whose powers are defined by the president's proclamation putting the act into effect, will act as trustee, file for all enemy property within the United States or issue licenses exempting enemy concerns from his supervision. He may require the transfer to himself of any property held for or any debt owed to an enemy or an enemy ally, and any person holding such property or owing such money may transfer the property or pay the money to the custodian with his consent.

The alien property custodian will hold such property or money until the end of the war and then deal with it as congress may direct. All funds or ready money taken by the custodian may be invested in Liberty bonds and held in that form.

Mr. Palmer until his retirement from congress was one of the administration spokesmen in the house. He came near being nominated for the vice-presidency at the Baltimore convention which nominated President Wilson and was the president's choice for secretary of war, in his first cabinet, but declined the portfolio because he is a quaker.

POLES NOMINATE TARNOW AS PREMIER

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—A Lemberg dispatch says that Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, former Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, has been proposed by the Poles as their sole candidate for the premiership of the new Polish kingdom, which office is to be filled by the recently appointed council of regency. Count Tarnowski's candidacy has been opposed steadily by the Germans.

NORMA TALMADGE STAR IN "POPPY" AT RIALTO TODAY

Kept prisoner in a magnificent home in South Africa, a young woman wanders out into the garden on a moonlit tropical night. A young man wanders out into the garden on half delirious, eludes his servants, and in his aimless roaming of the streets, finds his way into the retreat, the gate of which has been inadvertently left unlocked. The two fall in love at sight, and part after one ecstatic hour, not learning each other's names. The man is taken back to his bed, and for weeks is unconscious, in his terrific fight for life. When he recovers, the vision of the girl in the garden seems only a part of his delirium. This is one of the several important situations in "Poppy," a big production which will be the feature attraction at the Rialto theater today and tomorrow.

The star of this photodrama is Miss Norma Talmadge, whose recent successes, "Panthea," and "The Law of Compensation," have placed her in the front rank of screen favorites. The story is taken from a play by Ben Teal and John P. Hittler, which is based upon the popular novel by Cynthia Stockley. It is directed by Edward Jose, who formerly lived in South Africa, and has given the scenes a strong realistic flavor.

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The war has provided a fine lot of excuses for poor merchandise or needless high prices, but there are exceptions.

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