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SEATTLE WALKS AGAIN TODAY

No Cars Will Run to Outlying Districts; City Warned of Floods

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON STORM THAT HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS FOR YEARS

SOME of the most accurate snow shovellers in the world are assembled Thursday on Seattle's roofs, giving marvelous exhibitions of picking off pedestrians on the run along the sidewalks seven or eight stories below.

London may have suffered during the Zeppelin raids, but think of the slaughter had the Germans recruited bomb droppers from the ranks of the Seattle shovellers!

The most accurate marksmen were mobilized on the roof of the Hotel Windsor, on Union st., between Fifth and Sixth aves., during the early evening hours Wednesday. Pedestrians tripped over the crossing with reckless abandon. Bushels of snow would fall with a thump directly in front of them. They would stop and look up. Succeeding gobs of snow came raining down on them from a dozen different angles. Then they bent low and snatched for their lives. But the runners dropped about seven hits a block on everybody who tried to pass the Dardanelles.

Late in the evening, they roped off the space around the Windsor hotel. It's a six-story building. The management didn't want to knock any more pedestrians cold than possible.

Across the street are several one-story structures. They refused to be outdone by the seven-story people. So, at 1 o'clock in the morning, the space was roped off and the roofs cleaned.

The drop was about ten feet. One of the girls employed in a Second ave. store flattened her nose against the glass when she saw 50 laborers, without mittens, shoveling snow from the street car tracks.



Some of the men simply had to stay downtown because of the heavy snows.

She appealed to the other girls, and arrangements were quickly made to donate cloth mittens to the laborers.

The leader, loaded with a pile of mittens, rushed out to make the free delivery.

She was hatless and wore gauzy black garbants.

By some miscalculation she figured that the four-foot ridge of snow along the edge of the sidewalks would support her.

But it didn't. And she sank four feet into the drift.

"Lady give us da free mitt," grinned one of the workmen, "now we take da collect an' buya da dry socks!"

About 20 Great Northern passengers have been trying to get over the Cascades since Monday. Each time they have landed back in Seattle.

They were ready to blow up the mountain passes Thursday—they were that sore.

When the Oriental limited pulled out of Seattle Monday night, it got as far as Skykomish, when it hit the stormy weather and had to come back.

Then the train was routed over the Northern Pacific tracks. But it only got as far as Kanaskett.

It got back here at 3 o'clock Thursday morning—right where it had started.

The 20 passengers blinked as they saw the familiar surroundings of the local yards.

They heard the G. N. officials were going to try and get them thru by way of Portland, but that the snow had blocked the lines there, too. So the 20 refugees got mad at the snow, and the G. N. and everybody, and went up to General Passenger Agent Meldrum and demanded the right to stay in the cars. Meldrum turned them down.

They claim they were ordered out of the train, that the heat was shut off, and they were virtually ejected. There were some women and children, they claim, who were left without money, but no provision had been made to give them food; that the company did not give them city prices on the dinners. Meldrum claims that every reasonable accommodation was extended them, but that some of them demanded pay for their loss of time.

Some married men who had sworn to go thru anything for their wives struck out and walked home Wednesday night, regardless of the snow and the distance.

But many wives were still waiting late at night for a look at their husbands.

Lots of husbands who called up and told their wives they would have to stay downtown Wednesday night had a thunder of a time getting away with it.

"It's too cold to play poker," some of the wives insisted!

The men explained that the street cars weren't running, and it would never do to walk home.

It was a sure enough alibi this time.

Twelve hobsleds, 12 big auto trucks and five touring cars have been signed up by Howard Parish, The Star's circulation manager, to get papers to the carriers Thursday.

A bob sled loaded with the afternoon editions of The Star, was driven clear thru to Renton Wednesday by George Donohue, district circulation manager, and George Nelson. They left The Star office at 2:30 and arrived in Renton at 9 o'clock.

About a dozen people, young and old, staged a miniature snow battle at Second ave. and Pike st. Wednesday night.

Women and children were "slaughtered" and had to take refuge behind the piled snow entrenchments.

A lot of men nearly froze their feet by standing on the street corners Thursday morning.

Dozens of women came to work clad in men's trousers.

It made walking a lot easier, they figured. They carried bundles under their arms. It was reported they had skirts in the bundles.

As it was said at the beginning, many men nearly froze their feet, standing on the corners.

The heavy snow kept them from getting dust in their eyes.

Down in front of Joe's German lunch room, on Third ave., near Union, they've built a snow fort with parapets, an American flag, a tin cannon, and everything.

On it is a sign that reads: "Fort Joe."

Fire calls into the big building district may be made on bob sleds for a few days.

WHERE LOFTY DOME AT ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL CRASHED THRU ROOF



A view of the interior of the wrecked St. James cathedral, showing, at the top, the yawning hole in the roof where the dome fell in, and the debris piled high in the auditorium. The great pipe organ is shown in the background.

CATHEDRAL DAMAGE \$75,000

St. James' cathedral, finest edifice of its kind in the West and a replica of the famous St. Peter's of Rome, is a partial ruin today. Its great central dome having collapsed late Wednesday under the pressure of snow on the roof. Canvas was spread Thursday over the gaping, jagged hole in the roof, nearly 100 feet across, and workmen are clearing away the debris that fell into the auditorium, wrecking pews and costly art treasures.

Altho the debris piled several feet in depth, crushed everything else in its fall by some remarkable coincidence the sacred images of Christ and the Virgin Mary, standing along the west wall, were unscathed. Not a single bulb of the electric light clusters surmounting the statues was broken.

So far as is known, no worshippers were in the church at the time of the collapse.

The cathedral was dedicated in 1907. The cost of the building itself was \$300,000, but with the added interior decorations and pipe organ, one of the finest in the Northwest, was worth about \$1,000,000.

When the dome collapsed the falling wreckage narrowly missed damaging the pipe organ, which is erected in the east alcove, off the main chamber.

A cordon of police kept the curious at a distance from the building, and the entire square has been roped off today and all doors locked. There is little danger, it is said today, that the walls will fall. Until repairs are completed regular services will be held in the Cathedral hall, adjoining the wrecked building.

GALOSHES POPULAR

Rubbers, overshoes, the old fashioned galoshes, all found favor in the eyes of male beings Wednesday. Dealers in shoes found a ready sale for snow-proof footwear of all kinds, and when the supply of rubbers gave out they featured overshoes in their window display, selling many of them.

Sir Guy Laking, armorer of the King of England, has a helmet of the fifteenth century which is worth \$10,000. Only one other helmet of the same period in perfect condition is known.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS, U.S. OBSERVER SAYS; NO SCHOOL UNTIL MONDAY

STORM CONDITIONS UP TO DATE

- Street car service will be resumed by evening on the following lines: Madison, James and Yesler cable lines, Westlake lines to Fremont, Second ave. lines to Fifth ave. and Lowell st., Jackson st. lines to 12th ave. and Jefferson st., Pike st. Lines to 14th ave. The Renton line opened at 3 o'clock, thru to Renton. Launch May B leaves foot of Madison st. for Ballard city dock at 5:45. Weather forecast: Occasional rain or snow tonight and Friday. Backbone of storm broken. Floods predicted by Weather Forecaster Salisbury. Transcontinental trains still stalled in Cascades. Milk famine relieved by supply from Bellingham. Jitneys reaching many outlying districts. Foot of Queen Anne Hill can be reached by jitney, but counter-balance is not operating. Health commissioner orders garbage burned. All city schools to remain closed until Monday.

Floods, the most devastating in years, threaten Seattle and all the Northwest Thursday, with snow piled 25 feet deep in some portions of the Cascades and nearly three feet deep in the city streets. A quick change in temperature would mean untold destruction.

Superintendent Cooper announced Thursday afternoon that all public schools will remain closed until Monday morning.

Unlike the soldiers in Europe, who are working in relays "digging themselves in," citizens of Seattle today began the task of digging themselves out.

Snow is piled six feet or more deep in the streets. The city is as silent as a tomb.

An occasional automobile can be seen slipping along the streets, but not a street car was moving Thursday except on the cable lines.

The snowstorm which raged with the violence of a Dakota blizzard yesterday put traction service out of commission, crippled telephone and telegraph wires, and transcontinental railroads are unable to get a single train over the Cascades. No mails are being received from the East.

Business is almost at a standstill. Seattle enjoyed at least a temporary lull Thursday in the most severe snowstorm in years. It stopped snowing at 2 a. m.

Weather reports, however, say there is no indication that the storm is over.

Twenty-five inches fell here since Tuesday morning. All trains and nearly all street cars are still blocked. All schools remain closed.

Altho a number of minor accidents were reported, the loss of but one life is the toll of the blizzard thus far. Alfred Olson, a laborer employed in shoveling snow from the roof of the Sartori building, 314 Second ave. S., fell to his death thru a skylight late yesterday.

The roof of West Seattle Christian church collapsed last night, the loss being estimated at \$2,000.

Long distance telephone service north and south is cut off, and but one line is in operation between here and Spokane.

Several bridges have been ordered closed until the snow is removed and Superintendent of Buildings Josenhans repeated his warning today to keep roofs clear.

Thousands of unemployed men are at work in the streets and on roofs of downtown office buildings. The average pay of the independent shovellers yesterday was between \$6 and \$7.

Old Timers' Tongues Wag. Huge mounds of snow are piled high in Seattle streets, and the tongues of the old timers are wagging. Despite the difficulty of reaching downtown office buildings and stores, pedestrians are in good humor, breaking narrow trails thru the snow, waist deep, for every outlying district.

Hotels did a record business last night. Thousands of people remained downtown, the few were seen on the streets after 9 o'clock.

Trains Still Tied Up. The Clemmer theatre, one of the principal moving picture houses, which customarily keeps open until nearly midnight, closed its doors at 9.

Altho all railroads are exerting every effort with rotaries, big plows, and armies of men with shovels to break the blockade today, trains are still tied up in the mountains, with little possibility of getting out within 24 hours, at least, if no more snow falls.

Mails are being distributed with difficulty, in spite of the small amount going thru the postoffice.

Sell Milk in Stores. Groceries are unable to deliver staples, and a threatened milk shortage has been somewhat alleviated by co-operation between the dairies and downtown stores.

Health Commissioner McBride Thursday requested The Star to ask downtown stores to put their garbage cans out on the sidewalks instead of in the alleys, so that city wagons could get at them.

Weather Observer Salisbury said early today that tele-

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SNOW SHOVELER KILLED BY FALL

When the skylight of the Sartori building, 314 2nd ave. S., broke late Wednesday afternoon, Alfred Olson, a snow shoveler, plunged six stories down the elevator shaft to his death. He was instantly killed. He was one of a gang of 20 men cleaning off the roof, and climbed on the skylight to clean off its top. Other workmen heard a crash and when they looked thru the hole in the glass, saw him lying at the bottom of the shaft. Olson lived at Everett until a few months ago.

HOTELS ARE ALL FULL

Many Seattle residents were forced to stay in downtown hotels Wednesday night. Hotelmen said that every room in their places had been taken before 8 o'clock Wednesday night. Many large firms engaged whole floors of hotels in order that their employees might be on time Thursday morning.