

MR. T. H. MARTIN, PLAIN ZOB

Mr. T. H. Martin is coming back to Tacoma in a few days.

Let's have out the band, a string of autos and the reception committee.

Let's show him how we appreciate his work.

Mr. T. H. Martin, for the benefit of those who have forgotten, is the former secretary of the Commercial club.

He has been in Washington for several weeks lobbying in the interest of Rainier National park, or, at least, of the syndicate which expects to run all the concessions there hereafter.

It is supposed he is to be general manager for the concern.

He took back with him the "Four-Hours-to-the-Glaciers" film.

This he showed, among others, to the National Press club, of Washington.

He lectured about Rainier National park and Mt. Rainier to this club, consisting of newspaper correspondents representing papers the country over and the world over.

Yes, we know we said Mt. Rainier; that is what we meant to say. For, you see, we are quoting Mr. T. H. Martin, and that is what he said.

He told the club all about the dispute over the name, the silly dispute which arose when Tacomans insisted on using the old Indian name.

Mr. T. H. Martin told the club that "the time-honored feud" had been laid; that "Seattleites and Tacomans have agreed together to speak of the mountain always hereafter as Rainier;" that everyone, in fact, does it now-a-days; that such provincial localisms as "Mt. Tacoma" no longer are done by our best people!

At least two of the papers of Washington, D. C., carried news stories the next day telling of Mr. T.

H. Martin's magnanimous speech.

Various correspondents sent home to their papers stories of Tacoma's back-down, and made mental notes hereafter always to use the eminently correct "Rainier" rather than the vulgar localism "Tacoma."

We feel certain we will hit a responsive chord in our suggestion for a band, auto parade and reception committee.

Because such work as this of Martin's ought to be recognized.

It requires an unusual combination of talents.

In the first place it requires a man of some calibre to overrule the mistaken sentiment of all the people of a city of 100,000 and of some of the people of another city of 300,000.

And it must have taken a good deal of courage also, in view of the recent renewal of interest in

the subject.

In the next place, Mr. T. H. Martin, like many another great man, had to defy the bugaboo, Consistency.

As a member of the Inter-City committee he has been entrusted for several years with the task of educating the Seattle members to the idea of changing the mountain's name back to Tacoma.

As recently as two or three months ago he had reported progress in that direction and had been recognized as quite a champion of our poor localism.

But back in Washington, among statesmen and world figures, he was great enough to see how petty and provincial he had been, temporarily, when mixing with Tacomans, so he cast off the shackles of Consistency and issued forth as the broad-minded Mr. T. H. Martin that he was.

POOR ZOB!

Never tickle Mother Nature; you may throw the old lady into hysterics. If you don't believe it, read first editorial, page 4.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, probably snow.
Washington: Same, colder east portion.

TACOMA MAN AMONG DEAD IN SEATTLE

Lost, \$1,000,000

THREE DIE IN WRECK

SPOKANE, Jan. 26.—Engineer George Bait and two unidentified hoboes were killed today in a head-on collision between Milwaukee trains No. 17 and 18 near Servia, 37 miles east of Othello, Wash.

William Schultz, engineer on 17, and John Woodward, express messenger, were seriously injured.

Both engines, the express and baggage cars were smashed to splinters. The real cause of the accident is undetermined.

AS REPORTED LOCALLY

As the result of mistaken orders, two Chicago-Milwaukee steel passenger trains crashed head on at Servia, in eastern Washington, at 5 o'clock this morning. The engineer of one of the trains was killed, but the passengers all escaped without serious injury.

The trains were the two Columbian, one leaving Tacoma at 6 o'clock last night, and one due to arrive here at 9:45 this morning.

The accident occurred on the Milwaukee main line about eight miles from the Northern Pacific crossing at Lind. When the crash came the forward cars of each train were hurled from the track.

Narrow Escape.

The locomotives were completely demolished. Rescuers found the dead body of one of the engineers pinned in the wreckage. His name has not been learned by local officials.

Had it not been that both of the trains were made up of all-steel cars, it is believed the accident would have resulted in the loss of many lives.

Blame "Lapped Orders."

The collision is declared by officials of the road to have been due to "lapped orders," a mistake having been made by one of the operators in dispatches sent over the wires.

Block signals have not yet been installed on this part of the line.

Further details of the wreck have not been received at the Tacoma offices. The line was tied up for several hours while the wreckage was cleared away.

THIS WIFE WON'T TAKE HUSBAND

Earl W. Gettel, in a suit for divorce filed yesterday against Ethel Gettel, asked the court to order his wife to accept aid from him for the support of their four-year-old child. Gettel said that his wife had refused to accept a cent from him.

Phone Company Can't Imagine Where Sum Went, But Experts Are Sure It's Gone

Lost! One million dollars worth of the property of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.!

Or, to be exact, \$1,059,745.

It's gone, mysteriously missing. Whether it's copper wire, a runaway electric spark, a sizzling lovey-dovey telephone conversation or what, the company is unable to say.

Gone; Don't Know Where.

All the company knows is that they have it somewhere within the limits of the state of Washington, but they can't just find it.

Or, as J. C. Lachone, one of the company engineers, put it: "If I'd have known where it was I would have located it."

And so the telephone company, in the Federal building this morning, asked the public service commission to allow these mysterious million dollar belongings to be included in the appraisal and estimated cost of reproduction of the company's property.

And on the estimated value.

The company's estimate of its property was shown to be \$26,892,700, or \$10,127,300 more than the commission's estimate.

And 5 per cent of this amount the company charged up to "omissions."

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They couldn't say. Both declared no matter how carefully they might make an inventory certain small pieces of property were bound to be overlooked.

One Loop of Wire.

"I remember one instance where I omitted a loop of power wire from position to position," the engineer answered. "I did it on purpose. I knew it was there, but I couldn't get at it and I didn't know how long it was."

"Well, then, if you knew it was there, you didn't overlook it, did you?" asked Henderson.

Lachone thought perhaps not. "Can you think of anything else?"

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clusion of property are to be based the rates which you, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen of Tacoma, are to shell out for your telephone service.

The million dollar runaway electric sparks the company calls "omissions."

That's what the company told the public service commission this morning. They got away from the company's engineers when they were making their \$200,000 inventory of the property.

Now Chairman Reynolds and the other two members of the commission are up a tree. For Sheriff Longmire has refused them the use of the pet county bloodhound "Togger."

Call It "Omissions."

The runaway was discovered this morning when the state and company engineers, who have been preparing the appraisals of the company and the public service commission, turned in their report.

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"Well, can you give us any one thing you would have been likely to omit?" asked Attorney Henderson of Engineer Lachone.

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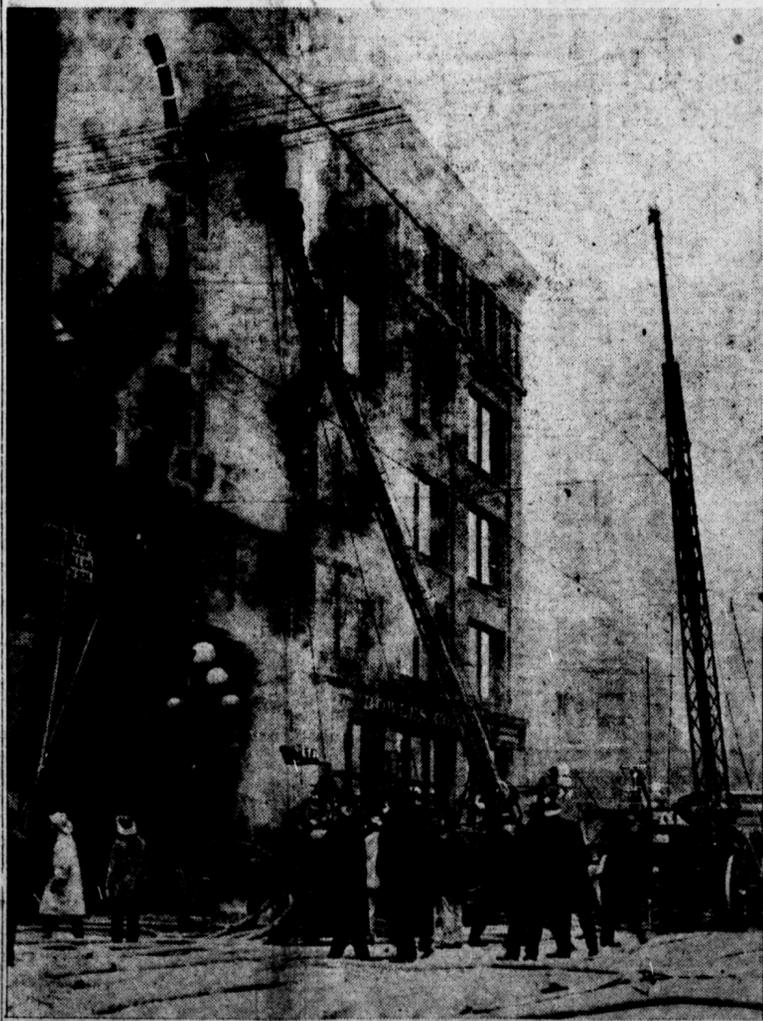
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First Picture of Big Fire WHERE MAN LEAPED TO DEATH



Scene at the Walker building fire in Seattle today. The dotted line shows where Leida Vishnesky, one of the victims of the catastrophe, jumped from a fifth-story window. He struck a lamp post in his fall and was instantly killed.

R. Winkleman One of Six to Lose Lives In Walker Building Fire—Three Jump

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—Cut off from every means of escape by flames which started in dry hemp stored in the floor below them, six men perished in a fire which swept the Walker building, First avenue south and Jackson street, early today.

The dead are: Raphael Winkleman, proprietor of the Winkleman man Bag & Burlap Co., Tacoma.

T. Buckley, janitor of the building.

L. Vishnesky, L. Friedman, H. Beresovsky and Simon Vroshon, Russian laborers employed by Winkleman.

The Tacoma man, the janitor and one of the workmen were burned to death in the flames.

The other three men jumped from the fifth story, where all were working, and were killed immediately when the bodies crashed down upon the pavement below. Other men who were at work on the lower floors escaped from the building.

Winkleman had a contract to dry a large quantity of hemp recently saved from the fire which destroyed pier 14. The fire started in the hemp at 8:15 this morning and had completely trapped the men who were on the floor above before anyone outside of the building knew of the blaze and before the alarm was sounded.

Firemen found the three bodies on the fifth floor when they at last succeeded in fighting their way through the flames.

The hemp burned furiously and those on the fifth floor who did not jump are believed to have been burned to death before the fire department arrived.

Of the workmen who leaped,

one struck a lamp post and was instantly killed. The others struck the pavement and died shortly afterward.

The fire was finally under control at 11 o'clock.

The dead workmen came here recently as refugees from Russia.

WELL KNOWN FAMILY
Raphael Winkleman was a member of a well known Tacoma family.

His mother, Mrs. H. W. Winkleman, who lives at the Lewis apartments, collapsed today when told her son had been burned to death.

He is survived by two brothers, Isidore and Meyer, and three sisters, Julia, Minnie and Rose. All are graduates of Tacoma high schools.

Dems to Take Up Tax Topic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The democrats have called a meeting of the ways and means committee for next week to consider the revision of the income and inheritance taxes and to discuss the subject of taxing munitions manufacture.

PLANS OIL FUEL FOR COAST FLEET

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Rear Admiral McGowan suggested to the house naval committee yesterday that oil be used as fuel for the Pacific fleet and that coal be used on the Atlantic.

—Talk o' the Times—

Greetings, have you cleaned your walks again or yet?

If you think it's cold on the street cars, cheer up! We notice that some place near Dawson reports 80 below.

A hint to bashful lovers: A woman is seldom as cold as she looks.

Women often enjoy annoying their husbands—but not when they are growing fat.

When a woman tells you something for your own good it is generally for her own.

Remarks What's Doing—weekly made famous by Sam Wells, and our column of local happenings.

"It would seem that there has been altogether too much Seattle spirit since Jan. 1." Very clever, we can't understand why we didn't think that one up ourselves.

The hellions child who becomes a wife man, and he'll be a mighty poor man.

Whoever started calling "beautiful" anyhow?

SWEDEN CAUTIONS ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Newspapers today displayed prominently warlike utterances of the Swedish premier, cautioning this government not to involve neutral nations in a blockade controversy.

It is believed the government has decided to cling to the pres-

ent trade regulations instead of announcing an actual blockade of Germany.

SEA UPHEAVAL TOSSES LINER

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Violent undersea disturbances a short distance from Sydney, N. S. W., played havoc with the liner Sierra, which arrived here yesterday. The waves which dashed over the vessel deposited tons of pumice stone on the decks, many of the pieces being as large as dinner pails.