

HEART SHOCK CAUSED DEATH

John Springer, Local Electrician, Collapses on Derrick - Thought WAS ELECTROCUTED

But Investigation Proves no Current Was in Any of the Lines

Collapsing suddenly from what, is believed to be a heart attack, John, (Zack) Springer, residing on South Winchester Street, died while working on a derrick in front of the Fritzinger home on north Second street at seven-thirty o'clock this morning. At the time of the accident it was believed that he had been electrocuted.

Springer was working with the repair gang under the direction of Mose Henry. They had come to the curve of the street to replace a broken clamp on the trolley wire. Before they left the station Henry told the engineer to cut off the current, which he did. It was not replaced until Henry made a personal call to the station.

Springer was working on the top of the derrick getting the comealongs on the fuy wires when he seemed to collapse. Henry yelled to Springer to let go, which Springer did. He then attempted to sit down on the edge of the platform but collapsed totally and fell off the platform a distance of fifteen feet. Henry got under him and broke the fall although both men were dashed to the pavement.

Neighbors ran with water and stimulants, and members of the gang who were working at diffeent places hustled to their courades assistance. Dr. Smith was called and after futile efforts gave up Springer as dead. A lungmother, owned by Victor Kemp, a salesman who demonstrated the machine at the fire headquartes last night, was rushed to the scene and effeorts for resuscitation were made but without avail. D. D. D. Clark, coroner, was called and still later Dr. J. M. Miller answered a call from someone. The efforts of all the physicians proved unavailing, and the body was removed to the Gay, Zwick & Myers morgue for preparation for burial.

Officials of the Interurban made a quick investigation and found that the breaker on the switchboard at the staion was still out, and remained so until ordered by Henry.

City superintendent Mart Mylott made a quick run to the scene and found that all the city lines near the place of accident were dead. The transformer on the city lines, stopping the primary current of several thousand volts was easily one hundred feet away from the scene, while the arc light line was dead. No hundred and ten volt current, even, was on the role. From the two investigations it is evident that no electricity in any amount was in the lines with which Springer was working. His collapse therefore, is believed to be of the heart.

Previously, several witnesses say, he has had spoken of his heart troubling him, and he has treated with local physicians for heart trouble.

Coroner Clark will hold an inquest late this afternoon or tomorrow, which perhaps a post mortem, but this is not decided. Springer is survived by a wife and two children, age three and nine years.