



United Wireless Company Seattle, Wash.

What is conceded by experts to be the most complete and thoroughly equipped wireless telegraph instrument factory in the country, has just been completed in Seattle by the United Wireless Telegraph Company. The structure is situated at 1426-1428 Jackson street, on a hill overlooking the manufacturing district of the city, where ample light, fresh air and transportation facilities are unexcelled. In fact, the site is ideal for a factory of this kind and was selected with a view to having a permanent home for the producing department of the company.

The building consists of three stories and basement. It has a frontage of fifty feet and extends 100 feet back to an alley. Concrete was used through-out in its construction, making it practically fireproof.

The plant is fitted with almost every known device to facilitate the manufacturing and handling of wireless telegraph apparatus. An electric freight elevator has been installed for more conveniently carrying on the work of the plant. Fire escapes, open plumbing and other modern fittings have been used for the safety and convenience of the employes.

Machine Shop

The top floor of the building is occupied by the machine shop. Here the material in the rough is taken and the work of turning it into the various devices for sending aerograms is started.

The second floor is used as an office drafting room and testing room. On this floor also are located the nickel plating and polishing departments. A general store room and shipping department occupy the remainder of the floor.

to the shipping room. The testing department is one of the most interesting places in the establishment. It is equipped with two mammoth switchboards, from which both direct and alternating current can be obtained, of almost any voltage desired. Every piece of apparatus is sent to the testing room and given what is known as "break-down" test. If any defect is discovered the instrument is returned to the manufacturing department

Complete Station

In connection with the testing room an antenna has been erected on the roof of the building and lead wires run directly to the testing room. This feature of the factory is considered one of the most important in the plant. Not only can tests be conducted satisfactorily by this arrangement, but aerograms can be exchanged with other stations of the company in the Northwest as well as with boats at sea. Orders for apparatus can be transmitted direct by the operator aboard an incoming boat so that by the time the vessel arrives at its dock the instruments can be on the pier ready for installation. This avoids unnecessary delay and confusion on the arrival of the craft.

A fully equipped laboratory is maintained by Superintendent N.O. Nelson so that the latest inventions and ideas in wireless machinery may be tried and experiments made to improve the present equipments, if possible.

Big Demand

A force of expert wireless engineers, designers and electricians is at work every day in the week at this busy place but the factory is scarcely able to keep pace with the demand.

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United Wireless Telegrapho Company: The End.

The United Wireless Telegraph Company trying to capitalize on the new device "Wireless", incorporated and sold stock in tremendous quantities. Thousands of people saw a chance to get rich by getting in on the ground floor of this new invention, and the principal company they could buy into was, United Wireless. It was a national company in scope with offices on both coasts and the Great Lakes. To keep in the public eye, they built a string of wireless stations on both coasts and the Great Lakes. Some of these stations later developed into very valuable outlets but at that time had little value in commerce but showed on the maps of those selling stock.

There were two distinct phases of the company's operations handling traffic between ship and shore, and selling stock for promotional purposes. ~~Fixed~~ In charge of the financial operations on the West Coast was George H. Parker, Fiscal Agent for United Wireless, with headquarters at 601-632 People's Band building, Seattle. These offices were separate from the operating end of the company which was located in the Arcade bldg, Seattle.

Stock was sold in great amounts, totalling millions of dollars. George Parker lived in a newly built mansion in Seattle. Suddenly in July 1910 the bubble burst. Parker was indicted, tried and sent to the penitentiary for misappropriation of funds, as were several other officers. One clipping in the newspaper reported Parker had been found to have made 66 big real estate transactions here presumable with United Wireless funds but for his own advantage.

The fancy offices were closed, while the manager and his stenographer operated out of the newly built factory. Within two years, United merged with Marconi Wireless Tel. Co or American Marconi Co. Later it became RCA.

Such was the meteor like rise of a new industry which inspired many wireless operators, and then fizzle down to a sputter.