

# THOUSANDS MARCH AT FIRE VICTIMS' FUNERAL

ARMY OF WORKERS PAY IM-  
PRESSIVE TRIBUTE TO DEAD.

Storm Cuts Down the Number But  
Adds to the Solemnity of  
the Scene.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Rain re-  
duced to less than 75,000 the army of  
200,000 workers who had planned to  
march today in memory of the vic-  
tims of the Washington place factory  
fire; but what the storm took in  
numbers it added in solemnity.

The demonstration will long be re-  
membered by those who took part  
and by countless thousands who came  
to look on, but who unconsciously  
found themselves joining the wave of  
emotion which swept the line of  
march. Simultaneously with the re-  
moval from the morgue for burial of  
the eight coffins containing unidenti-  
fied victims of the fire in which 144  
lives were lost, workers poured from  
sweatshops and garment factories and  
formed in line.

The downtown section was headed  
by 500 men and women employes of  
the Triangle Waist company, surviv-  
ors of the fire, and when they turned  
into Washington square, where so  
many of their comrades met death,  
one young woman broke forth into a  
wail that swept the entire throng.

Meanwhile the uptown division had  
been trudging south and the two sec-  
tions poured into the square and met  
hundreds, if not thousands, bursting  
into tears. Many knelt in the west  
streets in prayer, and women and  
men embraced and wept.

The uptown marchers, flanked by  
spectators, spread back for 20 blocks  
and the downtown line was fully as  
long. Each person carried a small  
American flag draped in crepe. Now  
and then the line was broken by a  
bedraggled banner, lettered: "We  
mourn our loss."

The bodies of the unidentified dead  
were buried in Evergreen cemetery  
where services were conducted in  
three faiths, Jewish, Catholic and  
Protestant.