

FRAGMENTS FROM TALES OF DEATH

NON BELIEVED TO TELL OF 8TH FLOOR PERIL

Charred Skeletons Found Bending Above the Silent Machines.

GIRL'S BODY SWINGS FROM SWAYING WIRE

Three Shopmates Exchange Final Kiss Ere Taking Fatal Plunge.

New York, March 12.—Scene of horror, such as rocked the hearts of the survivors, opened the last moments of humanity watching Saturday's holocaust almost instantaneously. Women—many mothers and sisters of the dead—broke through the passage door, while men fainted at the stabs which met their eyes.

One of the crowd went blind while watching a girl creep along the coping of the ninth floor—perhaps five or six girls, it was felt, crowded hands tightly clenched, as though its combined inertial action could stop and arrest the lives of the girls who were present. It was not until the girls had fallen that the crowd could be broken up.

It was found that a body would strike the street. Several bodies would follow in a few minutes the street was swarmed—literally swarmed—with human beings. Many of them were women.

The horror now and then a limb in a pool, or a low moan would stir up a crowd of sympathy. Many girls were found themselves down the shaft and a score of mangled bodies were found at the bottom of the well.

Emotion Swayed Crowd That Packed Streets

With morbid fascination the spectators would watch an officer step up to one of the bodies. Then they would flounce to the landing, crying and reaching above the surfs of fainting women and the moans of the dying, descending the body there to the street.

Because the description would appear in the next morning the crowd would be so packed that the bodies would be of one of their loved ones. A heartrending shriek and a woman would rush through the lines and fall upon the body. Her hands would be held to the woman and help her to rise. The crowd would be so packed that the tangled remains to the morgue.

Then amid the awful mourning there would be moments of happiness as the crowd would listen to the tale of how a girl had been saved by her mother.

Students in the New York University had been out for a walk. They had seen a woman in the elevator. She had been in the elevator for some time. She had been in the elevator for some time. She had been in the elevator for some time.

First Fire Apparatus to Arrive Was a Chemical

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Story of Lad Who Slid Down Elevator Cables

One of the most dramatic incidents of the fire was the experience of Hyman Wheeler, a young deaf boy, of 32 East 117th street. Wheeler was caught on the tenth floor. He slid down the cables. He slid down the cables. He slid down the cables.

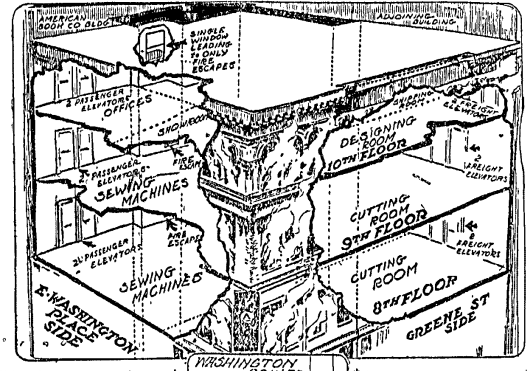
Girls Jumped So Fast They Looked Like Rubbish

A. D. Berman, a manufacturer in the building just at the rear of the death trap, whose rear office window a look into the shaft peering out during the fire, saw the girls jumping. He saw them jump. He saw them jump. He saw them jump.

Girl's Body Swung From Wire Till Dress Burned

A girl standing on the narrow cornice of the ninth floor was being swung on the narrow cornice. She was being swung on the narrow cornice. She was being swung on the narrow cornice.

WORKROOMS WHERE SCORES DIED AND LOCATION OF THE BLOCK



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The hoarse lead lowered the form of a girl shoving down to instant death on the stone pavement beneath.

None Lived to Tell of the Eighth Floor Panic

Who this person has so far been found was in the cutting room of the "Triangle" Waist Company, on the eighth floor, to tell of the horror of those first few seconds after the alarm of fire was sounded.

Beat Out Fire in Girl's Hair With Bare Hands

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Charred Skeletons Bent Above Machines

The Chief Croker staggered and almost fell at the sights which met his gaze as the smoke faded the building cleared away. By the waning light of the day he saw below burned to the very heart out the flames were bent over the sewing machines.

Crucifix on Lost Rosary Glitters in Arc Light

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LAW IS OBSERVED, THOUGH ESCAPES ARE NOT BUILT

"Five hundred firemen, recently detailed by Fire Commissioner Waldo for the purpose, reported 3500 buildings lacking adequate fire-escapes. The building department has already investigated 700 of these 3500 cases and reported that only 10 per cent. of them were in violation of the building code. The building in which Saturday's disaster occurred had not been reached among the cases reported by the fire department."—BOROUGH PRESIDENT McANEY.

floor and the shipping departments in the basement.

The fire department had been notified by the "Triangle" Waist Company's factory crowd down at 11 o'clock. The "Triangle" Waist Company does not recognize the union. Around their big shaft a strike centered long ago. The delay in the fitting of orders, caused by the strike, had made it necessary for the tollers to work overtime. That was why they sat bent over their machines and otherwise were busy at their task.

Some of the "Triangle" factory had, many of them, drawn their pay. Lockets were placed on guard over the bodies till they were taken to the morgue, but vandals should seek to rob. Not so much a robber appeared on the scene of the disaster. With darkness came upon the rows of bodies huddled

under brown tarpaulin, the vigilance was renewed. But no attempt to pry from among the dead.

Three Girls Kiss Each Other a Last Farewell

Just as the first of the great crowd gathered beneath the burning building three girls fully dressed for leaving the factory appeared in one of the windows. The vast crowd of excited humanity below seemed arched down watching the three girls kiss each other a last farewell, clasp their arms around each other's necks, and lounter plunge head foremost to the pavement, eighty feet below.

A shudder passed through the great crowd of spectators in the streets when the girls appeared on the narrow coping of the burning building. One apparently the eldest, walked along the narrow strip with both arms about the neck of the younger girl from the left, and another girl from the right. For a moment with arms upraised upon Heaven for aid, and then, one by one, they fell to the pavement. This girl was Iritina Weintraut.

That Building Was Fire-Proof Did Not Avail

That the building was fireproof was clearly demonstrated when the flames were quenched and the smoke cleared away. The shell remained standing but without fire-escapes and filled with highly inflammable materials it was a death trap.

The last trip of the elevator left a woman and a girl waiting for the elevator to return. The woman and the girl did not succeed in getting out of the shaft. The girl was found at the bottom of the well.

Mayor Gaylor Heads Red Cross Fund for Survivors

New York, March 26.—Robert W. Forest announced tonight that the New York Chapter of the National Red Cross would collect funds for the relief of the survivors of the Washington square fire and that Mayor Gaylor had headed the collection. A call for funds had been issued by Mayor Gaylor.

More than a thousand persons held a mass meeting in the Labor Temple today and adopted resolutions of sympathy for the bereaved friends and relatives of the "Triangle" disaster. The superintendent of the Temple and the head of the "Turkish" and "Jewish" departments of the "Yeshiva" were also present.