

# ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE PERSONS PERISH IN \$100,000 FIRE IN NEW YORK

Victims Nearly All Girls, Crushed on Pavements, Smothered By Smoke or Incinerated.

## UPPER FLOORS FLAME SWEEP

Conflagration in Three Top Floors of 10-Story Building Occupied by Triangle Waist Company—Fifty Bodies Found on Ninth Floor, 63 Crushed Lifeless By Leaping.

New York—One hundred and forty-eight persons, nine-tenths of them girls and young women, employed as shirtwaist makers, perished in a disastrous fire which swept the upper floors of the 10-story loft building at 23 and 25 Washington Place, and in an incredibly short time transformed a quiet by-way of commerce into a blackened canyon of death.

It was the replica of the Newark horror enlarged sevenfold, and this city has had nothing comparable with it since the burning of the Slocum. The fire started on the eighth floor, and in a matter of minutes it had spread to the top of the building. The flames were so intense that they were visible from the street. The fire department reached the scene every window on the upper three floors was crowded with faces of those cut off from escape. Flames and smoke were rolling out the windows of the eighth floor. The extension ladders of the fire department could not reach to the upper windows. Scores of women leaped out the windows with clothing aflame or already burned off. The impact of the bodies tore the life-saving nets to shreds. Falling girls collided in the air or descended in groups.

floor, burst into a blaze. There was a scurry for water buckets and finally several were found.

The efforts of several of the men with the buckets was pitifully ineffectual. Shirtwaists, which had just been completed, hung from rods and lines, and piles of material were here and there.

The cries of fire sent the panic of fear through every floor. The tollers lost all reason and rushed frantically out, seeking means of exit. They battered at closed doors on the ninth floor, ran to the remaining opening in a stampede, and hurled themselves into the narrow window, at which was a landing and a frail, single fire-escape. About this one point 30 or 40 bodies were found wedged together in a charred and ghastly pyramid.

There are two passenger elevators in the building, at which the operators were on duty, and they tell stories of numerous trips up and down with women and girls. The two proprietors were giving orders that the men and boys should use the stairways, of which there were two. There were also two freight elevators, which, as far as could be learned, were not in commission at all. Other means of egress were the stairs leading to the roof, both of which were broad and strong, and at the top of the flight was a large floor which was easily opened by those who went in that direction.

Theoretically the employees, calm and well poised through frequent fire drills, should have used these methods of escape. The most of them staggered over machines and chairs, cut off from flight by the flames, which were converting the stairs into a fiery flue.

There were others who were stifled where they sat at their machines or were flung suffocated to the floor to be trodden upon. Women and girls, terror maddened, raised the windows seeking air and aid. Back of them was roaring tophet, before their death in the brick-walled abyss. Some made the choice, others were in-

## PECULIAR AFTER EFFECTS OF GRIP THIS YEAR.

Leaves Kidneys in Weakened Condition

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys which seem to suffer most, as every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more serious sickness, such as dreaded Bright's Disease. Local druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed by those who try it. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., offer to send a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, free by mail, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper.

### A Fair Return.

Minister (arousing himself in barber's chair)—All through yet. Barber—Aye, lang syne. Minister—Then I must have been indulging in a quiet nap? Barber—Ye wis that, sir. Minister—It was very good of you not to waken me. I am very thankful for what has been a most refreshing sleep. Barber—Hoots, man, hand yer tongue; it's only a fair return. I slept all through your sermon last Sabbath.—London Tit-Bits.

### Dark Days Coming.

"Say, Jim, here's a preacher in New York who says men should sew, cook, wash the dishes and get their own breakfast." "What's the use of rubbing it in? Guess we all know we'll have to pretty soon."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

How easy it is for the people who are down on excitement in religion to fire all their gasoline at a baseball game.

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Here's a tip, young man. Convince a girl that she shouldn't love you, and she will.

Perhaps Not. An instructor in a church school where much attention was paid to sacred history, dwelt particularly on the phrase "And Enoch was not, for God took him." So many times was this repeated in connection with the death of Enoch that he thought even the dullest pupil would answer correctly when asked in examination: State in the exact language of the Bible what is said of Enoch's death. But this was the answer he got: "Enoch was not what God took him for."—Brooklyn Life.

### DISTEMPER

In all its forms among all ages of horses, as well as dogs, cured and others in same stable prevented from having the disease with SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE. Every bottle guaranteed. Over 600,000 bottles sold last year. \$50 and \$1.00. Any good druggist, or send to manufacturers. Agents wanted. Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

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### Filling Her Program.

"Ah say, Miz Mandy, am yo' program full?" "Lordee, no, Mr. Lumley. It takes mo' an a sandwich an' two olives to fill my program."

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

### He Was a Judge.

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FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. Your druggist will refund money if FARMER'S OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blisters, Bleeding of Piles, in 6 to 14 days. 25c.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

It must have been a splinter who said that some widows wear heavy veils to conceal their joy.

Garfield Tea stimulates the liver, corrects constipation, cleanses the system and rids the blood of impurities. All druggists.

A woman who speaks but one language usually talks enough for two.



PROOF POSITIVE. "There are a lot of girls here who don't ever intend to get married." "How do you know?" "I've proposed to several!"

Why Maria Laughed. Hiram paused at the door and holding up a steel trap, said: "Maria, when you see this trap again it will have a skunk in it." Fifteen minutes later he reappeared. "Maria," he yelled, "you come here and loosen me out of this all-fired trap." And then he got mad at "Maria" because she laughed.

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Seems to Be Wrong. Howell—Whatever is right. Powell—But suppose a fellow soaks you with his left?

The vacant room at the top is due to the fact that there is no elevator service to help the lazy man.

Whenever there is a tendency to constipation, sick-headache or biliousness, take a cup of Garfield Tea. All druggists.

Yesterday is certain; tomorrow, uncertain; today, half and half.

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## WHEN THE FIRE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT

The scene of the fire was a ten-story brick-and-stone structure at Washington Place and Greene street. The single fire-escape inside the building reached only to the seventh floor. Fifteen hundred persons employed by manufacturing concerns occupied the lower floors. The three upper floors—the eighth, ninth and tenth—were occupied by the Triangle Waist Company, makers of women's waists and coats, who employ 750 women. When the fire department reached the scene every window on the upper three floors was crowded with faces of those cut off from escape. Flames and smoke were rolling out the windows of the eighth floor. The extension ladders of the fire department could not reach to the upper windows. Scores of women leaped out the windows with clothing aflame or already burned off. The impact of the bodies tore the life-saving nets to shreds. Falling girls collided in the air or descended in groups.

ton Square east. It abuts upon the large structure occupied by the American Book Company and certain schools of the New York University.

The building is occupied by manufacturers of clothing and fur garments of various kinds, the upper three of the 10 stories being given to the Triangle Waist Company, which has on its payroll 800 persons, consisting of cutters and fitters and various operatives, the majority being young women and girls of tender age who operate the machines upon shirtwaists intended for feminine wear this summer. The eighth floor was devoted principally to cutting, and there were also many factory sewing machines. Most of the women were on the ninth floor, back of a wooden partition, with many doors communicating to a narrow corridor, on the other side of which were offices. There were banks of machines on the tenth floor also, as well as shipping and packing rooms and offices of the firm of Messrs. Harris & Blanck.

The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. The doors in the wooden partition on the ninth floor had just been locked and only one means of egress remained from the larger room to the corridor, according to the story of some of the employees. The fire alarm came over the telephone at 40 minutes after 4 o'clock, possibly three or four minutes after a mass of shirtwaists on a line on the eighth

voluntarily hurled off the window ledges by the crazed and stifling mol at their backs clamoring for air.

In two and three the women and girls dropped from the window sills hurled through the air and fell to the pavements, where they lay a shattered mass of riven flesh and protruding bones. The sound of the fearful impacts, which came like a hail of death, caused men to hide their faces and women spectators to sink to their knees on the flags and moan over the tragedy to which they had given unwilling witness.

The responses to the first alarm of fire had been prompt and efficient, and soon the street was gorged with engines, trucks and towers which followed each other with precision to the fourth alarm.

The ladders of the fire Department would reach only to the seventh floor, but before the firemen could get even that far scores had gone to their death on the flagging of the street.

It was the carnage of battle which filled those short blocks in Washington Place and Green street. The women employes hurled themselves by twos and threes to their doom, some descending with hair and clothing ablaze. Here was the valley of the shadow of death, where had been a mart of humdrum trade. There was no time to perform the offices of the dead, for uncovered they lay with their faces to the sky.

How the fire started will, perhaps, never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept.

## DE LA BARRA AS DIAZ'S PREMIER

Ambassador to United States Accepts the Post—Says Farewell to Taft.

Washington, D. C.—Francisco De La Barra, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, has been named Minister of Foreign Relations of the Mexican Cabinet by President Diaz. Senior De La Barra has telegraphed his acceptance of the portfolio to Mexico City.

Immediately after telegraphing his acceptance to Mexico City Senior De

La Barra went to the White House and informed President Taft. The President expressed pleasure at the Ambassador's appointment and congratulated him warmly.

Senior De La Barra also called upon Secretary of State Knox and informed him of the appointment.

When the Geological Survey completes its present survey of the United States the atlas that it will issue will contain more than 8,000 maps.



## Colds and Chills Bring Kidney Ills

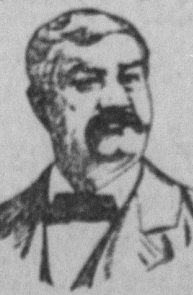
February, March and April are the backache months, because they are months of colds, chills, grip and pneumonia, with their congesting, weakening influence on the kidneys. Colds, chills, or grip strain the kidneys and start backache, urinary disorders and uric acid troubles. You feel lame, weak and tired and have headache, dizzy feelings, achy muscles and joints; too frequent, painful urinary passages, sediment, etc. Chills hurt the kidneys. Likewise well kidneys often prevent taking cold, by helping to pass off the waste matters of cold congestion. Doan's Kidney Pills are very useful in the raw winter and spring months. They stop backache and urinary disorders, keep the kidneys well and prevent colds from settling on the kidneys. Strong testimony proves it. What better evidence could you ask?

### SWORN TESTIMONY—CONVINCING PROOF

#### HAD BUT A SHORT TIME TO LIVE.

At Least So Thought Prominent New Hampshire Man.

Ex-County Commissioner J. Albert Peaslee, of Bradford, N. H., makes the following sworn statement: "In 1903 I first noticed that my back was growing weak. Then I was obliged to get up often during the night to pass the urine. I had my doctor make an analysis and he gave me to understand that I had not long to live. In a short time my weight had fallen 60 pounds and my skin was taking on a waxy look. The thirst was I, bile and the urine seemed heavy as maple sap. After using two or three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, I felt better so I continued their use. Today I weigh 215 pounds and although I am 63 years old, I bet there is not a man in town of over 40 who is sounder than I. I have not had the slightest sign of kidney trouble in three years." J. ALBERT PEASLEE. Personally observed by J. Albert Peaslee and made oath that the above certificate signed by him is true. FRED H. GOULD, Notary Public, Bradford, N. H., Apr. 6, 1908.



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Health Completely Restored After Case Was Pronounced Incurable.

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