

FIVE HUNDRED GIRLS IN PANIC IN FACTORY

Scare Due to False Alarm of Fire Caused by Slipping of Machinery Belt.

A cry of "Fire!" raised on the top floor of the six-story factory building at Nos. 171-173 Wooster street to-day emptied the building of 600 girls in a screaming rush. Though none was injured and there was no real danger to flee from, all the excitement existed that would have obtained in a real calamity.

A burning belt started the fright on the top floor, where a hundred girls were working at electric sewing machines for the waist manufacturing concern of Tutelman Bros. & Pagen. The girls posted near the belt noticed a smother of smoke pour out from under the machinery and screamed "Fire!"

Immediately there was a wild rush for stairways, fire-escapes and the elevators. The alarm ring through the lower floors, and soon there was a perilous jam on the stairs and escapes. There were sufficient men in the out-pouring throng, however, to keep the avenues of escape clear, and the panic subsided when it was seen that the danger was imaginary. An excited policeman turned in an alarm and was sworn at by the arriving firemen.

CAUGHT BENEATH TRUCK AND INSTANTLY KILLED.

Coal Wagon Driver Had Crawled Under It to Fix Mechanism When It Slipped.

John McNamara, of No. 37 East Sixty-eighth street, was crushed to death to-day beneath a truck at Sixty-seventh street and Avenue A. McNamara was delivering coal, and had tilted the rear of his wagon high up in the air preparatory to emptying the load with a long chute. The mechanism refused to work, and he crawled beneath it. The truck slipped and McNamara was caught and crushed. He was killed instantly. His body was taken to the East Sixty-seventh street station.

A REAL "MRS. WARREN" CONFESSES "PROFESSION"

Judge in Her Suit for Divorce Brings Out Shame Mrs. Knecht Hid from Daughter in Convent.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 28.—There was a dramatic scene in Judge Taylor's court-room when he relentlessly unmasked a black-garbed woman seeking divorce on the grounds of cruelty and drunkenness, and revealed her as of "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

The woman confessed in the end that she had lied deliberately and repeatedly to hide her real self from her child, a girl of eighteen, reared in a convent in the firm belief that her mother is all that a mother should be.

Mrs. Florence Knecht was the woman. She appeared in court as a dressmaker, in mourning for her mother.

Mrs. Knecht made a good witness for herself. She told of her marriage in 1886, at Waterloo, Ill., to Samuel Knecht, a clerk of the Laclede Gas Light Company, and his conduct during three weeks that they lived together at No. 237 Olive street. He drank, she said, and left her at the end of the third week because she would not give him as much money as he wanted.

Judge Brought Out Past.

"Were you ever known by any other name than Graham, Berger and Knecht?" asked Judge Taylor.

"Oh, yes; my maiden name was Thomas. My mother married twice."

"Were you ever known by any other name?"

"No, sir."

"Have you ever lived at any other address in St. Louis than those you have mentioned?"

"No, sir; except that I boarded for a time at No. 232 Washington avenue."

"Have you ever lived on Lucas avenue?"

"No, sir."

"Have you ever had any source of revenue other than from dressmaking and fancy work?"

"No, sir."

"Is it not a fact, Mrs. Knecht, that you have been in the habit of paying the gas bills of Florence Osborne, who lives on Lucas avenue?" (The red light district of St. Louis.)

"Yes, sir; I have done so; but I do not live there."

Known as Florence Osborne.

"Is it not a fact, madam, that you are Florence Osborne?"

"I have sometimes been called by that name."

"And you still say you have never had any source of revenue except dressmaking and making of fancy work?"

"Well, no, sir."

"Isn't it true that you derive revenue from a building on Lucas avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets?"

"Yes, sir; but I never lived there."

"Have you ever been charged with any offense in St. Louis growing out of your connection with an immoral institution on Lucas avenue?"

"No, sir; it was not on Lucas avenue."

"Have you ever been arrested on any charge?"

"Yes, sir; but it was a mistake. I was mistaken for another woman and the charge was dismissed."

"When you were arrested, was it under the name of Florence Osborne?"

"Yes, sir; but it was a mistake."

Confesses Her Shame.

"Have you been in the habit of going regularly into and out of a building on Lucas avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets?"

"I go there sometimes to collect money."

"Now, I want you to tell me if you are not Florence Osborne, owner of that house on Lucas avenue."

"I was, but two years ago I turned it over. I have a daughter eighteen years old. She is being educated in a convent. I did not want her to know."

"But you still derive revenue from it?"

"My furniture is still there."

"Why did you tell me that you had never been known by any other name?"

and that you had never had any other source of income?"

"For my daughter's sake."

"That is all."

"The attorney was about to call Mrs. Osborne, for whom Mrs. Knecht had said she worked, but Judge Taylor said:

"There is no use hearing any further testimony in this case. The bill is dismissed."

The woman went out stunned.

Sues Hotel Astor Proprietor.

William C. Muschenheim, proprietor of the Hotel Astor, is being sued in the City Court by Edward R. Von Konow for \$2,000 damages because the hotel manager refused to permit him the use of a portion of his hotel on Feb. 15, last for a series of classical and musical readings. Mr. Muschenheim declares that Von Konow wished the banquet room for Feb. 15, but he could not let him have the use of it on that day. He offered another date not later than five in the afternoon, but received no reply.

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IN THE NEW SPRING MODELS
At Material Price Concessions

\$32.50 Tailored Suits at \$19.00
Pony coat model with plaited circular skirt of imported chiffon broadcloth in black, navy, rose, light gray and porcelain blue; silk lined. Sizes for women, misses and small women.

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Two new Eton models with plaited or circular skirts of Panama cloth in light checks, elaborately trimmed with braid.

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In black, navy, red, tan or light gray.

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At Material Concessions from the Regular Prices

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In numbers our collection of hats is extensive. In character it is high, affording an altogether representative series of the new and exclusive models designed by the foreign masters, together with faithful copies and adaptations of the imported hats.

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For spring and summer service, small sailor and toque hats predominate. We present a diversified series of styles fashioned of hair-braid, fancy leghorn and combination straws elaborated with maline, velvet, wings and buckles, at \$2.75 to \$7.50.

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Two series, both from our regular stock, at reductions of one-third to almost one-half from our standard prices.

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes at \$2.65
Button and Lace Models of patent leather or kid-skin with Louis XV. heels.

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One, Three and Four Strap Models of patent leather with French heels.

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\$1.25 Table Cloths, hemstitched, pure white mercerized damask cloths, hemmed; also all linen; at the special Thursday price of **75c**

12 1-2c Glass Towels, large plaid effects, hemmed and all ready for use; at the special Thursday price of **5c**

Women's \$1.00 Silk Gloves, 20 inches long, splendid quality, in black and white; at the special Thursday price of **69c**

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50c Crib Blankets, fancy effects, blue borders. Thursday's special price for each pair is only **25c**

Men's 25c Half Hose, made of excellent quality lisle thread; many are silk-embroidered; special Thursday price **12c**

Men's 75c Underwear, halbrigan, made of very high-class cotton; at the special Thursday price of **29c**

Unbleached Sheeting, 10-4 width, a quality that has never been offered elsewhere near so low a figure as our special Thursday price of **13c**

Children's 50c Dresses, in plain chambray, yoke with box plaits and trimmed with two rows of embroidery. Colors, light blue, rose and tan. One to three year sizes. Special price **29c**

25c Mohair Brilliantines, 27 inches wide. A splendid fabric, highly lustrous, in cream, black, navy, garnet and green. Special Thursday price **12c**

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Men's \$3 to \$5 Shoes, about 100 pairs from our regular stock for to-morrow's selling; not every size is included. If your size is here you may secure one of the biggest bargains of the season, for the price is only **\$2.25**

Women's \$2 & \$3 Oxfords, excellent styles in black and tan leathers, sizes 2 to 4 only. A to E widths. To clean up this stock the price is made **79c**

19c Writing Paper Cabinets, the well known W. Giant, containing 60 square sheets of cream satin weave paper, ruled or plain, and 50 envelopes to match. At the special Thursday price of **10c**

\$2.00 Umbrellas, made of fine dyed taffeta, have silk tape edge, case and tassel to match; tight roll and a splendid assortment of plain, silver-plate and other desirable handles to select from; all sizes for men, women and children; at the special Thursday price of **\$1.00**

In the Drug Store these splendid specials for Thursday: Paul Westphal's Auxilliar, small size bottle, 25c; large size, 55c. Duffy's Malt Whiskey, 69c; Peroxide of Hydrogen, full lb. bottle, 25c; Guaranteed Rubber Gloves, all sizes, 25c; Dr. Snow's Sweet Cream Toilet Soap, made from the purest ingredients, and will positively not harm the skin in any way; regularly sold at 10c per cake, 25c per box; special for to-morrow only, per cake, 6c; per box of 3 cakes, 18c, and hundreds other **Bargains**

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All the glory of her splendid history gave inspiration to those who strove to make the Second Empire as magnificent as the First. Genius was still alive, even after all the years of suppression, and dormant art burst forth to adorn the court of the new Empress in a splendor worthy of the nation's fashion history.

These brilliant pages have been scanned for the motif of the dresses of the present year. True, Paquin is still dreaming of the First Empire and has produced some most exquisite costumes after this period. Others, including Beer, have caught their inspiration from the Directoire, and the gowns are marvels of beauty. But the fluffy skirts, the exquisite flounces, the short jackets and short sleeves of the days of 'Sixty-Five are dominant features of the styles of Nineteen Hundred and Six.

This diversity of conception has brought forth a vastly varied style array. In order to give the women of America a comprehensive exhibition of all that Paris had brought forth it was necessary to assemble the greatest collection of gowns ever brought together. This work was done boldly, lavishly, with confidence that our new building would be ready to give vastly greater display space than had ever been available before. The new building is not quite ready, hence we were compelled to set aside a large part of the Carpet section, on the Third floor, in which to make the principal exhibition of the Costumes—and the array is magnificent—an exhibition the equal of which cannot be seen on this side of the ocean, or the other. Those who have been abroad know best how true this statement is. Those who have seen all that is shown elsewhere in America, know that no collection approaching this in beauty, variety, or number of gowns, ever crosses the Atlantic to any destination but Wanamaker's.

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