

FORTUNE FORFEIT IF MRS. ASTOR REWEDS

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MEN AND WOMEN FLEE WHEN EXPLOSION AND FIRE DESTROY BIG FACTORY

Employees of Williamsburg Plant Bruised in Rush to Fire-Escapes.

PANIC IN THE VICINITY.

Occupants of Row of Tenements Forced to Leave Their Homes.

A big fire, which bordered on disaster for several hundred people during the first hour of its unchecked course, totally destroyed this afternoon the four-story brick plant of Silver and Company, manufacturers of kitchen utensils, occupying nearly all of the block from No. 304 to No. 314 Huxley street, Williamsburg.

Every one of the 125 clerks and operatives in the plant had to beat the flames by quick jumps down the fire escapes so rapidly did they spread through the building, and the inhabitants of a line of crowded tenements in the rear of the burning building hurt one another by rushing panic-stricken down the stairways.

The fire was started by an explosion in the cellar of the manufacturing plant. What caused the explosion could not be determined. It was of terrific force, sufficient to throw many of the machine operators on the floor immediately above of their feet. The rush of flames followed instantly.

The elevator shafts in the building carried the fire to the top floor, and there it mushroomed out under the roof. The employees there and on the three floors below found their escape via the stairways cut off and had to take to the fire escapes.

Three alarms in quick succession followed the first and Fire Chief Lally himself took charge of the twelve engines and four ladder trucks that responded to the alarm. An ambulance was summoned from the Eastern District Hospital to be handy in case of accidents.

WOMEN WON'T LET GAYNOR DISCREDIT KICKS AT POLICE

Mayor Writes Miss Raymond That She Exaggerates, but She Comes Back Strong.

Mayor Gaynor will have to do some explaining to the marchers in last Saturday's parade of the Women Suffragists. Miss Grace May Raymond, secretary of the Brooklyn Women's Suffrage party, wrote a letter to His Honor complaining of the lack of police discipline Saturday night. The young lady to-day received the following reply from the Mayor:

LOST A MILLION, SHOT SELF RATHER THAN BE BEGGAR

William Hochhaus, Former Spender Along Broadway, Found Dead in Room.

William Hochhaus, who twenty years ago possessed nearly a million and had the reputation of being an easy spender and an inveterate first-nighter at Broadway shows, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head some time last night in the room he had at the Felix apartments, No. 33 East Twenty-second street. He had been almost penniless for some time and found his pride would not allow him longer to live on the bounty of friends, so his cousin, Edmund Tymberg said.

GIRL IS SEARCHED LIKE CRIMINAL ON WOMAN'S CHARGE

Miss Morris of Riverside Drive Tells of Indignities By Police and Accuser.

FINGERPRINTS TAKEN.

Magistrate Discharges Rich Victim and Scores Bus Rider for Hasty Action.

Miss Florence Morris, the pretty daughter of Arthur Morris, a dealer in automobile accessories at No. 1287 Broadway and possessor of a finely appointed apartment at No. 790 Riverside Drive, was discharged by Magistrate Butts in Yorkville Court to-day, when Mrs. Helen Levy, of Richmond Hill, appeared to press the charge of pocket-picking upon which she had caused the arrest of Miss Morris late yesterday afternoon.

Not only did the Magistrate discharge the daughter of the wealthy automobile man, but he read a lecture to the woman who had been responsible for the humiliation of arrest, search and Police Headquarters examination which Miss Morris had to undergo.

IF YOU WERE JUDGE WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THIS MAN?

Tied 4-Year-Old Boy and Beat Him With Horsewhip—Punishment Perplexes Court.

If you have any suggestions to offer as to what punishment should be meted out to a man who tied a four-year-old boy to a pipe and then lashed him with a horsewhip, send them to Presiding Justice Russell of the Court of Special Sessions. He wants to know the sentiment of the people in this city as to what to do with such a man.

William Vincent Astor, New Head of Astor Estate, Estimated at \$100,000,000



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Joseph Martin, forty-four years old, the proprietor of a candy store at No. 573 West Twenty-ninth street, is the prisoner in the case. He pleaded guilty before Justice Russell, Moss and Stewart, in Special Sessions, to-day, to assault in the third degree. Martin was arraigned by officers of the Gerry Society, who had arrested him on complaint of Benjamin F. Hershey, a lumber merchant, at No. 416 West Thirtieth street.

TO FEW MEN IS ACCORDED SUCH TRIBUTE AS PRESIDENT TAFT PAID TO THE MEMORY OF MAJOR ARCHIBALD W. BUTT.

Simply, yet eloquently, the President touched on his late aide's loyalty, honor, self-sacrifice, and upon his heroism in the Titanic wreck. Before Major Butt took up military life he was a writer of great ability. The best of his stories, "Both Sides of the Shield," has not yet appeared in book form. The Evening World has secured from the J. B. Lippincott Company the right to publish this romance as a serial.

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Mr. Hershey told the Court that on April 30 he had seen Martin seize Antonio Dunlap, four years old, of No. 533 West Twenty-ninth street, on the street,

MARY BAKER EDDY'S WILL UPHELD BY COURT

New Hampshire Tribunal Declares Gift of \$2,000,000 to Boston Charities Legal.

PEANUT IN THROAT KILLS.

A peanut swallowed on May 2 by two-year-old James Purcell of No. 41 West One Hundred and Ninety-second street caused the child's death, this morning, in St. Luke's Hospital. The child brought about complications that kept several skilled surgeons at work for four days and finally resulted in death.

MRS. ASTOR BOUND BY \$5,000,000 FUND TO HER WIDOWHOOD

Vincent Gets Rhinebeck and Newport Estates And All Of Fortune Not Otherwise Bequeathed; Total Estimated at \$100,000,000.

MURIEL GETS \$5,000,000, UNBORN HEIR \$3,000,000

Widow Gets \$100,000, Fifth Avenue House and Income of Millions; Former Wife Not Mentioned.

The will of Col. John Jacob Astor was formally filed in the Surrogate's office this afternoon. The petition stated in set terms that John Jacob Astor died at sea and that the value of his estate was believed to be "in excess of \$100,000,000."



MRS. MADELINE ASTOR CAMPBELL STUDIO



MRS. AVA WILLING ASTOR

Widow and Former Wife of Astor.

The widow of John Jacob Astor. She gets under his will \$100,000 down, his horses, automobiles, the house on Fifth avenue and the income on \$5,000,000 as long as she remains single.

The first wife of John Jacob Astor, who divorced him. She is not mentioned in the will of Mr. Astor, although the impression was created that she would inherit a substantial fortune.

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