

# Thousands Thrilled as Factory Girls Escape From Fire

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# SHIP TORPEDOED; ANOTHER HITS MINE; BRITISH STOP ALL CHANNEL BOATS

## CROWD SEES GIRLS IN PANIC FLEE DOWN FIRE ESCAPES AT THRILLING DOWNTOWN FIRE

### Police Heroes Brave Smoke and Flame in Exciting Murray Street Blaze.

### FIREMEN ARE CHEERED.

### Sheets of Flames Envelop Them as They Drag Hose Up Ladders.

All of downtown that could find space in the vicinity watched a one hour fire in the five-story brick building at No. 69 Murray Street today. The blaze was as repulsive with shells as the most sensational "movie." Girls clambering wildly down fire escape ladders, firemen pushing up inch by inch over the same flame licked ladders, snatching sheets of fire and billowing smoke—all the atmosphere of the film drama was there.

The J. B. Colt Independent Lighting Company occupies the first floor of the building. The upper floors are occupied by the Griffen Manufacturing Company, makers of shoe polish, of which Anthony Aste is president. Seventy employees, most of them women, are in the building normally, but at 12:15 all but twenty-five were out at lunch. Sylvia Barklari, of No. 128 Butler Street, Brooklyn, smelled smoke and traced it to a hot fire in the rear of the third floor. His cries of alarm were heard by Policeman Jaeger of the Greenwich Street Station outside the building and he turned an alarm in.

### POLICEMEN BRAVE FIRE TO ROUT OUT EMPLOYEES.

Policeman Winter of Traffic A ran back to the burning building with Jaeger and together they went through the building, crying to the girls and men on the various floors to take to the fire escapes. The halls were filling with smoke and exit by the stairs or elevator was dangerous. The rapidly forming crowd on the street cheered each girl as she scrambled down the narrow ladders. Already smoke was billowing out the windows on the second floor, and those descending from above had to run the gauntlet there.

Jaeger and Winter made a second run of the building, to assure themselves all employees were out. At last they staggered to the street, red eyed and almost overcome by the vapors of burning chemicals and fats above. Acting Battalion Chief O'Hara, who came with the first alarm, turned in a second alarm immediately, which brought Chief Kenlon.

City Hall and the Municipal Building disgorged scores of officials, all of whom managed to pass the fire line. Fire Commissioner Adamson and Dock Commissioner Smith were first on the scene. By this time the

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### As to Readers:

The circulation of the Morning World in New York City exceeds that of the Herald, Times and Sun COMBINED.

### As to Advertisers:

Exactly 2,820 separate, want-filling advertisements were printed in the World yesterday—114 more than DOUBLE the 1,253 ads. published in the World.

Consider the Facts!

## GUNMEN IN PLOT TO FREE FRIENDS IN NEWARK JAIL

### That's What the Mysterious Woman Said, and She Had the Whole Town Nervous.

Detectives from Newark are accusing New York and New Jersey for a woman bedecked in diamonds who last night informed them that several dozen New York gunmen were bound for Newark to liberate from the county jail Joseph Pearl and William Evans, the gentlemen burglars captured in a flat in West One Hundred and First Street, Manhattan, on Jan. 6, for burglarizing Jersey towns.

The woman represented herself as a New York detective, and said the gunmen planned to climb the jail fence, shoot the man on the desk and escape with Evans and Pearl. Soon the vicinity of the jail in a congested section of Newark took on the atmosphere of a "wild" western town or a moonshine mountain district. There were fifty Deputy Sheriffs ready for battle, police in plain clothes and police in uniform ready to shoot at the first sign of the desperate invaders.

## AMERICANS MAROONED BY GERMAN BLOCKADE

### One Hundred Unable to Get Across English Channel—Liner New York Held at Liverpool for Them.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—About 100 Americans are marooned in Paris and unable to cross the English Channel because of the cancellation of sailings due to the German submarine blockade. They have communicated their plight to Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador here, through the Embassy in Paris, and Mr. Page has arranged with the American Line to hold the steamer New York, due to sail Saturday from Liverpool, until Sunday.

The marooned Americans in the French capital have made arrangements to cross from Havra, and the day's delay in the sailing of the New York will permit them to make their connections with the liner.

Are You Going South? Ticket sales and descriptive literature of all Southern, West India, Bermuda, Central and South American steamship lines of THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU, 2040 Park Ave., New York City. Telephone, BR 6000. Check room for luggage and parcels open 9:30 and 10:30.

## MEINKEN DIVORCE DENIED; JUDGE HITS AT TANGOING WIVES

### Mrs. Meinken Hides Her Face as Court Scolds Her for Night Dancing.

### "UNDERWORLD CASE."

### Wives Shouldn't Dance Till 1 A. M. Without Husbands, Says Judge Blanchard.

Supreme Court Justice Blanchard in dismissing the divorce suit brought against Mrs. Elizabeth Benson Meinken by Harry Meinken, her wealthy husband, to-day said wives who go dancing and cabaretting until the wee sma' hours with men, not their husbands are no better than denizens of the underworld.

The Judge's severe arraignment of Mrs. Meinken affected her noticeably, for she hid her face in a handkerchief, while Harry P. Hewes, a young real estate man, whose "beautiful eyes" entranced Mrs. Meinken, hurried from the court room. The Judge also dismissed Mrs. Meinken's separation suit against her husband for lack of evidence.

"I have listened with a great deal of patience to this case," said Justice Blanchard, when Attorney Earl Webb, for the wife, had concluded his address by characterizing Hewes as a man of "great physique, but little discretion." "The whole case was an echo from the underworld," the Court continued. "It gave me a glimpse into that hidden part of New York life and, indeed, it was not pleasing to listen to."

"Mrs. Meinken was indiscreet," he continued. "She did what no self-respecting married woman would do when she went out with men not her husband and danced and dined with them until early hours of the morning. Being introduced to men by false names was something she never should have done. It was highly indiscreet."

## PASSENGER SHIP LOSES HER RUDDER IN HATTERAS GALE

### Santa Marta of the United Fruit Company Line Sends Wireless Call.

Wireless messages received here to-day state that the Santa Marta of the United Fruit Company Line, bound for New York from Limon, Costa Rica, and Colon, Panama, lost her rudder at 3 o'clock this morning in a northerly gale off Cape Hatteras. The coast guard cutter Itasca has gone to her assistance from Norfolk.

The Santa Marta left Colon on Feb. 11 with sixty-nine passengers and a cargo of bananas. It is assumed by the officials of the line here that the vessel, which is of 3,126 tons and in first class condition, must have met with very heavy weather passing through and after leaving the Caribbean.

## Blazing Factory From Which Girls Fled Down Fire Escape



## ASHES OF FRANK JAMES WILL LIE IN BANK VAULT

### Former Bandit Made Request Before Death—Cremation in St. Louis—Forbid Religious Service.

KEARNEY, Mo., Feb. 19.—The ashes of Frank James, former bandit, who died yesterday, will rest in a bank safety deposit vault in Kansas City, according to his own request. "I don't like that sort of testimony," the Judge said, "and I did not think it proved anything against this woman other than indiscretion."

## STANDARD OIL SHIP SEIZED.

### Onaka Held by British at Malta in Report at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Onaka, chartered by the Standard Oil Company and laden with a Standard Oil cargo, has been seized by the British at Malta, en route to Greece and Bulgarian ports, according to State Department information this afternoon.

## GET CAPLAN AFTER WORLD-WIDE HUNT; HELD AS DYNAMITER

### Detectives Say He Is Last of the McNamara Gang in Los Angeles Explosion.

### FACES MURDER CHARGE.

### Was Living Near Seattle as Chicken Raiser and Barber—Admits His Identity.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—David Caplan, last of the men wanted at Los Angeles, Cal., in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in the fall of 1910, is a prisoner, having been arrested at Bainbridge Island, twelve miles from Seattle. His arrest follows a world-wide hunt for him.

Caplan, according to Walter R. Thayer, manager of the Seattle branch of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, admitted his identity and expressed a willingness to return to Los Angeles for trial. For two years he had been living under the name of Frank Miller and was in the chicken raising and barber business. He was found, Thayer said, through information secured by William J. Burns after the arrest of M. A. Schmidt last Saturday in New York.

"We found much valuable evidence in Caplan's cabin," said Thayer. "Besides several letters and other documents implicating several San Francisco men in Caplan's activities, we found three sticks of 80 per cent dynamite, similar to that bought near Richmond, Cal., and used to destroy the Times."

"From papers found in Caplan's cabin we learned that he has a wife, Mrs. Florence Caplan, and two children living in Chicago. Caplan said that for two years before buying his property at Rolling Bay he had been roaming about the world, having gone to London, Paris and other European cities. He also admitted having lived at the Home Anarchist Hotel, near Tacoma. We traced him there once, but lost the trail and were unable to pick it up again until after the arrest of Schmidt in New York."

"The prisoner's bank book shows that he has been well supplied with money from outside sources. Valuable evidence connecting these sources with the dynamite conspiracy was found among Caplan's papers. "Our New York office has also discovered evidence connecting J. B. McNamara, Caplan and Schmidt with the explosion which damaged the Lyon Building in Seattle in 1910, just before the Times explosion."

## \$5,000,000 RAISED BY LONDON TIMES FOR SICK AND WOUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The London Times has achieved what is claimed here to be a record in the field of raising money for a popular cause. Its fund for sick and wounded to-day passed £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000).

## CHILDREN MUST HAVE PASSPORTS NOW TO ENTER GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—German military authorities now require that each person entering Germany be supplied with an individual passport. A wife or minor child cannot enter upon a passport held by husband or parent. This Government has been so advised.

## 18 SAILORS MISSING FROM A NEUTRAL SHIP HIT BY GERMAN MINE

### Submarine Attacks French Steamer Dinorah—One Report Says That Norwegian Ship Belridge Was Also Torpedoed in Straits of Dover

## DUTCH SHIP VICTIM IN FIRST ZEPPELIN HOLD-UP

### DIEPPE, France (via Paris), Feb. 19 (Associated Press).—A German submarine torpedoed this morning without warning the French steamer Dinorah, from Havre for Dunkirk, a point 16 miles off Dieppe.

The Dinorah did not sink, but was towed into Dieppe. No mention is made of the loss of any of her crew.

A plate on the port side of the steamer below the waterline was stove in by the torpedo. But the Dinorah managed to keep afloat by hard pumping. Word of the occurrence was taken into Dieppe by fishing boats and assistance for the Dinorah was sent out. Her cargo will be discharged here.

LONDON, Feb. 19 (United Press).—The Norwegian steamer Belridge, bound from New Orleans to Amsterdam, was either torpedoed or struck a German mine in mid-channel last night. The vessel, in a sinking condition, has been towed to Walmer, ten miles north of Dover, where she has been beached.

Eighteen members of the crew and the Admiralty pilot are missing and may have been drowned. The Belridge was in mid-channel when a sudden violent explosion stove her almost on her beam ends. Her plates had been stove in below the water line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—All travel between England and the Continent of Europe has been suspended by the British Admiralty until further notice, according to advices received to-day at the State Department.

The order was taken to mean that England regards Germany's death zone around the British Isles seriously and does not propose to risk the lives of any passengers in that area.

At the same time the State Department received notice that German military authorities are requiring every man, woman or child to have an individual passport in entering Germany.

## Air Ship Holds Up Dutch Steamer; Zeppelins Patrol the War Zone

(Special Cable Despatch to The New York Evening World.) Copyright, 1915, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) LONDON, Feb. 19.—Operations in the "war zone" have been inaugurated by the Zeppelins. The Zeppelins are already doing patrol duty and holding up steamships in the North Sea.

In a despatch to the Daily Express from Rotterdam Perivol Phillips wires: "The captain of the Dutch steamer Helena has just described to me how his ship was held up forty miles from Haaks lightship, in the North Sea, by a German airship which descended near the sea and hoisted signals ordering the steamer to heave to."

"The Helena was overhauled by Zeppelin L5 at 10 A. M. The morning was clear and in the sunshine the airship was seen at a great altitude approaching swiftly from the direction of the coast and rocking like a schooner in a rough sea. It flew directly over the Helena, whose crew distinctly saw fifteen or twenty persons in its three cars, which were connected by a covered gangway. The men wore dark, close fitting tunics, caps like hoods and goggles."

"They watched the Helena through glasses in a kind of turret in the forepart of the airship. The crew of a quick-firing gun were at their stations and a great naval ensign flew at the stern of the gangab."

"The airship circled the Helena twice, then appeared to be satisfied, and after exchanging signals returned in the direction of the coast."

"The wreck of a second Zeppelin off the Danish coast confirms the report that the Kaiser is using his big airships for patrolling the North Sea. This Zeppelin fell off the coast of Jautland. Four of the crew were drowned and the other taken to Esbjerg. The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily News wires:

"The German survivors told a thrilling story at the official inquiry at Esbjerg. They repeated their story of having escaped from a wrecked fishing boat, which struck a mine, but the magistrates disbelieved them, saying they had not the appearance of sailors. "They then confessed they were survivors from a Zeppelin."