

SCORES LEAP NINE STORIES TO DEATH

Terror-stricken Girls Try to Escape Flames.

BODIES HORRIBLY MANGLED

Found Later Half Nude and Charred on Pavement, Soaked with Water from Fire Hose—Students Rescue 150 by Ladder from Adjoining Building—Found Still Breathing.

New York, March 25.—Within a few minutes after the first cry of fire had been yelled on the eighth floor of the building scores of bodies were lying half nude on the pavement. Bare legs, in some cases were burned a dark brown, and waists and skirts in tatters showed that they had been torn in the panic within the place before the girls got to the windows to jump to death.

The mangled bodies lay there with the spill of the water which the firemen soon were pouring from water towers and hose into the building soaking them. There was no time to clear away the dead in the street. Inside the building the firemen believed there were still dozens upon dozens of girls and men, and they wasted no time upon those whom at a glance they knew to be dead.

It was more than an hour and a half before the firemen could enter the floor where the fire started, the eighth, and they came back then with word that a quick glance showed, according to Chief Croker, about fifty dead bodies on the eighth floor alone. In the elevator shaft also was a pile of bodies estimated conservatively at twenty-five, girls who had jumped down the elevator shaft after the elevator had made its trip.

Eight Hundred in Building.

Some of the girls in jumping smashed through the sidewalk vault light on the Washington side of the building. The bodies that continued to jump from the vault light finally made a hole in it about five feet in diameter. Just at dusk firemen and policemen were pulling many half nude and burned corpses from this hole.

Joe Zito and Joe Gaspar, the two elevator men of the building, said there were 150 machines on the three floors of the building and each was being operated by a girl at the time the fire started. The total number of employees, according to the elevator men, was about 3,000. Deputy Police Commissioner Driscoll said later that from what he had been able to learn there were about 900 persons working in the place when the fire started. Among those on the top floor at the time were Mr. Blaneck, one of the proprietors; his two children, and a governess. Mr. Blaneck had just ordered a tailor to sew his children and the governess home when the fire was discovered. It was thought to-night that all had lost their lives.

More than an hour after the last of the girls had jumped, policemen who had approached the building to gather up the bodies and stretch them out on the

opposite side of Greene street found one girl, Bertha Weintraub, of 38 Henry street, the last to leap from the ninth floor, still breathing. Two or three dead bodies were piled alongside her, and as the policemen were moving these away they heard the girl sigh. The police called for a doctor, and the girl, still breathing and dripping wet, was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital, although there was no hope of saving her life.

Girls Jump Nine Stories.

A man who has an office on the third floor of the building in Washington place facing across from the entrance of the burned building, said he looked up from his desk, upon hearing shrieks high up across the way, and saw a girl climb out of the window in the ninth floor of the Asch Building, where the fire occurred. At this time the man, who refused to give his name, says there was no sign of smoke or flame.

The girl disappeared at a moment on the window sill and tumbled and whirled around, a streak of black gown and white underclothing for nine floors, smash on to the sidewalk. About the same time Dr. Ralph Frallock, of 119 Waverly place, was walking across Washington Square Park toward the building and started to run as he saw a streak of black gown and white underclothing of the three topmost floors and saw dozens more crowd out upon the foot-wide terra-cotta ledge which runs along the window sills of the ninth floor.

They fought for a time, the doctor says, on the little ledge. Then a girl jumped and another and another. Some of them fell into and straight as a plummet and smashed through the vault light of the street into the basement under the sidewalk. Most of them turned many times, shrieking as they fell. One girl, the doctor said, deliberately took off her hat and laid it on the ledge before she jumped.

Man Throws Girls Out of Windows.

But the greater number were jumping from the east side of the corner building and landing burned and crushed in Greene street. One man ran from window to window, picked up girls by the body and carried them to the street. Either he thought that the nets were there to catch them, or he believed that this was the easiest way. And when he had dropped the last girl within reach he climbed onto the sill and jumped straight out with hands raised as a bridge jumper holds his arm upward to balance himself.

All the girls had jumped from the Greene street side of the building, and it seemed that the ninth floor ledge on this side was clear, when two girls clambered out upon it. One of them seemed seized, at least her movements were slow and deliberate. With her was a younger girl, shrieking and twisting with fright. The crowd below yelled to the two not to jump. The older girl placed both arms around the younger and pulled her back toward the brick wall, and she tried to press her younger companion closer to the wall.

But the girl twisted her head and shoulders loose from the protecting embrace, took a step or two to the right, and the girl who was trying to save her, and jumped nine stories to the pavement.

Found Still Breathing.

Every one had jumped then, and the solitary girl still was standing on the ledge. After her younger companion had died, the girl who was left stood back against the wall, motionless, and for a moment she put her hands rigid against her thighs, her head tilted upward and looking toward the sky. Smoke began to trickle out of the broken window a few yards to her left. She began to raise her arms and make slow gestures, as if

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The business men of Washington, in music and out, will remember the late Mr. T. P. Culley and his long and successful career. It is now understood upon good authority that this house is adding several new salesmen to their already large selling force, and that Mr. Culley has been forced, through the stress of business, to place Mr. John A. Norman as manager of the retail department, while Mr. Culley in the future intends to devote his entire attention to the financial end of the business.

The success of this house under Mr. Culley's guidance has been such that we understand it is only a matter of a few days before the owners will be forced to again enlarge their present quarters.

TEN PERSONS DEAD IN GEORGIA WRECK

Dixie Flyer Goes Through Trestle at Alapaha.

Atlanta, March 25.—At least ten persons were killed and twice that number injured when the south-bound Dixie Flyer on the Atlantic Coast Line, one of the most palatial trains operated from Chicago to Jacksonville and Florida points, and carrying a large number of winter tourists, was wrecked at Alapaha at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The wreck occurred on the long trestle across the Alapaha River and the coaches plunged into the water. Some of the coaches are in ten feet of water now.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL HAS STRONG TEAM

Splendid Outlook for Episcopal Lads on Diamond.

On the present form of their ball team Cathedral School will have the strongest nine that has ever been turned out of the Episcopal institution.

Russ, who did the receiving on last year's nine, is being depended upon to do the bulk of backstopping again this year. At the summer camp last year he showed a remarkable improvement over the form he displayed while playing in the Capital, and with the coaching of Green should develop into a first-class outfielder.

The "Mack" station is being looked after by Davidson, the former star first baseman and captain of the Tome Institute team. Besides being a fast man and corking good fielder, Davidson is a holy terror with the stick.

Stone is doing good work at the mid-way mark and should be a heady mate for Capt. Crane, who will play the short field. Crane plays his position well, and his hitting and speediness should rank him among the leading shortstops in high school circles.

A third baseman must be developed, and Coach Green is devoting a good bit of his time to Robinson, who should make a capable guardian of the third sack.

The outfield will be Lockwood in center, Prohant in right, and R. Stone or Robinson in left. These men will in all probability make a corking good outfield for the Episcopal school.

While Coach Green is not saying much, it is plain to be seen that he expects to develop a rattling good nine. His plan is to get together a team that is evenly balanced in every department of the game. Speed on the bases will be one of the Episcopal lads' strong points.

A strong schedule is under preparation by Manager Todd, which includes a Northern trip. The Cathedral School opened the season by overcoming the undefeated Army and Navy prep Wednesday, 14 to 2.

NEGRO LOSES LIFE UNDER CAR WHEELS

Up to Early Hour Body Had Not Been Identified.

While lying on the tracks of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad, last night, an unidentified negro, about thirty-five years old, was struck by a car and instantly killed. The motorman and the conductor of the car were arrested and are locked up at the Ninth precinct station.

They claim the car was going at a speed of not more than fifteen miles an hour, and the man was not seen until it was too late to stop the car, which was in the vicinity of Castle Park, about two miles this side of the District line. It was west-bound.

The negro's legs were severed. His body was thrown to the side of the track, and badly mangled. Up to an early hour this morning the police had not made any progress toward identification. The accident occurred about 11:30 o'clock.

DESCRIBES SUNSET ROUTE.

Frank H. Poston Lectures Before Tennessee Society.

The Tennessee Society was entertained with a lecture entitled, "In the Land of a Thousand Wonders," by Frank H. Poston, traveling passenger agent of the Washington Sunset Route, at the Public Library last night.

The lecture was illustrated with 25 stereoscopic views. The speaker took his audience from New Orleans to San Antonio and El Paso, Tex., through the orange belt in California, up the coast line to San Francisco, by the Siesta route to the northern boundary, through the great central valleys, over the high Sierras and through the Yosemite Valley.

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OFFICIAL NEGLECT AS CAUSE OF CALAMITY

Fire Chief Croker Declares There Was a Deplorable Absence of Safeguards Over Human Life.

New York, March 25.—The cause of this frightful calamity was official neglect.

Housing during the busy hours of the day thousands of employes, this big and high building was equipped with but one narrow iron fire escape, and that in the rear and leading into an almost blind court.

An iron door, opening inwardly, had been placed at the head of the stairway on the ninth floor by the Triangle Company. When expensive material was being handled on the ninth floor, where 1,000 women were employed, this door was closed and no one could leave the room without a superficial search. The entire force had to undergo this scrutiny of being searched. To-day when the alarm was given there was a mad rush for the stairway. The iron door shutting off the stairway was closed and sealed by the press of the struggling masses of women against it. It was not opened until many of the frightened women had hurled themselves from the windows or had fainted from fright and were left to die in the flames.

"When by chance, rather than concerted effort, this diabolical trap was sprung,

the rush of women down the stairway left dead, dying and cruelly trampled in its wake, and at points the stairway was fairly choked with the dead.

Fire Chief Croker and his men did their best to save the women, but they could not do so. It is his most frightful experience in his career as a fireman. It is a fearful chapter in the city's history.

ADVERTISING TALKS.

WRITTEN BY WILLIAM C. FREEMAN

JOHN LEE MAHIN, in a lecture before the pupils of the Northwestern School of Commerce, made a most interesting statement.

He said that it cost an average of 5 CENTS PER FAMILY TO DO SAMPLING. On this basis, he said, it would cost the equivalent of the cost of nearly 22 full pages of advertising in EVERY Chicago newspaper.

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Mr. Mahin, in his talk, also said that the cost of advertising in newspapers and periodicals averaged \$1.75 per capita per year.

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