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GIRL CLERK MANGLED IN SIEGEL-COOPER STORE ELEVATOR

Mary Minnick Killed Trying to Escape From Ascending
Lift—Operator Jumps to Safety With Another Girl
—Story Hushed Up—Witnesses Missing

With a shriek that near froze the blood of hundreds of women in the Siegel-Cooper basement at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, Mary Minnick went to her doom as an elevator, slowly creeping up, crushed her chest and head. The lift crunched past the girl's body, dropped it into the dirt at the bottom of the shaft and shot to the roof, where it stayed.

Some of the women screamed and cried; others fainted as they saw the elevator tearing the girl's body near

the basement ceiling; but hundreds more rushed to the spot to watch a clerk jump into the shaft and lift the torn corpse out.

Then, some say, the lights were put out and a cordon of clerks forced the crowd back and out of the basement. Most of the ladies walked up, however; they didn't take a chance on the elevators.

Just a few minutes before Mary had stepped into the elevator, happy though tired, with a brand new hat