



Life in a Big Urban City in the Gilded Age

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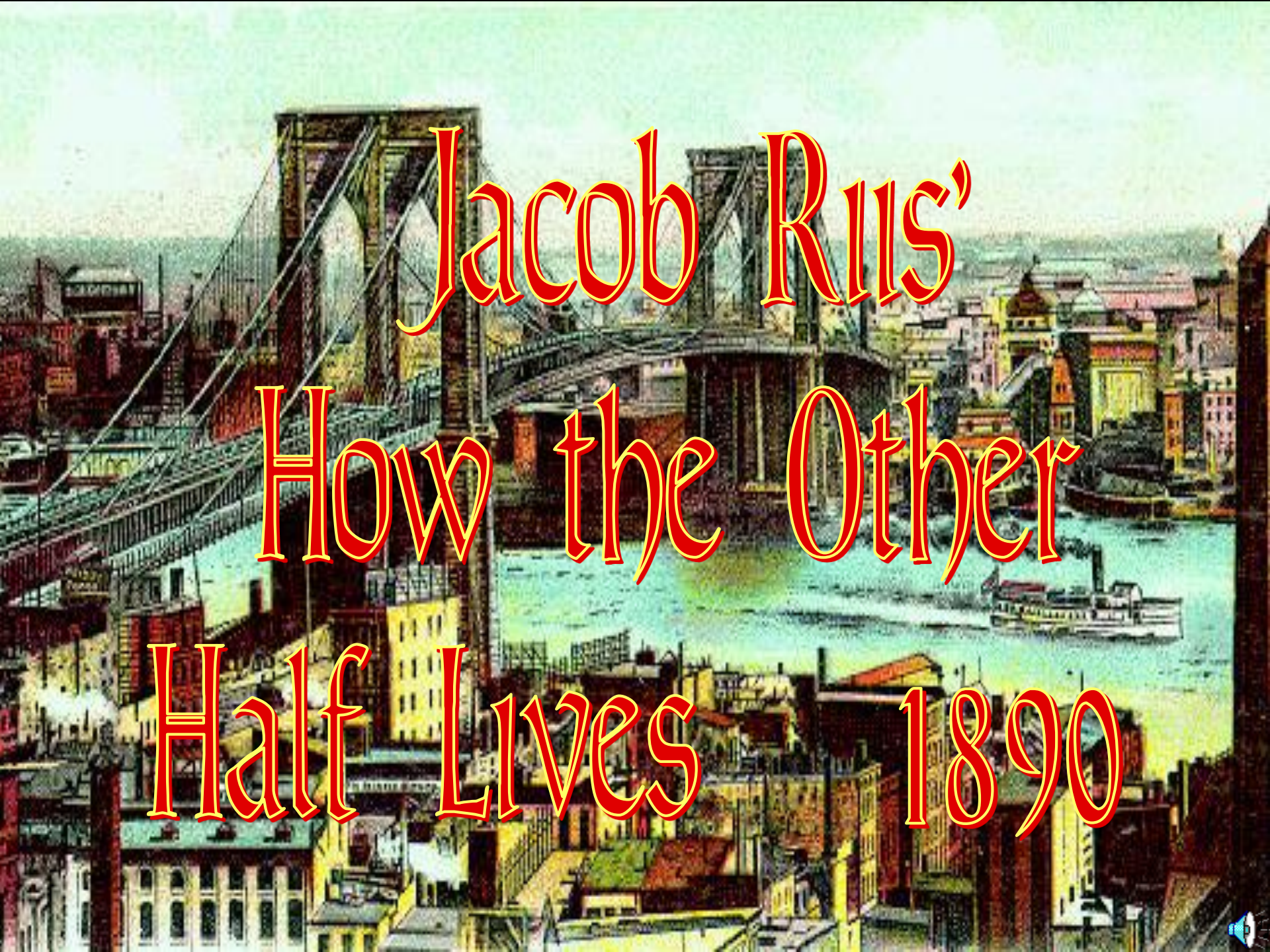
Sidewalks of New York

Music & Lyrics by:
James W. Blake and Charles E. Lawlor

East Side, West Side, all around the town
The kids sang "ring around rosie", "London Bridge is falling down"
Boys and girls together, me and Mamie O'Rourke
We tripped the light fantastic on the sidewalks of New York

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East Side, West Side, riding through the parks
We started swinging at Jilly's then we split to P.J.Clark's
On to Chuck's Composite, then a drink at The Stork
We won't get home until morning 'cause we're going to take a walk
On the sidewalks of New York



Jacob Riis'
How the Other
Half Lives 1890



Mulberry Street Bend, 1889



5-Cent Lodgings



Men's Lodgings



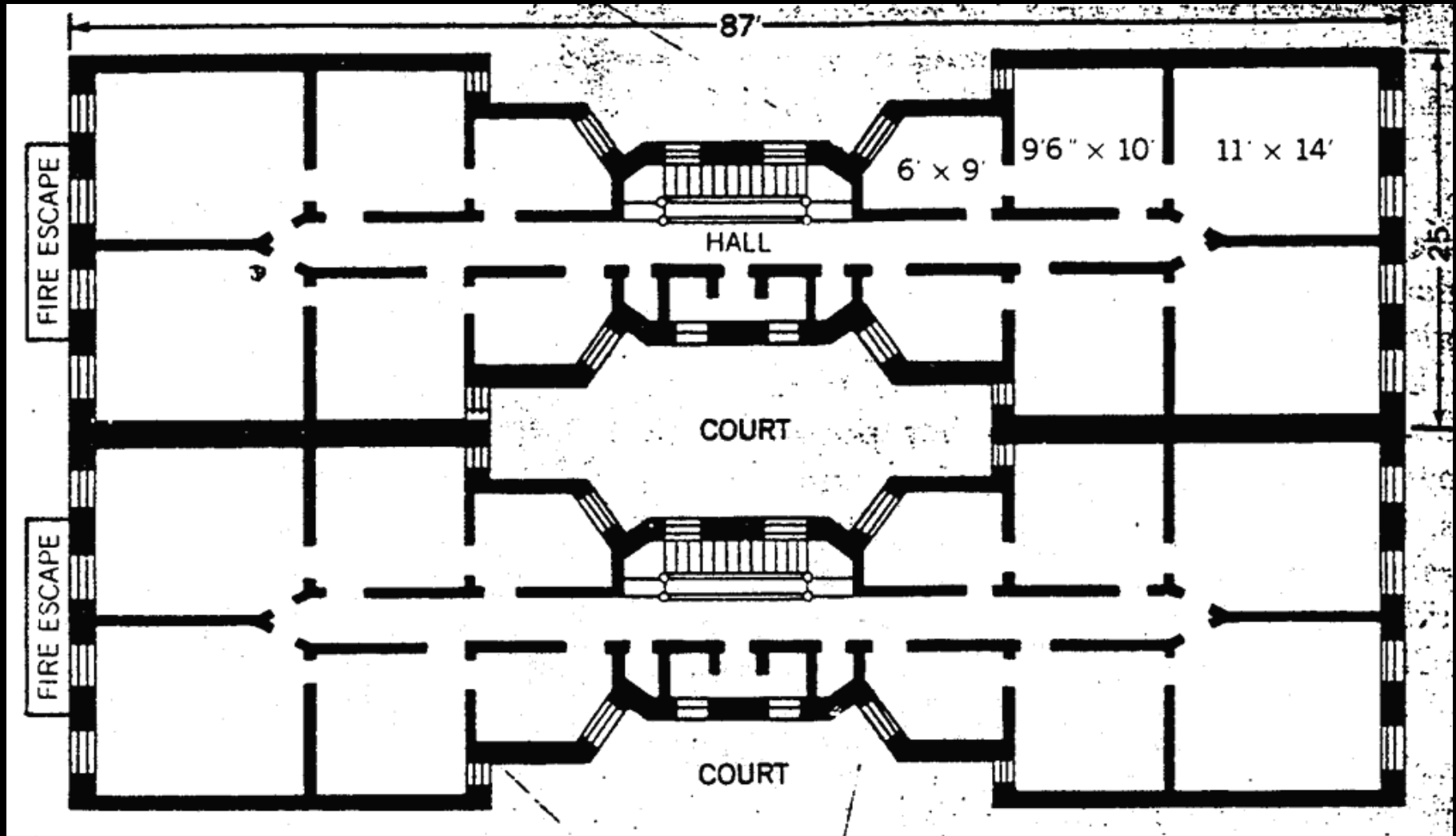
Women's Lodgings



Immigrant Family Lodgings



Dumbbell Tenement Plan



Tenement House Act of 1879, NYC

Blind Beggar, 1888



Italian Rag-Picker



1890s "Morgue" – Basement Saloon



“Black & Tan” Saloon



”Bandits’ Roost”



Mullen's Alley "Gang"



The Street Was Their Playground



Lower East Side Immigrant Family



A Struggling Immigrant Family



Another Struggling Immigrant Family





Shirtwaist Workers Strike

1909 - 1910

Rosa Schneiderman, Garment Worker



Child Labor



Average Shirtwaist Worker's Week

51 hours or less	4,554	5%
52-57 hours	65,033	79%
58-63 hours	12,211	15%
Over 63 hours	562	1%

Total employees, men and women 82,360

Womens' Trade Union League



Women Voting for a Strike!



The Uprising of the Twenty Thousands

(Dedicated to the Waistmakers of 1909)

In the black of the winter of nineteen nine,
When we froze and bled on the picket line,
We showed the world that women could fight
And we rose and won with women's might.

Chorus:

Hail the waistmakers of nineteen nine,
Making their stand on the picket line,
Breaking the power of those who reign,
Pointing the way, smashing the chain.
And we gave new courage to the men
Who carried on in nineteen ten
And shoulder to shoulder we'll win through,
Led by the I.L.G.W.U.

Local 25 with Socialist Paper, *The Call*



Social and Political Activists



Clara Lemlich,
Labor Organizer



Carola Woerishoffer,
Bryn Mawr Graduate

Public Fear of Unions/Anarchists



Arresting the Girl Strikers for Picketing



Scabs Hired



*The Triangle
Shirtwaist
Factory Fire,
March 25, 1911*

“The Shirtwaist Kings” Max Blanck and Isaac Harris



Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Asch Building, 8th and 10th Floors





Typical NYC Sweatshop, 1910



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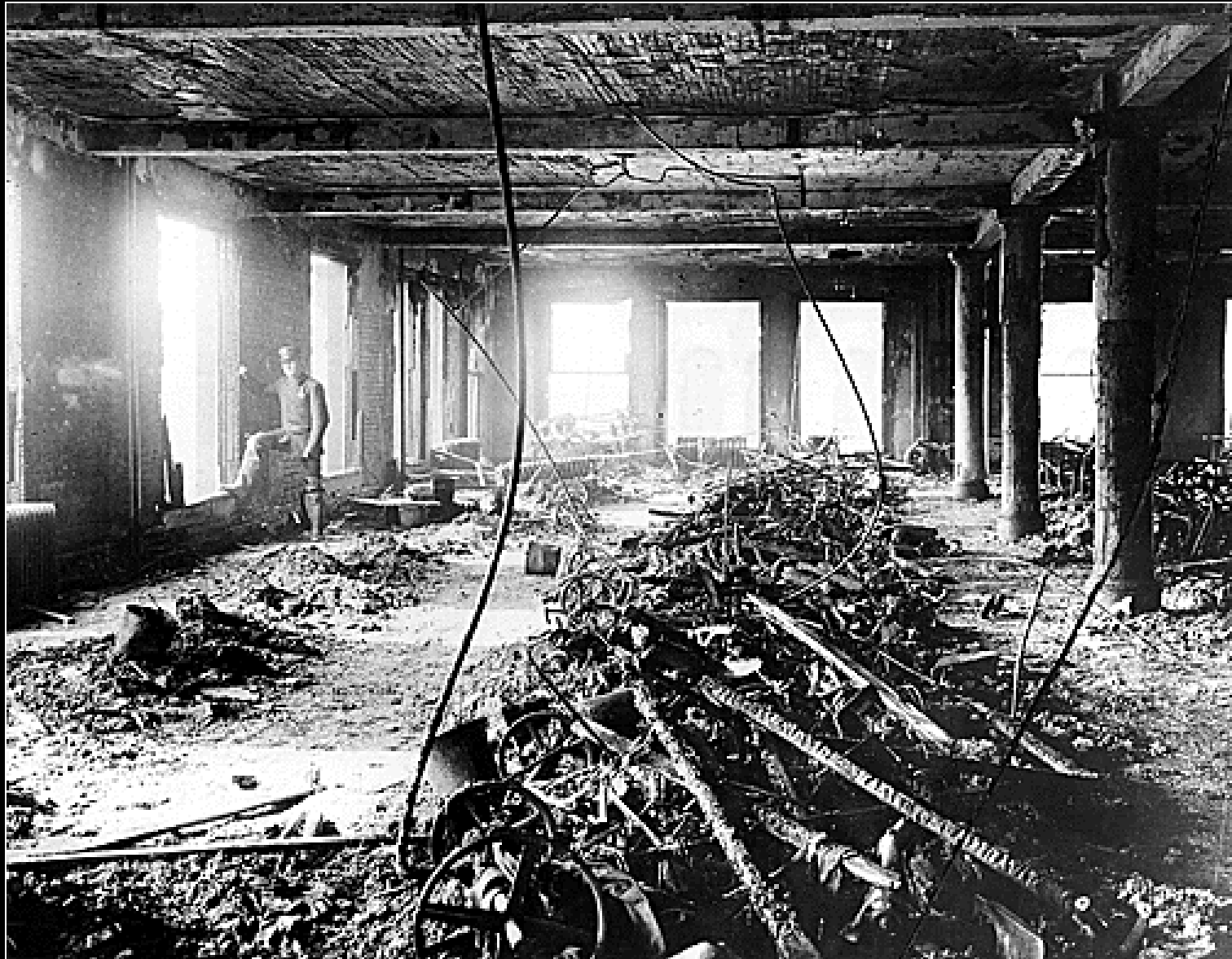
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Inside the Building After the Fire



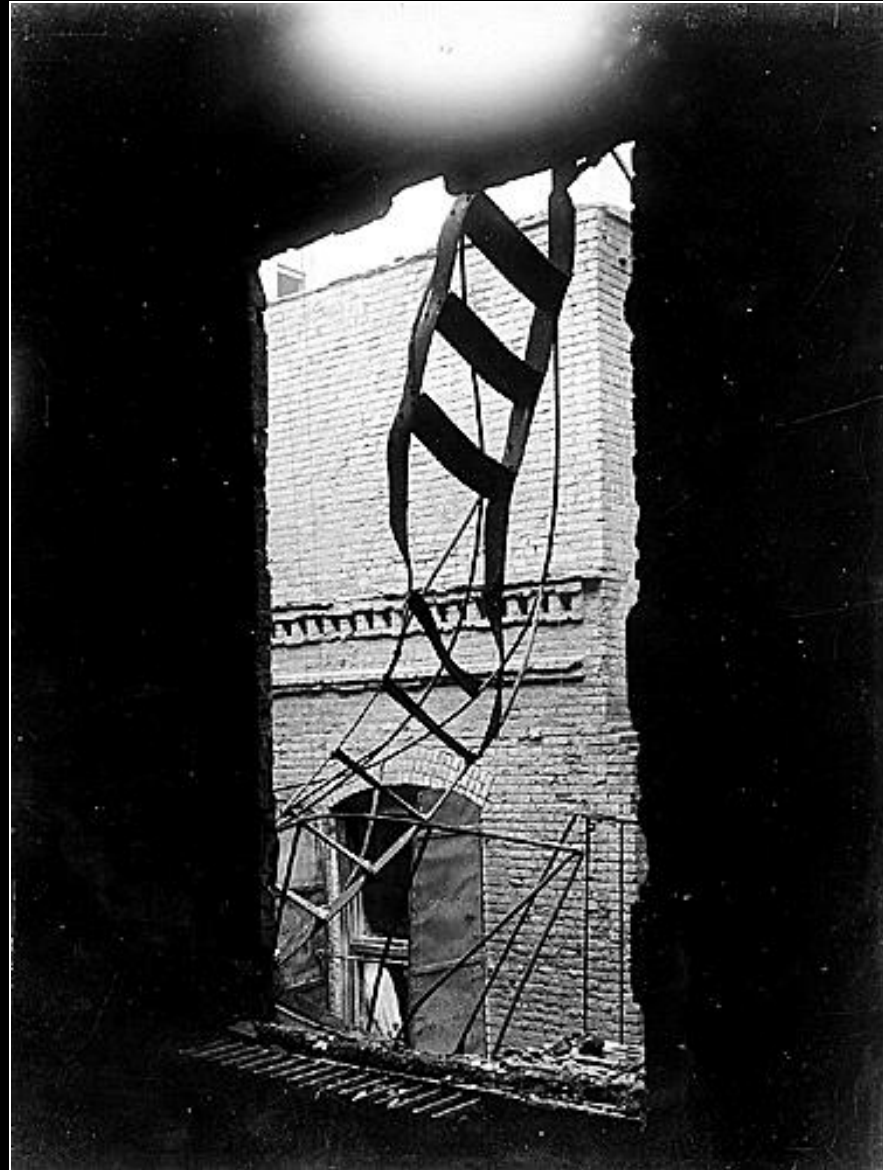
Most Doors Were Locked



24. Sarah Cammestine
Swore doors were all locked



Crumpled Fire Escape, 26 Died



One of the Heroes



10th Floor After the Fire



Dead Bodies on the Sidewalk



One of the “Lucky” Ones?



18. One girl who escaped, lost two sisters in fire

Rose Schneiderman

The Last Survivor



Scene at the Morgue



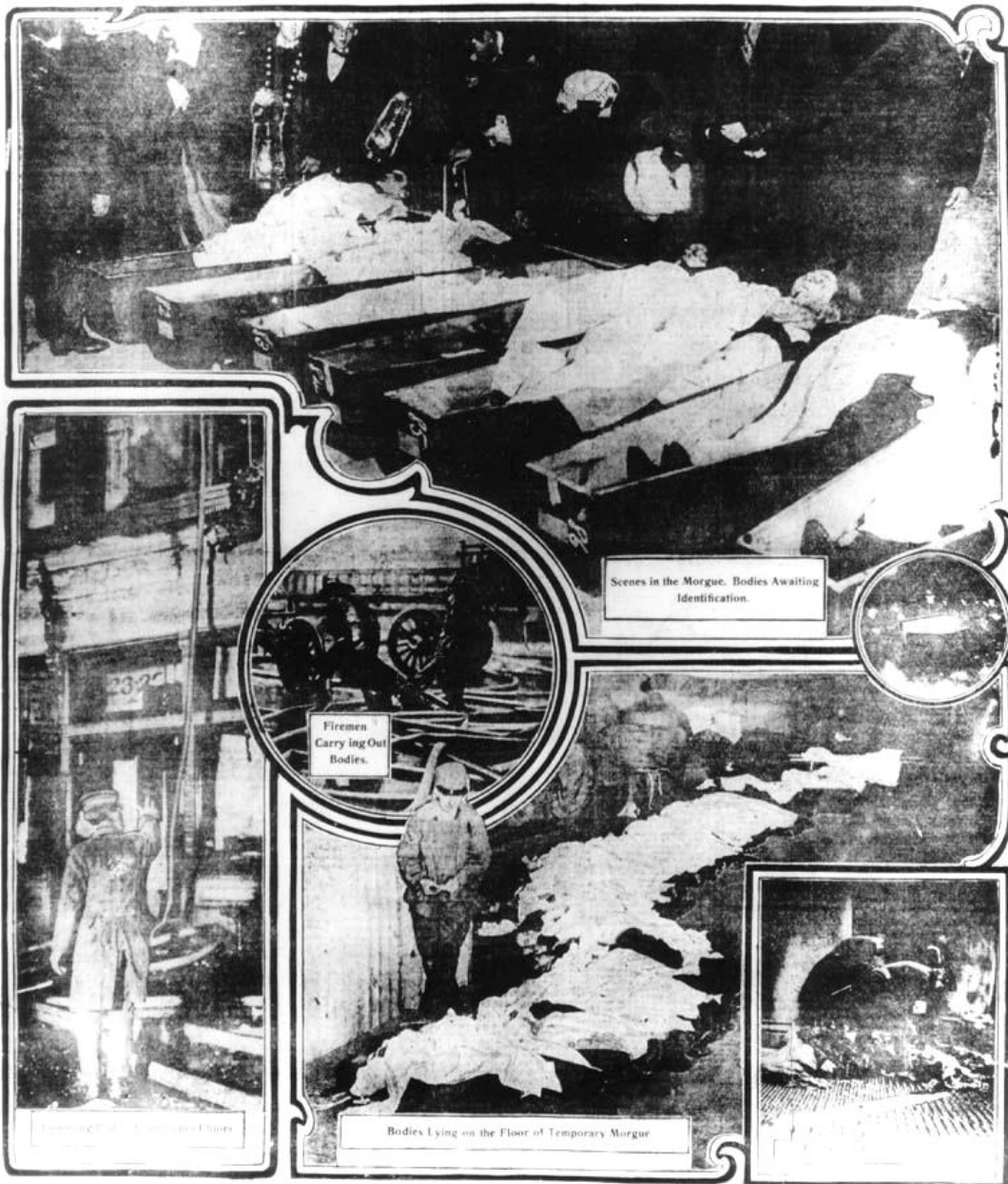
Relatives Review Bodies

145 Dead



SCENES OF DEATH AND SORROW AT THE GREAT NEW YORK FIRE DISASTER

Photographs taken especially for the Evening Journal



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New York
Journal

One of the Many Funerals



Protestors March to City Hall



Labor Unions March as Mourners



Women Workers March to City Hall



The Investigation



26. Mayor Gaynor

Commissioner Waldo

Chief Croker

It is now up to them for investigation

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS!



Francis Perkins

Future Secretary Of Labor








Alfred E. Smith – Future NYC Mayor and Presidential Candidate







Future Senator Robert Wagner



Out of the Ashes

-  ILGWU membership surged.
-  NYC created a Bureau of Fire Prevention.
-  New strict building codes were passed.
-  Tougher fire inspection of sweatshops.
-  Growing momentum of support for women's suffrage.




The Foundations Were Laid for the New Deal Here in 1911

-  Al Smith ran unsuccessfully in 1928 on many of the reform programs that would be successful for another New Yorker 4 years later – FDR.
-  In the 1930s, the federal government created OSHA [the Occupational Safety & Health Administration].
-  The Wagner Act.
-  Francis Perkins → first female Cabinet member [Secretary of Labor] in FDR's administration.

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