

Heroic Young Foreman Loses Her Life to Save Others From Death in Flames

Miss Fannie Lansner Guides Girls to Safety Until Her Own Escape is Cut Off

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Calm in Midst of Peril, She Does Her Utmost to Calm Panic Stricken Women to the Last.

Survivors today tell of the heroism of many of the girls who, struggling with their more frantic and panic stricken comrades, did all in their power to prevent disaster on the upper floor of the Asch Building. None of the stories of those who sacrificed themselves for others is more pathetic than that of Miss Fannie Lansner, twenty-one year old, who lived at No. 78 Forsyth Street.

Miss Lansner was the Forewoman in the Triangle shirtwaist factory, and, according to the survivors, she did everything in her power to keep the girls together near the elevator shaft and wait for the return trip.

Speaking both Yiddish and English to the girls who were huddled about her, all crying and screaming,

Miss Lansner guided some of them down the stairways and kept others waiting for the elevator.

Refused to Escape

Trip after trip of the elevator was made and Miss Lansner remained on the floor, and though several girls begged her to go with them down the elevator, Miss Lansner said she would be, "all right," and told them to go out as quickly as possible. According to Miss Ethel Monick, one of the girls guided through smoke and into the elevator by Miss Lansner, she came down in the last trip of the elevator.

"There was too much smoke for the man to go back and, of course, Miss Lansner could not get out. I then went out on the street and the most horrible sight I ever saw

by my eyes. Girls were jumping from the ninth and tenth floor windows. I turned my eyes away and I ran. I only got a few feet away when I had to turn again and then saw Miss Lansner's body come tumbling through the air. The sound was awful and I almost fainted. Then some one picked her up with the others, but she was dead.

"All Loved Her"

"We all loved Miss Lansner for she would not discharge us unless we broke some rule of the firm

and even then it would have to be something very bad before she would do it. Many of the girls were kept with the firm because of Miss Lansner's kindness, who would go to the boss after a girl had been away for a couple of days and say something and say something nice about her and she would come back.

"But with all that she was one of the strictest girls we ever knew, and one of the best workers. Of course, I am glad I was saved, but I am awfully sorry for Miss Lansner and all of us feel the same."

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