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TITLE: "WINTER FIRES HIT HARLEM"

3. New York--A wave of mid-winter fires strikes Harlem, as flames destroy this furniture factory. And even as firemen battle this blaze two other buildings in nearby blocks are burning. New York, wondering about the fire hazard from possible buzz-bombing, found its capacities severely taxed just from fires like these.
11. Then, only a few blocks away Paramount News Cameraman Tom Craven rushes to another of the three Harlem blazes--this one a huge warehouse. Fire Commissioner Walsh and Mayor LaGuardia see apparatus working feverishly in Harlem today. In all 250 fire engines were called from Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.
24. Then more tragedy! An explosion blew the roof and wall into the street, smashing private cars and fire apparatus and killing two firemen.
33. The war on fire continued all through the night, as the the temperature took one of the quickest drops in New York's history.
36. By morning tons of ice presented a strange picture--but Harlem's triple fire wave had been conquered!

Three large fires blazing at the same time paralysed business activity in Harlem, home of New York's coloured colony. The first was at a furniture factory, but no sooner had the brigade got into action than two other buildings in near-by blocks were in the grip of the flames. ~~Mammi~~ Mayor La Guardia was soon on the scene.

An explosion blew the roof off one building, a large wall crashed into the street. Two firemen were killed, several injured. Two hundred and fifty fire engines were in use when night fell. Then the temperature took a steep dive. The fires were out but the district looked as though the universe had got a burst pipe.

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An Iowa Hospital for wounded soldiers has given a new slant to tattooing. An orderly with the gift of painting decorates the plaster casts in which the ~~G.I.~~ <sup>G.I.</sup> ~~Joese~~ are recovering from wounds. They have the warriors' traditional liking for pictures of the "fair sex", and it's there that this method beats tattooing. The casts come off in a few weeks, leaving nothing to be explained to the wife.

(After farm). -----It helps to pass the time for the men who got wounded pushing the Germans out of France.

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