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SUNKEN MUNITIONS SHIP IN NEW YORK HARBOR



Associated Press WIREPHOTO New York Harbor off Bayonne, where the fire broke out, and all aboard perished.

Nothing but the superstructure was visible yesterday of this merchantman, which, while carrying a cargo of high explosives, caught fire on Saturday night and was flooded to avert the danger of explosion.

Associated Press (U. S. Navy)

Mayor La Guardia expressed satisfaction yesterday with the speed and efficiency of the Fire Department in handling the blaze aboard the munitions-laden freighter that was scuttled Saturday night in New York Bay.

"The city fireboat Firefighter made several attacks on the blaz-

ing superstructure," the Mayor said, "and finally tied up alongside and began pouring 100,000 gallons of water a minute into the vessel. We heard a number of detonations aboard the vessel and felt that at any minute we might be gone, but thank God, we went through it safely. The detonations,

we learned afterward, were caused by flares in the ship's lifeboats."

Mayor La Guardia, who boarded the Firefighter from a police launch that took him to the scene of the fire, said that the heat from the burning merchantman finally became so intense that it became necessary to cut the lines that kept the Firefighter alongside.

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Ammunition Ship Sunk to Prevent Catastrophe



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FIRE QUENCHED—This munitions ship was sunk Saturday night by sailors and Coast Guardsmen in New York Harbor off Bayonne, N. J., to quench a fire aboard and thus prevent a gigantic explosion. It had been towed up the bay, where the fire broke out, and all residents in the section were warned to protect themselves before the sea cocks finally were opened and it went to the bottom

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