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Munitions Ship Danger Over

Residents of lower New York, Staten Island, and the Brooklyn and New Jersey shore areas breathed easier today with official assurances that the fire aboard a munitions ship in New York Bay was out and that all danger from the vessel was past.

The fire was first reported Saturday night, when a warning was broadcast to the lower Manhattan, New Jersey, Brooklyn and Staten Island shore areas that an explosion was possible.

The vessel was a merchant ship loaded with explosives.

Mayor La Guardia took personal charge of fire-fighting, establishing headquarters on Pier A, Manhattan, and later visiting the scene of the fire aboard a fireboat.

Following Navy orders, fireboat crews finally sank the ship in the Upper Bay, in 45 feet of water. The fire continued to burn for some time, but no explosion occurred and the flames were eventually extinguished by sea water pouring into the sunken ship.

NOTE:

This article, as well as others on this subject, gives rise to the belief that the press in N.Y. is cooperating in quieting this info. Also, the name of the vessel and particulars are "blurred down." Somebody in N.Y. (probably Edwin Parker) knows how to handle the press.

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