


What were some of the **problems** of this time period?



- worker exploitation
- child labor
- pollution
- urban decay
- gap between rich and poor
- monopolies
- political corruption
- social inequality
- and more...





# Uncovering Problems at the Turn of the Century





**A family earns money by sewing in their New York City tenement apartment**









# 19th Century Lower East Side Sanitation and the Rivington Street Dump





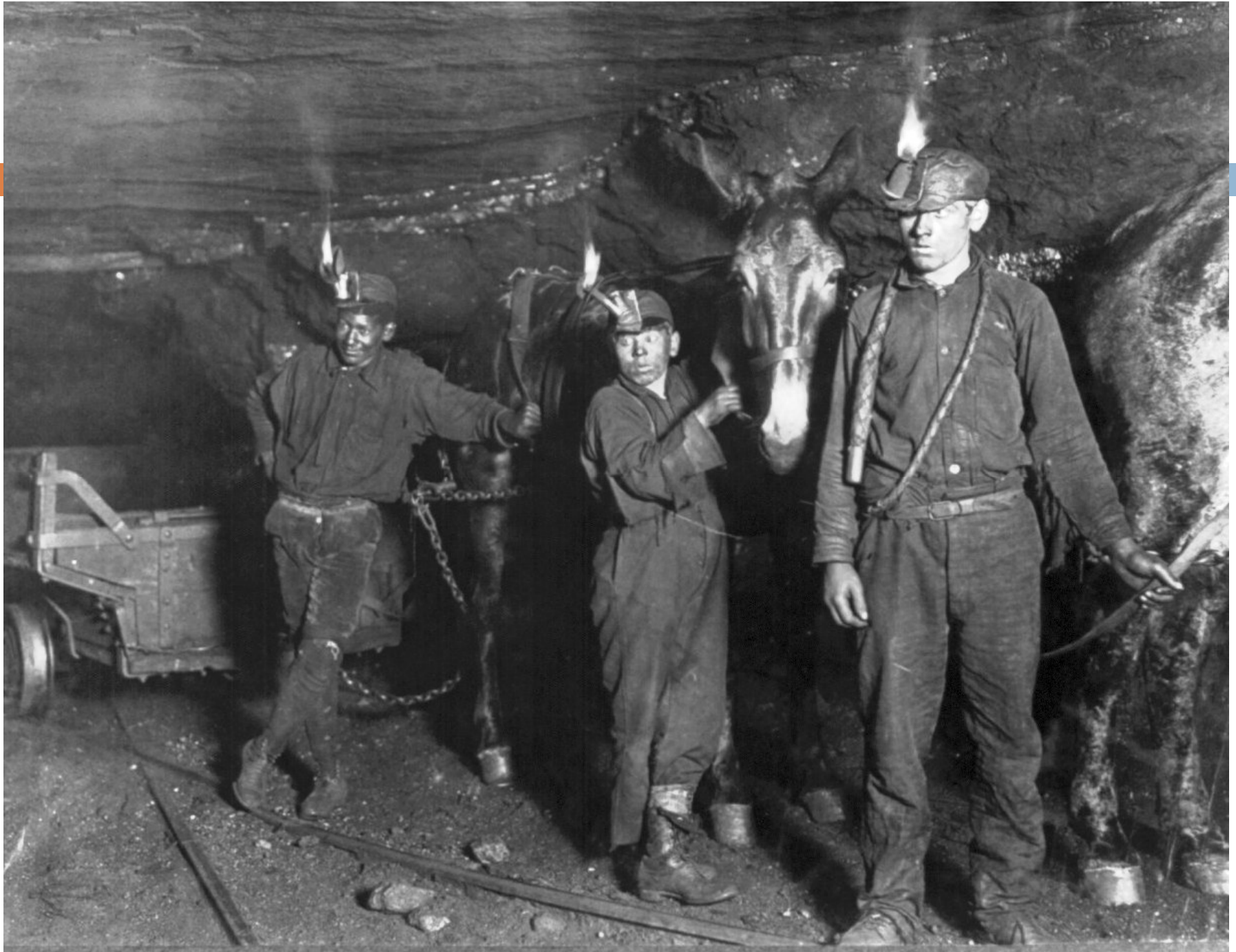




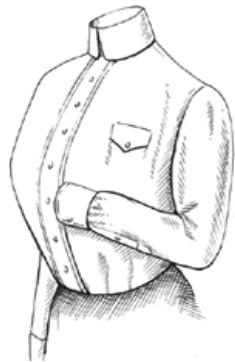


Hundreds of women working in a Minneapolis clothing factory

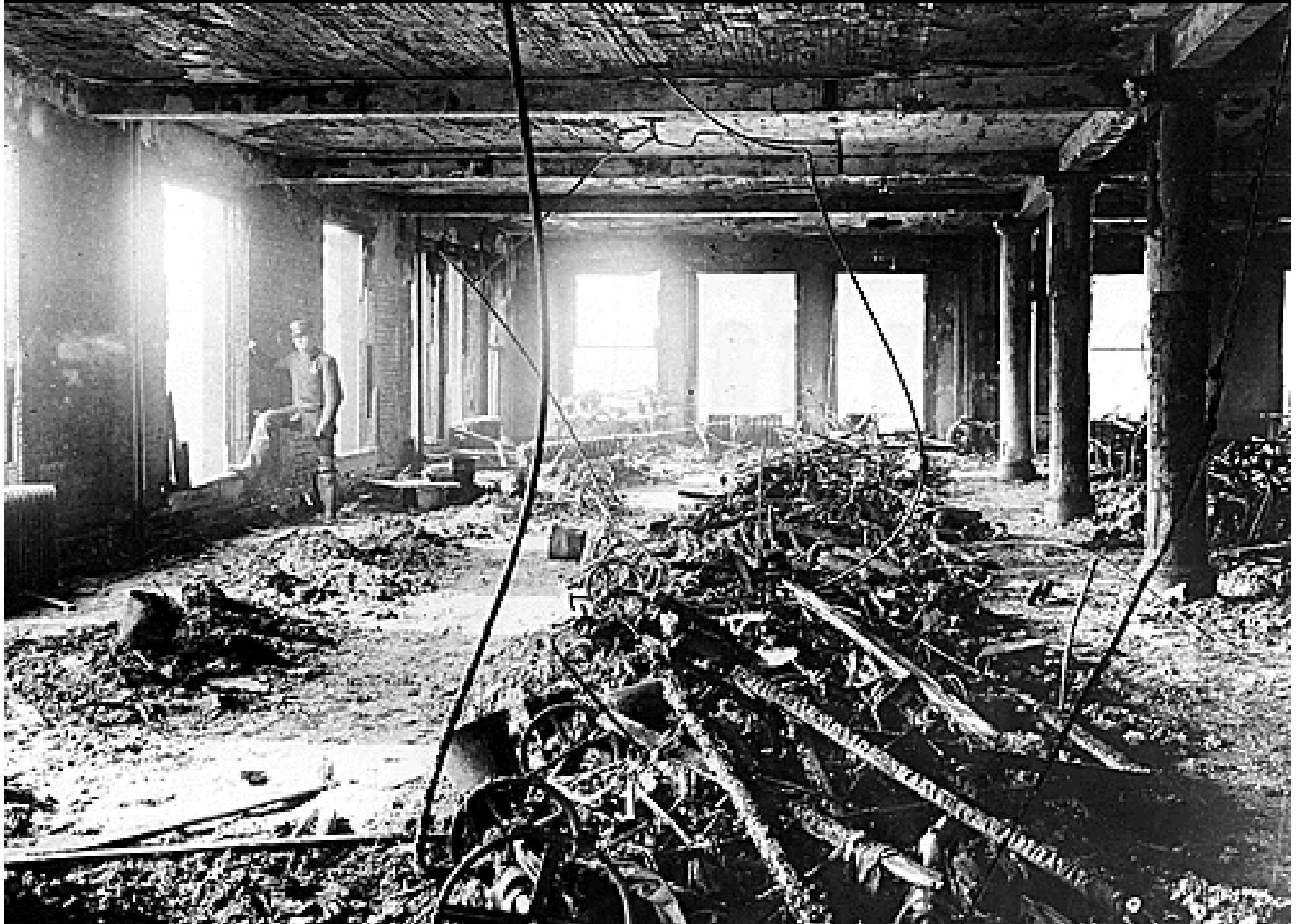




**1911**  
**Triangle Shirtwaist**  
**Factory Fire**



IT WAS PROBABLY STARTED BY A CIGARETTE.





“A young woman stood in a window as flames flickered around her. She flung her hat grandly into the air. Then she opened her purse and threw all the money down. Then she jumped...”





“(A reporter) saw a young man help a young woman step onto the windowsill, then held her away from the building—like a dancer, perhaps. Or as the reporter put it, like a man helping a woman into a streetcar. He let go.”





“He held out a second girl in the same way and then let her drop,” the reporter wrote. “Then he held out a third girl. They didn’t resist.” The fourth one was apparently his sweetheart. Amazed, the bystanders saw them embrace and kiss. “Then he held her out into space and dropped her. But, quick as a flash, he was on the windowsill himself. His coat flattened upward; the air filled his trouser legs; I could see that he wore tan shoes and socks. His hat remained on his head.”





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## 10 DEAD

## 'DIXIE FLYER' FALLS 75 FEET

## WILD WITH FRIGHT GIRLS LEAP TO SURE DEATH ON PAVEMENT

### LIMITED TRAIN GOES INTO GULLY

Dead and Wounded in Mass of Tangled Wreckage of Train

CAUSE IS A MYSTERY  
But Ten Bodies Had Been Discovered at Late Hour Saturday—Structures Went Down With Five Coaches Into Stream Bed

OCILLA, Ga., March 25.—One of the worst railroad disasters in the history of the south Atlantic states, one which is known to have been killed and a score or more injured when Atlantic Coast line train bound for the Ft. Pierce, Fla., on the Dixie Flyer, went through a trestle over the Atlantic river 18 miles east of here, about 5 o'clock this morning.

The wreckage and twisted metal, the mangled and a passenger train, lay the river. Five bodies were recovered from the train.

The Dead  
WILLIAM COLLETT, 70, the son of J. T. WATSON, London, Tenn.  
W. S. FARRIS, 60, Cleveland, Ohio.  
J. WHITEHEAD, 50, Birmingham, Alabama.  
ALBERT BISHOP, 40, Birmingham, Alabama.  
NORM FISHMAN, 30, Birmingham, Alabama.  
UNIDENTIFIED white men.

The Injured  
J. P. WILSON, 50, and John W. Jones, J. T. Watson, London, Tenn.  
J. S. Powell, 40, Birmingham, Alabama.

W. T. Perkins, 40, Idaho.  
E. G. Goodrich, 40, Idaho.  
C. Goodrich, 40, Idaho.  
W. H. Fisher, 40, Idaho.  
The injured were transported to the hospital. Goodrich was killed at the scene. The dead were taken to the home of J. T. Watson and J. P. Wilson.

The disaster takes witness a moment's warning and the loss of life in the Dixie Flyer disaster which had happened here included in the list of the most catastrophic disasters in the history of the Dixie Flyer.

An inquiry as to whether the trestle was taken from the river was made and it is believed that the trestle was taken from the river. The trestle was taken from the river and the trestle was taken from the river.

### Battleships and Marines Ready for Lower California



## MEXICO MUST RELEASE TWO

Americans in Juarez Prison Were Arrested and Dragged Off American Soil

EL PASO, Tex., March 25.—Although the United States has been unable to secure the release of two American citizens who were arrested in Juarez, Mexico, last week, the United States government has today announced that it will demand their release.

## DYNAMITE BIG STEEL PLANT

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—A dynamite explosion at the steel plant here today destroyed a large part of the plant. The explosion was caused by a dynamite fuse which had been lit by a worker.

## WAR SURE RUSSIA CHINA

Car Demands Satisfactory Answer to Ultimatum Tuesday—Upon Failure Russia Reserves Right to Proceed to Action

### JAPANESE ARMY IS READY

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 25.—Russia has sent an ultimatum to China declaring that if an definitive and satisfactory reply to the Russian note of February 18 is not received by March 25, it reserves its right to proceed to action and will make the Chinese government responsible for the situation created by it.

## REFORMS MAY END REBELLION

Instructions Will Depend Entirely on Government of States Resigning

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 25.—Whether the resignation of Governor Olson will result in the end of the rebellion in the state will depend entirely on the instructions which will be given to the new government.

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## LINCOLN TO HEAD NEGRO CITY

NEGRO CITY, TEXAS, March 25.—Lincoln City will have a new name when it is incorporated as a city. The name will be Lincoln City.

## ANTI JAP BILL NOT WANTED

President Takes Hand in O's Forts and Legislature Becomes One

## SPORTING PASTOR ON 'WILL HE WIN'

Believes in All Kind of Sports and in Talk of Carl

Worst Fire New York Has Had Since the Burning of the General Store in 1906—Nearly All Worked in Shirt Factory at Washington Place

## WORKED FAR ABOVE STREET IN LOFT

NEW YORK, Mar. 25.—One hundred and forty-eight persons—nine tenths of those girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered in smoke or burned alive in a factory fire at the Triangle Waist company this afternoon in the worst disaster New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the waters edge of North Brother Island in 1904.

One hundred and forty-two bodies have been recovered from the ruins at midnight and seven of the forty injured had died in hospital. This, it is believed, constitutes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified. Brief-stranded relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were held out.

## ANTI JAP BILL NOT WANTED

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 25.—The assembly tonight by a vote of 25 to 20, rejected the Judiciary committee's report on the anti-Japanese bill. The bill is a measure which would prohibit the admission of Japanese immigrants to the state.

The governor is believed to have received a message from Washington saying that he will veto the bill.

Assemblyman Carlson, of San Francisco, declares he will veto the bill.



# Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

Could this fire have been prevented?

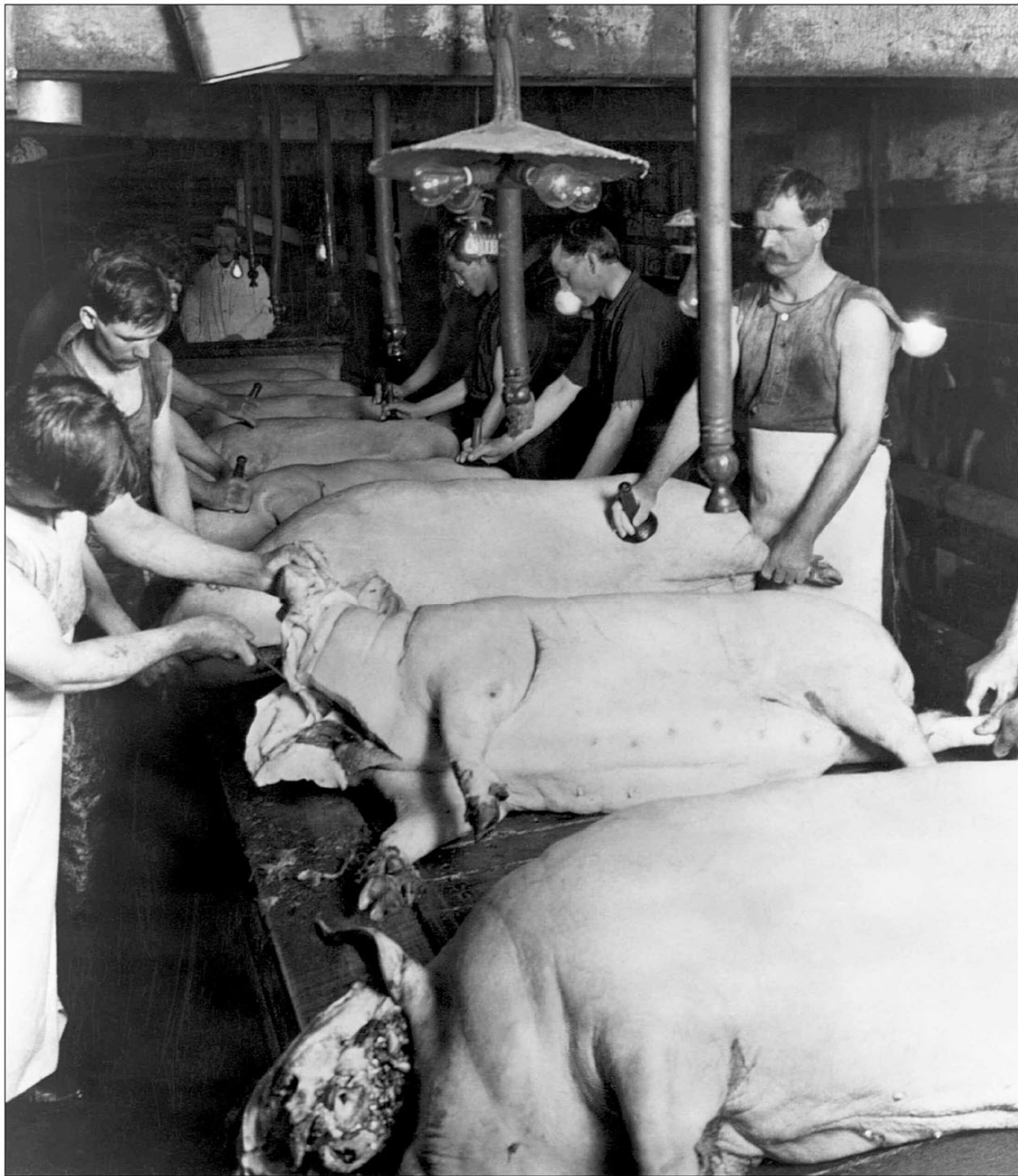
What could have been done to lessen the severity of the fire?

**Not one factory in NY  
had...**

- **ceiling sprinklers**
- **firewalls**
- **fireproof doors**

***...even though the technology was  
available.***





Slaughterhouse workers scrape hog carcasses at a Chicago meatpacking plant





A logging camp in the redwood forests of northern California







Women suffragists in New York City demonstrate for the right to vote



# Uncovering Problems Quick-Write



- What problems did Americans face at the turn of the 20th century?
- Which of these problems do you feel was the most significant?
- *How should those issues be addressed?*