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TALE OF GREAT FIRE FULL OF THRILLING INCIDENTS

J. H. Miller, of London, England, Who Narrowly Escaped Tragic End Tells of His Experiences—Terrific Wind Caused Flames to Overleap Any Obstacle—Weird Night Scenes.

OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK OF THE INHABITANTS

Gradually the story of the North Ontario fire is being unfolded, and it is as full of thrilling incidents as the most imaginative of romances. That familiarity with danger breeds indifference to it is a maxim justified by experience and certainly the dwellers in the Canadian Rand appear to have given little thought to the inflammable character of the district. Weeks of drought and high temperature had reduced much of the vegetation to a state of extreme desiccation and crumbled it into powdery dust. The muskeg in many cases had become dry moss beds, the brush was little better than tinder, indeed the train was laid for a veritable fire cataclysm. Bush fires were common, and in some places had been burning for weeks with spasmodic intensity. But in the camps little or no attention was paid these precautions. Lulled into fancied safety by the prospect of a miner, trader and resident, pursued their wonted avocations and gave no thought for the morrow.

Rivers Overleaped

This was the extraordinary and unprecedented combination that carried this Porcupine fire out of the category of common bush fires. Lakes and rivers that would usually have afforded a sufficient measure of protection were instantaneously overleaped, and complicated more curious and alarming incidents. The wind, which was blowing from the west, found themselves face to face with death.

No finer examples of courage and heroism have been known since the days offered by the men and women of the northland. These qualities displayed, under circumstances the most provocative of panic, will redound at least to the credit of the brave folk who are building up New Ontario. All that they did will never be known, but the incidents that have taken place light warrant the belief that they are typical, not individual instances.

Nothing could be more intensely striking than Mr. Miller's picture of the scene at Porcupine, where the burning piles cast a white light—like that of an electric arc lamp—against the murky clouds of smoke that rolled over the camp and enveloped in darkness as of night. Weird and eerie in the highest degree it must have been to the crowd of men and women at the points that afforded best shelter. Odd, too, must have been that journey on the blazing corduroy road, with its infernal horses and unrecognizable human bodies and the only things, the rabbits that crossed the path within a few feet of the wayfarers. These are the scenes and episodes that live in the memory when time has effaced the sharp edge of a section.

Remarkable, too, is the optimistic outlook of the men who have passed through the fiery trial. These towns, with only one or two exceptions, will rise from their ruins and be no more vigorous life. They will be better built, better laid out, better fitted every way to meet the requirements of Canadian civilization. The gold is still there, the fire is spent. No will the last and worst tragedy of New Ontario be altogether regrettable if it leads to a real and honest effort to utilize to the utmost the most magnificent asset that the province possesses. This is a matter with which the government should be grapple. It is not too much to require the formulation of a bold forward policy that will build up the conditions that are bound to come. The government is at the threshold of a great opportunity and it must not be lost. To meet a staggering and demanding no less than executive ability.

The Dead

Charles Fox, The World's representative in Porcupine, sends the following list of the dead at Porcupine:

West Dome

Robert Weiss, Mrs. Weiss and daughter, Butte, Montana.
James Welch, Cache Bay, Ont.
James Reamie, 211 Fairley-avenue, Toronto.
John McLaughlin, Loue, Que.
William King, Elk City, Idaho.
Angus McDonald, Ontario, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ditt, Cobalt.
John DeAsterre, Toronto.
D. M. McQueen and Mrs. McQueen, Galt.
John Wall, Butte, Montana.
Charles Brooker, Toronto (wife now in Toronto hospital).
John Saucha, address not known.
Hugh McLeod, Nova Scotia.
Lester Henninger, Nova Scotia.
J. W. Traubshaw, Pueblo, Colorado.
J. Paulin, Monsieur, Que.
W. Biette, address not known.
A. J. Ryan, Lowell, Mass.
William McLean, Calgary.
John Taylor, 211 Fairley-avenue.
Total—25; one missing.

Dome Mines

Harry Hardy, Bath, England.
John Whittman, Toronto, Ont.
Thomas John King, Copper Cliff.
Henry Jackson, Colorado, American.
Archer Johnson, Sudbury.
Leo H. Sullivan, London, England (body shipped).
Two employees, foreign born, died on train while being taken out.
Total—8.

United Porcupine

Andrew Yull, Toronto.
Frank Flynn, no address.
One unidentified.
Total—11 buried on the grounds.
Julia M. Motzner, French consul, Montreal.
Andre Patoux, waiter at Metropole Hotel, from Paris, France.
C. E. Adams, Philadelphia Mines, Phoenixville, Arizona.
Max Smith, burned in Gore's store, South Porcupine, New Ulster.
Stanley Fitzmaurice, Melbourne, Australia.
Thomas Geddes, burned in theatre, South Porcupine.
Two unidentified bodies found in ruins at South Porcupine.
Unidentified man found on banks of Porcupine River, suffocated and burned.
Two unidentified bodies reported along the boundary line of Shaw and burned.
Total—11. Grand total of bodies so far recovered from ruins—48.

Bodies Recovered From the Lakes

April Moudous, Cobalt, body not recovered in Porcupine Lake.
William Moore, Cobalt, body not recovered.
Melvin Strain, body recovered from Porcupine Lake.
Walter Spoke, Wash., not recovered.
Stanley Nicholson, Guelph, not recovered.
William Gohr, body not recovered.
Stanley Fitzmaurice, Melbourne, Australia, body not recovered.
J. E. Taylor, drowned in Pearl Lake, body not recovered.
Pat Deery, body not recovered.
Total—7.
The grand total of deaths now, as far as known—57.
The bodies of several of the river banks, blinded from smoke, and relief parties are on the way with medicine and provisions.
A boat a mile south of the middle line of Whitney and Tisdale is left.

LOSS OF LIFE NO SO HEAVY VOTE ON PACT A WEEK TO-DAY

Hon. Frank Cochrane Aroused Over What He Terms Grosse Exaggeration—Big Exodus From Porcupine.

Reassuring reports came to the parliament buildings and offices of the T. & N. O. yesterday regarding the loss of life in the Porcupine fire. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of lands, forests and mines, who has shared with Mr. English a large part of the anxiety and responsibility of controlling the situation the last few days, was rather severe in his criticism of what he termed exaggerated reports of the casualties. He said:

"While we don't want to minimize this terrible afflict, reports coming in are greatly exaggerated. Our Mr. Clement, chief engineer of the T. & N. O. Railway, says that only 25 people have been accounted for as dead. We have already from the Dome recovered bodies that their death list is nine only. In a number of instances where bodies have been reported as lying on the ground, investigation by Mr. Clement has failed to find anybody who had seen any. Wild rumors are current and they are spread to an incredible extent. We want to check these wild rumors, and I feel from the reports we receive and the questions asked that people are unreasonably alarmed. What the people want is cooking utensils. There is plenty of provisions on the way for the present."

Early to Leave Porcupine

Substantially the World Mr. Cochrane declared the effect of these reports on relatives and friends of those who are presently en route to Porcupine. The loss of life was said to be a matter of great importance to comfort the people and inspire confidence that the train would be ready to start to leave the town early in the morning. The fact that Mr. Cochrane, every person who wanted to come out of Porcupine could come. Two trains were being left there, one to the westward, and another to the eastward. There is no suffering. They have food, tents and covering against the weather. Every body from the Porcupine, Phoenixville, and other affected districts could come out on the railway without expense, but many refused and preferred to remain in the town.

On all sides words of commendation are spoken of the work of the men of the T. & N. O. who have been indefatigable in their efforts to afford relief. Food parcels have been forwarded to the train. The fact that the Superintendent Black and Chief Engineer Clement, for their cool, level-headed action in controlling the situation. It

DARING AVIATOR WHO ONCE CARRIED KING OF SIAM AS PASSENGER, DASHED TO THE GROUND—SEVENTY-FIFTH VICTIM OF THE SCIENCE OF AVIATION.

"Bud Mars," Who Once Carried King of Siam as Passenger, Dashed to the Ground—Seventy-Fifth Victim of the Science of Aviation.

ERIE, Pa., July 14.—"Bud" Mars, the well known aviator was probably fatally injured in this city this afternoon when he crashed several hundred feet to the ground. The heavy biplane dropped on top of him. His injuries are of such a nature, it is said that there is practically no hope for his recovery. The aviator's wife witnessed the accident and to-night her condition is serious, due to shock.

Mars had made one successful flight earlier in the afternoon. He was in the air for the second time when the accident occurred. Several thousand spectators were watching him. He circled the field a number of times at a height of several hundred feet. Suddenly the machine made a dip downward and Mars was seen to jerk at something in an effort to regain control. It was a futile attempt, however, and the machine made a dip downward and Mars was seen to jerk at something in an effort to regain control. It was a futile attempt, however, and the machine made a dip downward and Mars was seen to jerk at something in an effort to regain control.

Known for His Daring

James C. Mars is well known for his daring in the field of aviation. At the age of 15 he learned parachute jumping as a pupil of Capt. Tom Baldwin, U.S.A. Mars, a young man he has been a circus rider, lion-tamer, high diver and balloonist. He took up aeroplaning with Glenn Curtiss a year ago, and on his second flight he crashed into a tree and was seriously injured. He was taken to a hospital. To-night, Dr. Boughton, one of the physicians attending Mars on the field, handed a statement from the hospital to the effect that the aviator's chest was badly injured, and that he had sustained considerable injury to the brain and internal injuries, while he is also bruised from head to foot.

Victim of Narcotics

William McCool, Employee of Drug House, in Critical Condition.

William McCool, 25 years, employed by Northrup & Lyman, wholesale druggist, was removed from his rooming house at 26 Charlotte-street at 9:15 last night in an unconscious condition. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, believed to be suffering from narcotic poisoning. He had not arisen at the usual hour yesterday morning and his wife found him in a stupor. At the hospital last night the doctors were unable to say whether the man had taken poison, but that he was in a critical condition, being still unconscious.

Shipping Freight Free

The Grand Trunk Railway has issued orders to ship freight free from seven to ten days to the victims of the Porcupine fire. The railway has also agreed to pay the cost of the freight on the bodies of the victims.

An Unusual Locust

Ward's Island, the other day had an unusual visitor in the shape of a species of locust, or properly speaking a cicada, the longest lived of insects. It is said to spend seventeen years in the ground before attaining maturity. The specimen caught is about an inch long and of a rich chocolate color.

Have You Seen Alicia Law?

Has anyone seen this girl? She is Alicia Law, 17 years of age, fair complexion with fair curly hair. She left York Mills Wednesday morning to come to Toronto, and her mother, Mrs. Law of York Mills is anxiously searching for her. Any information regarding her communication to the Toronto police will help to allay a mother's anxiety.

Great Reductions in Men's Hats

This Saturday should mean many a Dime's for a new hat simply for the reason that there is now a big clearing sale of men's hats. Prices start with straw hats at \$1.50, the regular price of which would be \$2 to \$3, and with panamas at \$2.75, which would be \$4 to \$5. These hats are of a very superior quality. The sale includes the more expensive lines all reduced in price. The store is open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Going Some

The Sunday World will print and sell to-night 56,000 copies. This is an increase of 1900 over last week's figures, when the issue ran out early. We have been printing on about 1000 a week during the hot weather, even with a great many people out of town, and the point for advertisers: Get some of the benefit.

ONE ESTIMATE PLACES NUMBER OF DEAD AT 500

Relief Fund in Britain

OTTAWA, July 14.—(Special.)—Following the request from Lord Strathcona yesterday, the state department today cabled the high commissioner a complete summary of the Porcupine fire losses in life and property so far as is now known.

It is understood here that Lord Strathcona will start a relief fund in Great Britain. The cable advice sent by the state department stated that relief measures were being taken in Canada.

The North Ontario holocaust was considered at to-day's cabinet council, and it was practically decided to appropriate money for the further relief of the sufferers. Final action will not be taken until the results of the fire are more definitely known.

Women Showed Great Courage

Further Reports From Porcupine Indicate That Fortitude Was General—Widely Varied Estimates of Victims.

The trains from the northern country have now brought from the fire-stricken districts nearly one hundred persons. Every train from North Bay has from one to fifteen people whose stories of escape thrill with human interest.

When the truth of the big fire is known the wonderful self-sacrifice and heroism displayed by many of the men who undertook to save the women and children first will be recalled. What shown by the women themselves. Returned sufferers state that the women as a rule were cool and self-collected, and that many of them were actually formed in the course of what they took to be the call of duty and self-sacrifice.

Maintenance of Peace

Then follows the objects of the alliance as set forth in the previous draft. These include the consolidation and maintenance of general peace in the regions of Eastern Asia and India, the preservation of the common interests of all the peoples in China, and the maintenance of the territorial rights of the contracting parties in the regions of Eastern Asia and India, and the defence of their special interests in those regions.

Articles four and six of the treaty of 1905 are omitted in the revised version. Article three of the old version stipulated that Japan, as a party to the treaty, should be bound to take such measures for the guidance, control and protection of the principal of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations.

Earl Grey to Officiate

At Opening of Exhibition—Big Increase in Concession Sales.

After a late meeting yesterday afternoon, the board of directors of the Canadian National Exhibition formally concurred that this year's exhibition will be officially opened by Earl Grey on Monday, Aug. 28.

The directors decided to increase the appropriation for special attractions by \$2000, in order that the festival of Empire and Dominion procession as presented may be complete in every detail.

Elwood Mayot Safe

BRANTFORD, July 14.—Elwood Mayot, a well known Brantford mining prospector, has been heard from at Cupine fire district. City Engineer Jones is concerned over the welfare of his brother, S. Alfred Jones, a former Toronto barrister, and other Brantford men have relatives from whom nothing has as yet been heard.

South African Statue on Way

The statue which is to be placed on top of the granite shaft on University-avenue to complete the South African memorial, is on its way to Toronto from Providence, R.I. The casting, which represents the best work of the Gorham foundry, is about 15 feet in length. The finishing touches were put on the statue last week and it was ready for shipment.

The World understands there will be a formal unveiling, and the figure will be merely put in position on arrival. Walter Allward, sculptor, expresses himself as highly pleased with the work which has been done from the original design and is ambitious of universal peace.

Babies Waiting for Food

The worst feature of the fire was the women with babies. From a day to three months old, babies are waiting for food which could not be supplied, aside from mothers who are nursing, and the situation was pitiable. Most of these women have got out and the babies are all right.

Poley, Welsh and Stewart, trans-continental contractors, are doing heroic service in feeding the hungry at Cochrane, serving 700 meals the first day, the second day 1500, and now feed from 1200 to 1500 per day. Relief trains with supplies and food arrived late at night and were very welcome.

Like Sport of Demons

"It was an awful sight," concluded Mr. Kennedy. "No man could imagine the scene. It was like a sport of demons of the lower regions were playing havoc with the sons of men."

John Harrington, an Enkilsman, who had been working in the West Dome mine for three days, had to fight his way thru the bush in the company of another miner. Smoke and flames were on both sides of them and no sooner had they reached the clear-