

SAVED FROM DEATH BY MUD WHICH BAKED ON HIS BODY

Terrible Experience of Nushka Man Who Lost Wife and Daughter—Two Employes Nearly Boiled—They Had Taken Refuge in Barrels of Water and One of Them Died

If fire is what Gilbert Chesterton says it is, something more than a medium forwarding one's back; a story-teller for one's children, among the tales of horror which the flames of New Ontario's most recent fire will relate to coming generations, gather about the blazing hearth-logs of a winter's evening, will be the loss of Mrs. William McClintchey of Nushka and her eighteen-year-old daughter, Pearl.

The story of his miraculous escape after becoming separated from his wife and daughter was related this morning by William McClintchey, one of the two score refugees who left North Bay for Toronto.

The McClintchey family lived three and a half miles east of Nushka. They were prosperous. The husband owned one tract of 480 acres, another of 160 acres, a sawmill and three houses. A clearing of 20 acres surrounded the house.

It was 6 o'clock Saturday evening when the flames reached the home. Mr. McClintchey, who had been working at some distance away from his wife and daughter, ran for his life. The two women insisted upon returning to the house for some clothes. As Mr. McClintchey awaited their reappearance outside, torrents of hot cinders rained upon him. So strong was the wind that it slammed the door of the house which burst with sufficient violence to splinter the panels.

Became Separated
In their flight from their burning home, Mr. McClintchey became separated from his wife and daughter. He called to them incessantly, but the terrific bursts of wind tore the words from his lips and hurled them into the smoke in the wrong direction. He felt that the two women were but a few yards away, yet he could neither hear nor see them.

Mr. McClintchey sought refuge from the intense heat under a small culvert. The increasingly high temperature appalled him. He feared that he would slowly bake into a brittle dehydrated mass. A field of green wheat next gave him temporary shelter.

From the field of wheat he was driven into a small marsh. There he threw himself into the softest part

and plastered himself over with mud. The fire which raged about him baked the mud into a hard shell and the refugee was painfully blistered. But Sunday morning he was able to start for the village. Scarcely had he moved twenty yards, when he found the bodies of his wife and daughter, arms entwined, lying in a field. The girl was the belle of the district and had expected to enter Normal School this autumn. Mr. McClintchey will take the bodies of his dear ones to Alliston for burial.

Almost Boiled.
Two employes in the McClintchey sawmill, caught in the terrible cut in which 57 bodies were found, lived through the torrent of flame by climbing into two barrels of water. Although the liquid approached the boiling point, the two men, Charles Cummings and Rodd McDougall, retained their agonizing positions until it was safe to venture out. McDougall did not survive the burns he received. Cummings is in a hospital dangerously scalded.

A Girl's Bereavement.
Another pitiful case is that of fifteen-year-old Hazel Creeland, of Monteth, who did not reappear until after the fire was over that she had lost her parents, a nine-year-old brother and a twelve-year-old sister. With her brother, aged seventeen, Hazel was working at the Monteth Experimental Farm. The two did not know that there home was in any particular danger and made no effort to reach it.

Mr. Creeland, as he piloted his family away from the threatened home, was joined by a neighbour with her three children. Finding escape cut off, the refugees sought cisterns. Forced by the high wind, huge dense clouds of choking smoke rolled into the excavation. All perished from suffocation.

Hazel left the train at Barrie to visit her relatives. On the journey from Monteth she was under the care of Mr. Mackenzie Smith, of Gravenhurst, who has been touring the district.

Home Was Not Touched.
Mrs. M. A. Laughton, her son, J. H. Laughton, and his daughter, Hazel, arrived in Toronto from Monteth and will visit Mrs. W. J. Gamble, 484 Parliament street, until the district is entirely safe again. The Laughton home was not touched, although all shop was not destroyed, the smoke the country for miles around is burned over. Mr. Laughton spent two days

in assisting neighbours to fight the fire. Bert and Richard Ansell, of Toronto, were two other fortunate ones. The Ansell homestead was touched by the flames only on its extreme boundaries. The buildings all were spared. The land is three miles south of Matheson, in Bowman Township, which formed the boundary from the untouched district. Richard Ansell is still at Matheson. Bert returned this morning.

A Soldier's Family.
Mrs. L. N. Simmonds and her one and one-half-year-old son, Albert, fled in haste from their home in Cochrane, Mrs. Simmonds left without her hat. They got to the round-house and felt comparatively safe. The husband, Pte. Simmonds, is with the 159th Battalion. He went up from Camp Borden on Monday and brought his family to Toronto to-day. They will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willie, 1 Ketchum avenue. Mrs. Simmonds moved five weeks ago from their farm at Abitibi. The farm buildings there were also lost.

Found Thirteen Bodies
P. L. Ward, of South Porcupine, went down to Matheson to assist in relief work. He found thirteen bodies in Nushka. On the train this morning he exhibited a Canadian penny, warped and highly oxidized by the heat. It was found near the corpses.

Mack Morrie was working as a barber in a Timmins barbershop at the time of the fire. Although the shop was not destroyed, the smoke drove everyone out. His experience has caused Morrie to decide that Tor-

onto is a more desirable location than Timmins. He returned to his home, 102 Kensington avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Doughty, of Thornlow, near Nushka, will visit Hamilton friends. She fears her home until all fires in the bush have been extinguished.

Al Chidley, traveler for the Toronto firm of Matthews, Blackwell & Co. has been through the fire zone. When he left Englehart the flames were eating their way toward the town. He estimated that they were about three miles distant. At the Tough Oakes Mine, to the north, the employees were burying all dynamite.

Mrs. Leo Gettler, of Matheson, is another of those canny settlers who are profiting by the sad experiences of their neighbours. Although her husband is still on the untouched farm, Mrs. Gettler decided that Matheson was not the place for her. She is going to her home at Davis, Ont.

Mrs. Walter Statton and three children, Nelson, Virginia and Gilbert, put her trust in the Shillington fire brigade and found that it was not misplaced. Although the village hall caught fire from embers, the fire was checked only a few rods from the first store on the main street. The Statton sawmill and logpile was destroyed. Mrs. Statton and children will go on to Grand Bend, Ont.

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Japan's Portion In the Great War

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stated, will be returned once more to China, as the Imperial Japanese Government had no interest in the territory beyond expelling the Germans.

Munitions for Russia.
While Japan rendered a signal service to the cause of the allies in storming the great German fortress on the Pacific, his Excellency stated that the nation was doing an even greater service by supplying Russia with a great percentage of the munitions of war which are now being used by the Slavonic armies on the eastern battle front. "Our national and private resources are all mobilized and are working day and night to aid our allies," our last man and our last piece of silver to bring the war to a successful conclusion. Of course, situated as we are, far from the scene of hostilities, we can do nothing to participate in active fighting, but we are doing much for the cause by supplying Russia with the necessities of war. In fact, I believe that the major portion of ammunition used by the Czar's armies in blasting their way through the Austro-German front in both Poland and Bukovina came from Japan, and much of the Russian military success is due to our unflinching supply of high explosives and other munitions."

Japan to-day is unanimous in the desire to stand firmly by the allies, his Excellency declared emphatically, and the nation holds firmly to the ideals and principles for which the allies are fighting. While determined to bring the war to successful conclusion and ensure a lasting peace, the Japanese are also looking forward to the future, and with the other representatives of the Entente powers, met recently at Paris to consider the trade compact to combat any Teutonic trade war which may be commenced when peace is made. In speaking on this subject the Marquess stated that Japan desires to build up a big trade with Canada, and is more than willing to do her part to promote a closer union between the two nations.

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