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"Say, Jack," replied Tempest, "I think it will pay you to say less about the teacher until you have thought the thing out for yourself. This isn't the fault of the country, but rather of some careless fool that has not looked where he threw the lighted match he had when he finished with it. The country's all right and what the school-marm has said is right after all. Besides your crop has not been touched as yet, and if we can help it the fire will not get as far as this, so shout when you're hurt next

It was evident that Dick was not in the mood for argument and the crowd grew quiet, as men do when they are facing danger, and a long night of work. Gradually the fire came into view as they passed over the rises of the prairie, and to all it was evident that it was one of the worst they had ever seen. As they came nearer the intense heat and the draught that the prairie fire always causes could be felt by all. At a dis-

and immediately they set to work on the oncoming demon. On and on it came, with a mad rush that seemed almost supernatural, and all through the long hours of the night, with bleeding hands and singed faces, the men fought it as though it were a thing alive. Once or twice they found it necessary to retreat before it until again it seemed to gain the upper hand over them in its rush across the great waste. Several of that they leave and protect their own, and to plow fresh furrows in their firebreaks. With the heroism of the men who leave the comfort of the east to make their homes on the frontiers they held on until they had placed the danger behind them. Among them all there was none who worked harder than Tempest himself, and despite the well meant his post until he was well nigh exhausthis very traces. It was the struggle of

At last towards the middle of the morning the last flicker seemed to have been put out and the men satisfied that they had conquered their enemy, left for their homes without thinking of the captain whom they thought would follow them as soon as he, too, was satisfied that danger was passed. But the night's work had been too strenuous even for him, and with the reaction that always follows a great crisis he fell faint in part of the glowing embers had been fanned into another small fire, which, however, soon exhausted itself on the blackened ruin of the prairie. It was not until it had done considerable damage to the man himself, however, that it went out. It was not until some time after that Bill Clemens, coming in from his fields, gave him a thought, and reof the other men he became aroused to scene of the night's battle. In a few

rush across the great waste. Several of the men found that because their own his tracks without making his home, and homes was in danger it was imperative with the coming of a slight wind, a small entreaties of his friends he rushed into called the fact that he had not seen him the danger to save his men, and kept at around all day. Calling together some ed, and even then held on again until the necessity of a search, and very soon it seemed that the man must drop in they found themselves again upon the a great man who had learned endurance minutes they found him where he had tance from which he saw he could direct upon the playing fields of the eastern the efforts of his crew Dick dismounted, college, and the grit of the football field.



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