

NORTHERN BUSH FIRES WIPED OUT MATHESON AND NUSKA; AT LATTER PLACE FIRE DEAD LAY ON THE RAILROAD; HERONS...

Sixteen People Killed in one Root House at Matheson--Flames Travelled 60 Miles an Hour--Little Girl Nine Years of Age Guarded Two Babies Saved From the Fire

Cobalt, Aug. 1.—It will be many days before a complete list of the dead in the Northern Ontario fires can be obtained. A few of the people known to be dead around Matheson are: Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Banerman, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Robinson, J. Schmidt, Tom Little, Ray Wilman, sen., B. Carey, J. Stack, J. and Mrs. Elvin and two daughters, the little daughter of Mrs. Whittier, and Miss Della Labelle of Wahyabeg.

Terrible Scenes at Nushka. The list cannot be long and dreadful. The fire pounced on Matheson like a tiger. One woman went to a store to do some shopping and she was caught there with two children, away from the rest of her people, who were only at the other end of the street.

Foreman Saved All His Men. At Painkiller Lake the foreman at Cartwright Mine saved all his men. Four of them set out in a boat, but the waves were so high it was thrown over before they were forty feet from shore, and it was an hour before they touched bottom again.

Prospector Hero's Vivid Story. Bill Fairburn, a stalwart prospector, who undoubtedly saved many lives on that awful Saturday, gives a most vivid description of the fire. "It came," he said, "sped by a howling tornado, a living wave of flame, travelling at sixty miles an hour, and nothing lived in its wake."

Outside Matheson in one root-house there were sixteen people suffocated to death as they stood on Fromm's farm, which is sandy and well cleared, survivors say twenty-five people took refuge. In an ordinary fire this farm would have escaped, but the wall of flames did not spare them, and they lie in heaps.

Matheson was in flames in a few minutes. I rushed at the women and the slaughter was terrible in outside districts. The stone station did not escape, and the freight sheds went up when boxes of dynamite took fire. Crops are burned, and what stock are left have nothing to eat.

One of the search parties just outside Matheson, found brave little Etie McCallum, only nine years of age, still guarding two babies she had saved out of the fire. She was badly burned around the legs, but did not complain. She was brought down to New Liskeard hospital and will probably recover. Half a dozen men, badly burned and almost blind, are now in New Liskeard hospital.

Glad to be Merely Alive. Nearly all the survivors are utterly destitute, yet nearly all were cheerful, as they were brought out on rescue trains, and were glad to merely be alive.

Freight Train Saved Many. Cobalt, Aug. 1.—Information obtained in this locality is to the effect that had it not been for a north-bound freight train stalled at Matheson, owing to the destruction of the bridge at Wahyabeg, the list of casualties would have been even more serious than is now the case.

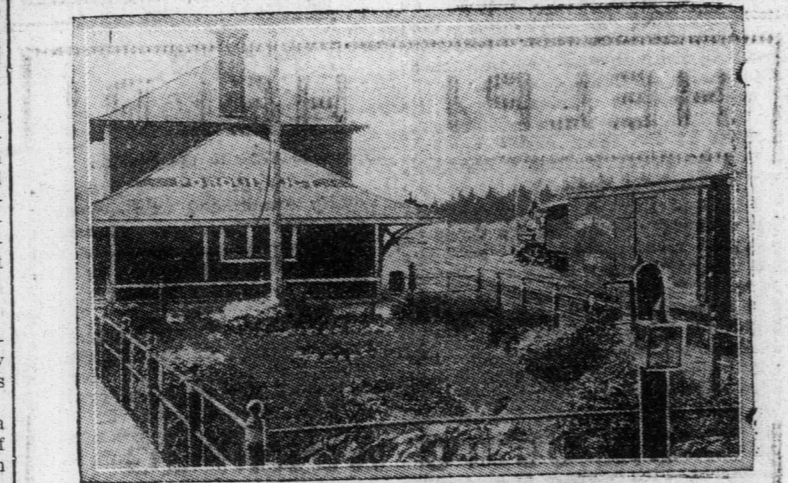
Heartrending Scene at Nushka. In the neighborhood of Matheson settlers and residents had a most heartrending experience. The fire made rapid headway in this district, and it is reported that at Nushka, ten miles north of Matheson, the inhabitants had a chance to come away on a train, but stuck on to the last, thinking they might have a chance of escape.

Three Houses Left in Matheson. According to stories, there is nothing left of the town of Matheson but three houses that were situated on the hill, and were owned by Mr. John Hugh, the Mining Recorder, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Cart-

are recorded, one especially of a girl of about sixteen years of age, who carried her baby brother for some distance till she dropped in the streets, her limbs burned to the knees. The following stories told by survivors tell the gruesome tale of the fire:

Lay in Water for Hours. Ed. Alfred, a prospector, who had been working some twenty-two miles up the Abitibi River, lay in the water with eight companions for hours waiting for the flames to pass in order to reach Matheson by canoe. Mr. Alfred says that there were sixty-five men at work preparing the site for the building of a dam at Twin Falls for the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. and, if alive, they have nothing to eat, as the entire camp, and outfit have been burned to the ground. These men are in the employ of the Canadian Stewart Co. under Superintendent W. J. Bishop. Another camp lost everything and fourteen horses were burned to death.

Lost Her Little Baby. Mrs. McWhirter, who was admitted to the New Liskeard Hospital last night with three children more or less burned, lived on a farm near Matheson. Her three-months-old baby was burned to death. Another of the patients in the hospital says that five bodies were piled up alongside the railway track, and another affirms he saw twenty-five bodies alongside a small lake. Many Matheson District Refugees.



PORQUIS JUNCTION WIPED OUT BY FIRE. This is the station where the line crosses the main line of the T. and N. O.

stake obscured the sky, and men and women felt their way through the thick fumes, fumbling their way out to safety. Those who have headed rescue parties fear to think what the draining and hollows of the countryside will reveal.

Croesus Mine, in Munro township, and all surrounding district are swept clear. Last night, in Matheson all but three of the men were accounted for. Duncan Graham is seriously burned about hands and face. He is the man who placed his wife and child in a trench, covered them with blankets and kept the blankets wet till the fierce sweep of the fire had passed. His clothes were almost burnt from his body. One arm is badly burned to the elbow, and the other hand is almost charred to the bone as far as the wrist. His face is severely scorched and blinded. His wife and child escaped without a burn.

Young Heroine of Sixteen. A number of heroic acts on the part of some children in helping their younger brothers and sisters.

Difficulties were strewn in the path of the train before it reached Englehart. On both sides of the track the fires were raging, and in many places the railway ties were burning and the rails twisted, so that it was a hard task making appreciable headway. During this period the refugees were accommodated in the box cars and the van, which were closed tight to keep out the smoke and flames through which the train was passing. Two cars on the heartrending scene at Nushka.

Little Word From Cochrane. The greatest damage was wrought between Cochrane and some distance south of Matheson along and adjacent to the main line of the T. and N. O. Railway. Very little communication has been received from Cochrane, but it is beyond question that a very large proportion of this place has fallen a prey to the flames.

Worst Than Fire of 1911. Most people's minds have reverted to the Porcupine fire of 1911, but then there were not so many victims as on this occasion. In 1911 82 people lost their lives, but, according to information received from Mr. C. W. Lee, the T. and N. O. Railway Commissioner, at North Bay, this afternoon, there had been 189 deaths up to that time.

The following deaths are reported from Ramore: Eugene Plon, wife and three children, and brother Edward; Xavier Clement, wife and two children; Albert Pape, wife and three children. The Kelso deaths were stated to be Dr. Reid, at one time of Renfrew, but for ten years in Kelso, and Postmaster Mitchell. The \$10,000 stone station at Matheson was destroyed, and seventeen buildings at Timmins, according to advices received this forenoon, were also destroyed.

BRITISH ADMIRAL DEAD. By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 1.—Admiral Sir John Cammaney Hopkins, commander in chief of the Mediterranean station from 1896 to 1899, died Sunday at Highcliffe, Hampshire. He was born in 1824.

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Printed Voiles, 27 in. wide in Blues, Pink and Helios, Reg. 35c, Sale Price ... 19c

Kimona Crepes, 32 in. wide, Japanese patterns, worth 35c, yard, Sale Price, yard ... 17c

Printed Voiles, 36 and 40 in. wide, worth up to 40c, yard, Sale Price, yard ... 33c

White Rice Cloths, 36 in. wide, worth up to 37 1/2c, yard, Sale Price, yard ... 29c

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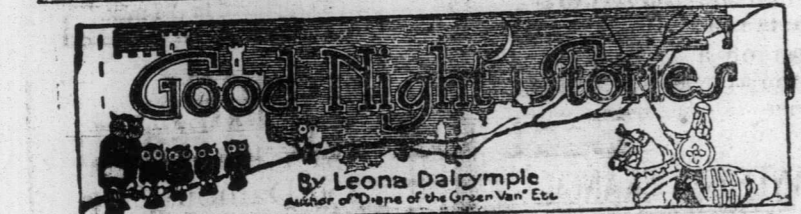
Commercial Bond Stops Warfare

Italy Not Fighting Germany Because of Trade Treaty. By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Aug. 1.—The only reason which has so far prevented Germany from declaring war on Italy, says the Petit Parisien, is a commercial treaty signed between the two countries in 1891 and renewed in 1904. This treaty subordinated Italy to Germany economically, according to the paper, and was considered of the greatest importance by Germany.

The Parisien says that it understands Italy has now denounced this treaty and thereby left the way clear for a declaration of hostilities.

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THE FAIRY OF THE TULIP

Once a very little girl named Minna watched a bed of red and yellow tulips blazing in the sun like red and yellow fire. And when the wind fluttered the petals open and shut, open and shut, she thought she saw—fairies! Um, hum! As true as I live! Fairies sitting in the sunlit heart of a flower and laughing as fairies will when wind and flowers and sunlight make the sort of air the fairies love to breathe.

Minna, watching, felt that she must be sure and so, as you might have done, she plucked a flower from the bed and opened the petals—wide.

No fairy, of course. What fairy in a flower stays visible when mortal eyes are prying?

That was how Minna came to slip the flower in her belt and forget it. How it dropped—that gay little tulip! Ah me, how soon it withered! It looked so forlorn and crumpled when Minna went to bed that night that she tossed it sleepily upon the bureau. Then she forgot all about it until a silver finger of the moon stole in at the window and touched the withered tulip with its magic.

"Ah, moon! Dear moon!" said a faint voice in the tulip. "You art the friend of all the fairies. Help me for I am dying."

Minna sat up in bed and rubbed her eyes, scarcely believing her ears.

And while she sat there the Moonbeam spoke. "It's true," said the Moonbeam in a whisper as sweet and silvery as the note of a flute, "it is true I am the friend of every fairy in the world. What can I do?"

"Water!" said the voice within the tulip. "Water or I die."

"Alas!" it cried, "though I dance upon waterfalls and lakes, and sparkle in the dew, I bring no water with me—ever. Ask me to silver your petals or your stem. Ask me to cool the fever where your petals withers. These I can do, but water, alas—I cannot bring."

"Then," said the voice within the tulip, "I die." "Not No!" cried Minna, leaping out of bed. "You must not die. It is my fault, but I did not mean to be cruel." She slipped the flower in a glass of water. The petals freshened. The cool finger of the moon seemed to grow more silver in its bright beautiful light. Minna saw a fairy standing in the tulip. Her wings, poised for flight, were spangled with fairy jewels.

"Always remember, little Minna," she cried, "that the fairy in a broken flower, lacks the strength to fly away again to Fairyland until the stem touches water. If it never touches water the fairy dies." Glistening in the moonlight, the fairy flew away to fairyland.

Was Minna ever cruel again to a flower? That—I leave you to guess.

NEW STEAMFR LINE OPEN

Portuguese Government Use Boats Taken Over from Germany.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Madrid, July 21, via Paris. A—The Portuguese Government authorized the publication here the announcement of the institution of a service comprising two German steamers, which been seized. The vessels were shipped to companies, who agreed to pay a commission of per cent. on the total amount freight carried. One of the formerly the Rotterdam, and named the Figueira has made three trips to England.

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