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## Dared Death to Save Pony Fight amid Flames with Maddened Beast

A SHEFFIELD man crawled on his knees through smoke and flame to rescue his pony trapped in a blazing warehouse yesterday.

After a hard struggle with the maddened pony he dragged it through the burning building to safety.

Soon after the entire warehouse had been destroyed, and with it the sole means of support for the rescuer and his family, as the damage, it is understood, is not covered by insurance.

The man, Mr. J. Edeson of 2, Court, Princess street, Norfolk Bridge, Sheffield, received burns to the face and arms in affecting the rescue, and had to be treated by Sheffield firemen.

### Early Morning Blaze

Fire broke out in the early morning at the warehouse of the Cardboard and Wastepaper collecting company adjoining the home of Mr. Edeson, who is the manager.

"A few minutes, after feeding, my pony this morning I looked through the kitchen window, and saw flames in the warehouse," he told a "Daily Independent" reporter, yesterday, "I found the lower floor ii flames.

"I tried to reach the pony, which was terrified by the smoke and approaching flames, but I was driven back, and my arms and face were burned.

Outside the warehouse I found some sacking, and with the sacking over my shoulders, I crawled through the smoke and flames on my knees to the pony.

### Frightened Pony

"The pony was maddened with fright, and did not want to leave the stall, which had already commenced to burn.

"I had to force it from the building. Then I ran to the phone, and called the Fire Brigade. The building was not insured, and I have nothing left."

Sheffield firemen worked throughout the morning for six hours before they could leave the gutted warehouse where paper was still smouldering.

### Water from Don

Huge quantities of paper and some machinery quickly flared up, and flames passed from

the first floor to the roof in a short time.

Finding: water from a nearby Hydrant insufficient to fight the fire, firemen ran hoses along and across Attercliffe road to the River Don.

Many houses in the dense area of Princess Street were endangered, and traffic was held up in Attercliffe road until the fire was under control.

Tenants of many houses were beginning to move their furniture into the street when the Fire Brigade arrived.