

wood shed just back of the house but nothing else
could be done as there was nothing but the walls of the
house standing and the wind was blowing directly
away from the barn. Tom Stone told me the family
had escaped in their night clothes and were all
over at his place. He said Norman who had gotten
his boots as he came out had come over and
awakened them up and when he & George got over
the whole place was in flames and nothing could
be done. The family were out in the barn trying to
huddle under a horse blanket and Edward was the
only one who had anything on his feet. Tom told them
for Heaven's sake to get over to his place so they hopped
up and drove over. I stayed for awhile but as there
was nothing to do I came home and got to bed at last.
I knew Mary would be wondering if I would be bringing
any one with me. I noticed when I got home a car came
down the road from the north and another from the west.

Tuesday March 16th

Ina came this morning, and when Mary told her
of the Doves disaster, she was very much concerned
not only for them but for Nina, whom she knew would

be in a very upset state as her nerves are so bad
at any time, so Mary suggested that she go over there
instead of washing here. Mary had hunted out a lot
of under wear and other clothes and Ina mended at them
till I had my breakfast and got ready to drive her over. They
found Nina as we expected terribly agitated and hardly
able to keep from crying as he talked to us. Tom had gone
down for the doctor for Mrs. Dove. They are afraid for her
as she is so delicate and in no condition to stand
such shock & exposure as she is expecting a baby
next month I think. I stopped on my way back at
the scene of the fire where old Dove and Edward were
picking among the ruins. The old man pointed out several
articles that he said were of no value in themselves but
had a sentimental value to them and besides all their
house hold utensils were brought with them from
England and were better than they could buy here. Mrs.
Dove had a chest of wadded blankets & bedding that
she had brought from England and never used, and
besides these things he had \$125.00 in bills in his coat
pocket. I came through Willie Shand's place and Willie said
some of his neighbors were going to canvas the neighbors
this afternoon for them. Willie & Tom Piker went over to