



LIEUTENANT BOWMAN.

She held up the fat little red leather book for her friend to see.

"No—not a diary. I kept one once, but I burned it long ago. My father gave me this when I was 15, and showed me how to keep it.

"It is my list of books I have read. I call it my book of books. Here is the first entry: 'Westward Ho,' by Charles Kingsley—double-starred because I have read it three times; a star means rereading. Underlined, too, because when I looked the list over at the end of the year it was one of my favorites. A little circle after the title—that's because it was a work of fiction that set me hunting fact, in history and biography.

"Not all the marks in my code were marks of honor, though. Look at the cross after number nine; that means trash. And there, after number eleven—the Frederika Bremer novel—that I didn't like it. Father enjoined me to be honest with my black marks. He said I should find them an antidote to literary pretentiousness."—St. Louis Republic.

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Portland, Jan. 15.—With the mercury steadily falling all day Sunday and Monday and promising to continue at a low point today, Portland is shivering from the effects of the severest cold snap in many years. Between 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. Sunday the temperature fell 7 degrees without a break. When the weather bureau closed Sunday night at the latter hour the thermometer registered 17 degrees above zero and yesterday hovered near that mark all day. With the fuel shortage more acute than ever before, the cold wave could hardly have struck Portland at a more unfortunate time. What is true of Portland applies to nearly every city in the Pacific Northwest, as the cold snap is general. At Vancouver the Columbia river is full of running ice and may become blocked at any time. Navigation on the Columbia is at a standstill.

Many of the lower river boats have been taken off their runs and from present indications nothing will move for several days.

Inland Empire icy.

Spokane, Jan. 15.—The whole Inland Empire is in the grip of the most severe cold weather known for a decade. At Pullman the mercury dropped to 18 degrees below zero; at Palouse, the minimum was 11 below zero; Sand Point, Idaho, reports 12 below; Moscow, Idaho, witnessed 10 degrees below; North Yakima reports 7 degrees below, and in Spokane the lowest mark recorded is 1 below. In Yakima valley equally cold weather was experienced seven years ago, but elsewhere the present cold snap is the most severe in 10 years.

The unprecedented shortage of fuel throughout the Spokane country adds to the inconvenience of the situation. Coal is scarce and selling at abnormal high prices. In some districts wood is fairly plentiful, while in the Big Bend and Central Washington sections all fuel is reduced almost to the vanishing point. General suffering is certain to ensue if the temperature does not rise speedily.

In various sections the railroad companies have notified the coal dealers that coal cannot be delivered for an indefinite period, and it is announced that large consignments of coal from Canadian mines to the Inland Empire points have been diverted by the Canadian Pacific railroad to Alberta and Northwest Territory points where the weather is exceedingly severe and fuel is demanded by suffering settlers.

Throughout the Palouse the frost has damaged deciduous trees. In orchards the crackle of bursting fruit trees is compared to the report of shot guns.

Stock has not yet suffered, but all animals are being fed heavy rations and a speedy rise in the price of forage is predicted. One foot of snow covers the ground and wheat crops will not be damaged by frost.

Farmers Use Corn for Fuel.

Spokane, Jan. 15.—Driven to extremes by the scarcity and high cost of coal, farmers in the vicinity of Washington are burning corn on the cob. One bushel of corn is equal to two of coal in price, and when used as fuel it is little more expensive.

CONFER ON THE MESSAGE.

Mutual Water Companies of Imperial Valley to Meet.

Imperial, Cal., Jan. 15.—Chairman H. N. Peck, of the joint committee of the six mutual water companies of the Imperial valley recently appointed with a view to procuring money for the settlers purchasing the property of the California Development company, today sent a call to all directors of the six companies to meet next Thursday in conference on President Roosevelt's message.

It is probable that a water users' association will be formed to carry on negotiations for the purchase or to favor government control in line with the president's recommendations, providing the Reclamation service is willing to make the concessions from its usual rules necessary to protect the rights of the water users of the Imperial valley.

Montana Swept by Blizzard.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—Dispatches from throughout the state tell of a blizzard which appears to have generally enveloped the state, raging with great severity in central portions of Montana. For the past 36 hours Fergus county has been in the throes of a blizzard, the thermometer dropping as low as 25 below. In Western Montana the blizzard has apparently subsided. Eastern Montana sections appear thus far to have fared better. On the flat below Butte 28 degrees below zero has been reported.

Cold Wave is General.

St. Paul, Jan. 15.—A cold wave of considerable intensity has developed in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota. At 8 o'clock last night readings at stations in the Canadian Northwest showed temperatures ranging from 14 below zero to 32 below. In the United States the coldest place was Havre, Montana, with a temperature of 22 below. Other temperatures were: Helena, 10 below; Miles City, Montana, 10 below; Bismark, N. D., 6 below; Williston, N. D., 18 below; Devils Lake, N. D., 16 below.

Montana Situation Serious.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 15.—The worst spell of winter weather experienced in Montana for many years now prevails. Unusually heavy snow in the northern part of the state and extremely cold weather is stopping the operations of trains, endangering lives of cattle and sheep, and even menacing human life in remote districts. Old stockmen say the outlook is more serious for their herds than at any time since the memorable winter of 1887-88.

Train Hits Open Switch.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 15.—Running at a high rate of speed, Rock Island passenger train No. 30, which left here at 6:30 yesterday evening for Chicago, dived into an open switch at Barney, N. M., 190 miles north of El Paso early this morning. Five persons were killed and eight injured.

Dead On to Them.

A statesman, in an argument, had turned the tables rather neatly on his opponent. Senator Dulliver, in congratulation, said:

"You remind me of a Fort Dodge doctor, Dr. X.—This gentleman once had a grave dug for a patient, supposed to be dying, who afterward recovered, and over this error of judgment the doctor was joked for many years.

"Once he attended, in consultation with three conferees, another patient. This patient finally died. After death, as the physicians discussed the case together, one of them said:

"'Since quick burial is necessary, we might inter the body temporarily. I understand our brother here has a vacant grave on hand.'

"Dr. X.—smiled.

"'Yes,' he said, 'I believe I am the only physician present whose graves are not all filled.'—Harper's Weekly.

Notes.

Rivers—Can there be such a thing as a "crying need?"

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The Last Word.

"Aw, g'od, Mike," said the British soldier, attempting to end the argument; "you're a lobster."

"Ye fatter me," retorted Mike. "sure, a lobster's a wise animal, fur green is the color fur him as long as he lives, an' he'll die before he puts on a red coat."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

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