

FROM POORHOUSE TO PALACE
BY MARY J. HOLMES

CHAPTER XI.
In the old brown school house, overshadowed by apple trees and sheltered on the west by a long, steep hill, where the acorns and wild grapes grew, Mary Howard taught a little flock of twenty-five, coaxing some, urging others and teaching them all by her kind words and winsome ways to love her as they had never before loved an instructor.

land, or you would have mentioned him to me. I like him very much, indeed, and yet I could not help feeling a little jealous when he manifested so much interest in you. Sometimes, Mary, I think that for a brother, I am getting too selfish, and I do not wish anyone to like you except myself, but I surely need not feel so toward George, the best friend I have in Boston. He is very kind, lending me books, and has even offered to use his influence in getting me a situation in one of the best law offices in the city.

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The summer was drawing to a close, and with it Mary's school. She had succeeded in giving satisfaction to the entire district. Mr. Knight, with whom Mary was a great favorite, offered her the school for the coming winter, but she had decided upon attending school herself, and after modestly declining his offer, told him of her intention.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Philippine customs revenues are increasing. Six frame buildings were burned at Monmouth.

Caillies will surrender his entire force at Santa Cruz. Incoming ships report passing quantities of wrecks on the ocean.

Boers surprised a force of Victoria mounted rifles near Middlesburg and captured two pompons.

It is expected that negotiations at Pekin will be settled this month. Ten persons were injured by a tornado in South Dakota.

Two Indians tried to murder the Umatilla chief of police. Von Waldsee will be created a prince on his return to Germany.

Only one body has been recovered from the wreck of the ferry boat Northfield. The Harriman interests have secured control of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road.

Lulu Prince-Kennedy was convicted of murder in the second degree and punishment was fixed at ten years' imprisonment.

An extensive syndicate is buying up eastern street car lines with the intention of forming a complete monopoly.

The Chief of the forestry bureau of the Philippines has issued a circular in which it is stated that the timber supply in the Philippines is almost unlimited.

Negroes about Leavenworth, Kansas, are arming themselves with revolvers purchased from the troops at Fort Leavenworth, and it is thought they intended to avenge the recent burning of a Negro.

Eleven hundred butchers are on a strike in San Francisco. The Cuban convention has accepted the original Platt amendment.

The new battle ship Illinois is the fastest vessel of her class afloat. American messages from Salem and Beaufort, N. C., were received this morning.

Extensive commissary funds have been discovered at San Francisco. Another name has been added to the Port Royal, Pa., coal mine horror.

Thirty-four students graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college. Insurgent general Caillies refuses to surrender, except on his own terms.

Extensive German influence in the Yangtze district alarms the British press. Donald McPhail, a prominent Eastern Oregon sheepman, was found dead by the roadside.

The Washington legislature has adjourned after amending the capital punishment law and passing three vetoed bills.

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The war department has issued a set of regulations clearly defining hazing and strictly prohibiting the same. Any cadet found guilty of infraction will be dismissed from the academy.

Many Filipinos have applied for civil service positions. Kruger claims to know nothing of the peace negotiations.

Washington senate has repealed the Rands capital punishment law. A rich ledge of gold has been discovered near La Grande, Oregon.

A small town in Minnesota was almost entirely destroyed by a tornado. Officers of the Forty-third regiment, in the Philippines, are accused of bribery.

The battle ship Oregon has arrived at Honolulu on her way home from the Orient. Zurbano has proclaimed himself governor of the Philippines as successor to Aguinaldo.

President McKinley has stated that it is his intention to visit Hawaii in the near future. Three women were injured in Chicago, two probably fatally, by the collapsing of a stairway.

Owing to fear of fresh trouble in Corea for Americans, the cruiser New Orleans has been ordered there. McKinley announces that he would refuse to accept the nomination for a third term if it were offered him.

The date of the Rough Riders' Association convention has been changed from August 1 to August 3. There are 14,000 oysters to a ton.

A WONDERFUL MATHEMATICIAN.

Death of Prof. Tauman H. Safford, of Williams College. New York, June 17.—President Truman Henry Safford, the mathematician and astronomer, whose death has just been announced, will be buried in the college burying ground at Williamstown, Mass.

Three Men in a Boat. British Seamen Make Long but Useless Voyage to Secure Help.

Halfax, N. S., June 15.—After sailing nearly 700 miles in an open boat to take relief to their ship, the Border Knight, Mr. Mathie, chief officer, and two of the crew, arrived at Sheet Harbor, the end of their 15 days' journey to find that their steamer had been towed in, a distance of 450 miles, by the Spanish steamship Durango, from Philadelphia for Bilboa.

When the Border Knight's tail shaft broke, in latitude 34:19 north and longitude 53:42 west, 300 miles north-east of Bermuda, sails were rigged and she began to make her way slowly northward. Provisions were scarce, for she had made an unusually slow voyage from Africa and the situation seemed to be desperate, as she was far out of the track of commerce.

Mr. Mathie and the two men volunteered to set out in the lifeboat with a dimmy bit of sail, bringing assistance to the British steamer. This was May 29, and June 7 the Durango, outward bound, responded to the signals of distress on the Border Knight.

The Border Knight was bound from Cape Verde Islands to New York. The Lakeview Water Company has a crew of men working on the improvement which will convey the company's water in tiling direct from the spring to the summit of the hill overlooking Lakeview.

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Flour—Best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60. Oats—White, \$1.32@1.35 per cental; gray, \$1.30@1.32 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1.75@1.70; brewing, \$1.75@1.70 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$1.75 per ton; middlings, \$2.15; shorts, \$2.00; chop, \$1.60.

Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Hops—12@14c. per lb.

Wool—Valley, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 7@11c; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17c; dairy, 13@14c; store, 11@12c. per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12@12c. per dozen. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12c; Young America, 13@13c. per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00; hens, \$3@3.50; dressed, 8@10c. per pound; springs, \$1.50@3 per dozen; ducks, \$3@3.50; geese, \$4@5.50; turkeys, live, 8@10c; dressed, 9@10c. per pound.

Potatoes—Old, \$1@1.20 per sack; new, 13@2c. per pound. Mutton—Lamb 4c. per pound gross; best sheep, wethers, with wool, \$4.25@4.50; dressed, 6c@7c. per pound.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Eugene will have a two days' Fourth of July celebration. The Whitney council now meets twice a month instead of once as heretofore.

Fourth regiment, O. N. G., will go into camp at Eugene June 27, and remain until after the Fourth. Reports from along the Columbia river show a much better run of salmon than in the past few weeks.

Commencement exercises are in progress or about to begin in most of the colleges and universities of the state. The Rogue River Mining & Milling Company has about finished cleaning up at its mine on the left hand fork of Footh creek.

A new electric light company has been formed in Salem. It will also operate a system of street railways. Capital stock, \$132,000.

The new military code regulating the O. N. G. will be ready for distribution in a few days. The new set is much stricter than the one now in use.

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The United States leads all other nations in the matter of fruit growing. Strawberries were valued at \$80,000,000 last year and grapes at \$100,000,000.

SURPRISED BY BOERS.

Victoria Mounted Rifles Overcome by a Superior Force. London, June 18.—Lord Kitchener has cabled from Pretoria under today's date as follows: Near Welmsrust, 20 miles north of Middleburg, 250 Victoria mounted rifles from General Beaton's command were surprised in camp at Steenkoolspruit by a superior force of Boers at 7:30 p. m. June 12. The enemy crept up to within short range and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and 16 men and wounding four officers and 38 men, of whom 28 were only slightly wounded. Only two officers and 50 men escaped to General Beaton's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners and released. Two pompons were captured by the enemy. Full details have not yet been received.

The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident of the kind that has happened to the Australian contingent, and it is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. Although it is offset by the defeat inflicted upon Dewet, the loss of the guns is regarded as a serious matter, which will encourage the Boers to continue the struggle.

More or less fanciful accounts are published on the continent of alleged peace negotiations, but there is nothing in them and nothing has come of the interview between Mr. Botha and Mr. Kruger, beyond revealing the fact that Mr. Kruger will listen to no proposals unless they are accompanied with a guarantee of independence of the republics.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent says that Cecil Rhodes, speaking at Bulawayo Saturday, predicted that a federation of South African states would come in three or four years, but he contended that to grant self-government to the republics before federation would render federation impossible.

JAPAN'S WAR ON RATS.

Yokohama, June 1, via Victoria, B. C. June 18.—Much consternation has been awakened by the escape of a rat at Tokio. The medical authorities of the Imperial university were engaged in experimenting on some rodents in the introduction of plague bacilli into their veins, when one of the animals eluded their vigilance, and escaped.

The Tokio municipality has voted 30,000 yen, rat traps by the thousand are distributed among the people, and a bounty of 5 sen each is offered for their capture. With all this evidence of consternation there is no need of fear that the disease can find a foothold in the country, which has some measures for prevention have been taken. While sporadic cases appear here and there, they are instantly isolated, and the spread of the contagion is rendered practically impossible. The authorities do not hesitate to adopt the most drastic measures in each instance, and as a result the empire is today in a better sanitary condition than any other nation in the world.

The cabinet middle is not only still unsettled, but it becomes every day more complicated and hopeless of solution. The source of trouble, while dignified as a strite between the principle of a party ministry and that of an independent cabinet, responsible only to the sovereign, is almost lost sight of in the pettiness of the political squabbles which have come to the surface, making it impossible for any statesman without complete loss of self-respect, to undertake the task of forming a ministry.

STRIKE OF TRACKMEN.

Employes of the Canadian Pacific Will Go Out in a Body. Vancouver, B. C., June 18.—All of the Canadian Pacific trackmen will go out tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock, the demand of those in the eastern division for an increase in wages of 20 cents per day not having been acceded to. Officials of the road state that the granting of this demand would mean an additional annual expenditure of \$400,000. Men are being secured to take charge of bridges and portions of track where surveillance is necessary, and it is announced that all trains will be run tomorrow as usual.

California Train Wreck.

Santa Cruz, Cal., June 15.—The narrow gauge Southern Pacific passenger train from San Francisco was wrecked today near Rincon. Engineer James Stanley and Fireman Henry Coyle were seriously injured. The locomotive, tender and baggage car were badly smashed. The wreck occurred on a curve. The passenger car, containing 40 people, did not leave the track.

Battle on the Tonkin Frontier.

Tacoma, June 18.—The steamship Tacoma brings news from Hong Kong that the French forces in Tonkin lost four officers and 17 soldiers in a fight along the Tonkin frontier with marauding bands of Chinese, aggregating over 500. The Chinese forces include 1,000 regulars who preferred robbery to soldiering. Many Chinese women were killed and the Chinese were driven into Kwang Se province.