

whatever they call it and is to start work to-morrow morning. We saw Kirby later down town. I put Joe in at Hallam and had her shod and went down town and got a hair cut and a new felt hat. We also heard that the mill was going to open up again to-morrow and the full staff is going to work full time on Monday, the paper also had very cheerful reports from the Dardenelles which they hope to have forced in a few weeks, to cap all this good news, we heard to-night that Gust was going to be home on Friday having recovered enough since he left the hospital to travel. It has been cloudy but a cold north wind all day and doesn't feel

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This morning we all went down town, Enah & the baby went up and spent the day at the James' and Dad. Frank and I started to cut down the old dead locust tree in front of Phelps. We were afraid to cut it at the roots as it was so tall we were afraid it would fall on the telegraph wires so we sawed it through about half way up and Frank climbed up as high as he could and tied a rope to it so we had a good purchase. We didn't get it sawed enough before dinner so stayed at Phelps for dinner. After dinner we went up two or three times and sawed it through as far as we thought we

dared before we pulled it down. We also had it notched on the side we wanted it to fall on but the wood was so tough that we had to saw it nearly through or else we would have broken it off at the roots. Sandy came over as Dad. had borrowed a rope from him and he spent a very enjoyable after noon advising & assisting us and also telling us a long story about a tree he cut down up in Colbourne. At last when the top did come over it crashed right down through the little maple tree and broke about half of it. Dad. told Sandy he could have the broken limb off the maple which brought forth several grunts of satisfaction & gratitude. When all this was accomplished I went up town and took my pants up to Gips to see if he could match them with any of his samples as I want to get a coat if possible but Gips wasn't there. I fooled around with Bergen for a while and then came home. I overtook Dad. Frank Win. & her friend Kitty Lyons in the bus going home heading for home talking to baby. This has been his first day in office and he has been fairly busy. Win. & Kitty got our tea for us and after tea Dad. drove down and got Enah & the baby to-night. I printed a lot of pictures for Win, who with her friend stayed all night. They say poor old Ed. Turner (Daves) is just about all in and they are going to bring him home to-morrow night to die. Quite cloudy and cold to-day but fair.