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Friend Ashby

Yours of the 12th
recd this evening - Thanks.
I am glad to hear
Frank and his wife are
getting better.

I am about to take
out running lines & there
we have had some heavy
winds which have tried these
lines well. So well that
I cut them half off and
now I think I have got
them about right. It would
be impossible to work them
so long in these gales

I have had a little
trouble with ^{one of} the ~~the~~ magnets
~~missing~~ to track machine
but I hope I have got over
it now. (Don't trouble Frank about it)
Believe me will find

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A letter from Mr Woodfall
to me. about coming down
last Tuesday to inspect the
signals - I postponed it - and
told him if Mr Read could
come down the latter part of the
week I would wait for him

I telegraphed him
again tonight to let him
know that I was ready for
the inspection at once if it
was convenient for him. Have
had no reply as yet -

The Fires along
the line of the roads have
done a great deal of mischief
and have kept the men
busy - I rode through one place
where the flames nearly scorched
the cars -

I am in hopes
things will go off ok if they
come down tomorrow as they
did when he was here before

I have no thing to say
in relation to Lead battery
It is more sensitive to cold
than any battery I ever saw
and likewise heat

I have had a rough
time keeping them from
freezing - But now it looks
as though we might have some
good weather -

Have had no rain
for a long time everything is
dried up - I hope I may
see a good rain before I
have to try the adjustments.

There is nothing much
to write about now I want
to go home - I am stuck
I guess -

Give my regards to
Mr Lincoln and Frank
and tell Frank not
worry it will all come

at right get - It depends
altogether how long lived
we are and whether we
can stand it.

I have to try and
feel lively and I shall
keep up now -

I guess there will
be another wedding when
I get home if I stop
much longer - She's ^{as} near
as a March hare and
I suppose it won't make
much diff if I stop a
little longer, then I'll get
a body friend to escort
me across to 74 Grove

It - — Yours Truly
G. C. H.