

FIFTY THOUSAND HOMELESS AND LOSS \$20,000,000 IN VESUVIUS DISASTER; RAIN OF ASHES ABATES



Fighting the Fiery Lava Flow on the Railway and Building Partially Destroyed

Naples, April 11.—Reports of the destruction of two towns, Sarno and Genaro, the former having a population of more than 8,000, have happily proved to be without foundation. At Sarno, 5,000 persons from nearby villages and farms have found refuge. Ottajano, where many lives were lost on Monday, is now practically buried.

There is great difficulty in ascertaining the actual condition of affairs in that part of the stricken district nearest the volcano. The train and railway tracks are deep under sand and ashes, the roads are obliterated, and even the fishermen who ply their calling on the Bay of Naples are afraid to venture out on the water anywhere in the vicinity of Vesuvius.

All these conditions make it difficult to give an intelligent estimate of the loss of property. One estimate is that \$20,000,000 damage has been done, and that 50,000 persons have been rendered homeless. Everywhere in Naples, Castellana and other towns are being flooded with refugees who but a few days ago were prosperous and living under the shadow of that perpetual menace, the volcano of Vesuvius.

For these people whose homes and crops have been destroyed, there is little consolation in the statement of scientists that ultimately the valleys and hillsides will become as fertile as ever they were.

Until communication can be restored and search of the houses in the afflicted district can be made, it will be impossible to determine how many people have perished by this eruption.

**GLOOM AND DESPAIR SPREADING OVER NAPLES**  
Business at a Standstill and Inhabitants Are Panic-stricken.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
New York, April 11.—(Special)—A special cable from Naples dated 1 p. m. says: "Gloom is spreading over the city and the fear of some great disaster from the continued activity of Mount Vesuvius is increasing. Continued showers of ashes and sand here today have interrupted railway traffic, and the feeling of panic is causing large numbers of citizens to neglect their ordinary pursuits. Many shops are closed, and in the streets are to be seen processions of refugees parading with lighted candles, crosses and pictures of saints. The accession of thousands of these fugitives to the population of Naples, with their stories of the terror and devastation wrought by Vesuvius in their villages has had much to do with increasing the panic here."

"The small village of Doggio Marino, which is reported to have been buried in cinders is southeast of Vesuvius. The region where the greatest loss of life is said to have occurred is north of that, lying between Ottajano and San Giuseppe. Carrilli and many other small settlements. Any heavy fall of ash in this direction would affect hundreds of persons. San Genaro is a small monastic settlement five miles to the north of Sarno. The monastery there, which is more than 300 years old, was built in honor of St. Januarius. Only a few persons live in that district."

**Country Thoroughly Settled.**  
Sarno is a flourishing city on the river of the same name, which flows thence toward Pompeii. The limestone deposit from the springs that feed that river were used in building the old city of Pompeii. Torre Del Greco and Torre dell'Annunziata are respectively southwest and south of Vesuvius, both being situated on the Gulf of Naples. Torre dell'Annunziata has 23,000 inhabitants.

"The country about here is thickly inhabited. Villages and small towns extend in so continuous a line that the highroad is like the street of a town. Torre dell'Annunziata and Torre Del Greco have suffered much in the past from eruptions and the rain of ashes. So frequent have been these afflictions that the Italians have a saying: 'Naples sins and Torre pays the penalty.'"

"The towns are built partly on the hardened lava which destroyed older settlements in the same district. The population of Torre Del Greco is 35,000. Lava streams visited it twice in the latter part of the eighteenth century and at about the time of the American civil war it was desolated by an earthquake as well as an eruption. At that time the mountain opened in eleven places just about the town, sending out showers of ashes. The chief occupation of the inhabitants is coral fishing."

**Marion Crawford's Thrilling Tale**  
The home of Marion Crawford, the famous novelist, is at Santa Agnello, a little town across the bay from Naples. The Times today publishes a long cable from him descriptive of the scene. The author of "Saracinesca," writes as follows: "An enormous volume of black smoke rises to a height of two miles above the crater. Incandescent masses of stone are thrown up 5,000 feet. A continuous southerly wind carries the ash over Naples, which is completely enveloped in darkness that for three days our communications by sea have been cut off."

"Steamers and large sailing craft trying to reach Naples find themselves in total darkness several miles from shore and turn back, numbers of persons having fainted from the sulphurous fumes."

"Fires have opened far below the cone, emitting many streams of lava one of which has completely destroyed the town of Bosco Trecese, which had 10,000 inhabitants. Another has reached the outskirts of Torre Del Greco. Others have destroyed thousands of acres of fertile cultivated land with farm houses and stocks."

**Vesuvius' Cone Collapsed.**  
"The great cone of Vesuvius collapsed with awful thundering and flames, and the cable railway, the observatory and the large hotel near it were all totally destroyed on the night of the 7th."

"The population of Bosco Trecese and other ruined places fled in time to Naples, and the roads were choked day and night with every sort of vehicles and crowds of people on foot."

"Yesterday (Monday) I drove through Torre dell'Annunziata to the point where the main stream of lava stopped on Sunday. The lava carried vast masses of burned stone and sulphur on its surface like drops on molten lead, and nothing was visible toward Bosco Trecese but endless acres of dark scoriae, broken here and there by the greenish curling smoke of sulphur."

"At the point we reached a great lone pine tree, torn up by the roots and turned to black charcoal stuck out of the slope at a sharp angle. The air was almost unbearable, the heat intense. The faces of the people who crowded upon the edge of the arrested stream expressed present terror or exhaustion from recent panic."

**Trenches Useless to Stay Lava.**  
"The government has done what was possible to help the homeless people, and the large bodies of troops sent to the rescue have behaved with great energy and courage in saving property. When the stream of fire threatened Bosco Trecese soldiers dug a wide ditch across its path and threw up a formidable intrenchment in the hope of diverting its course, but every effort was useless."

"The molten stone advanced like a colossal serpent of fire, turning its head to the right and left as a snake does, but keeping its general direction toward the fatal town. It was not till it reached the first house, sending up great showers of sparks, that the people finally fled for their lives."

"This has been a disquieting day in Naples. The people, alarmed by what has happened, have deserted their shops and their manufacturers are nearly all closed. The crowds are in a temper for any excuse. It would only require a spark to start a conflagration."

"The arrival of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena has done much to restore calm. They have been received with great joy which turned into delirium whenever the sovereigns left a hospital after a visit to the wounded there. One poor woman exclaimed: 'I would consent to be wounded for the sake of being kissed by the queen.' Others cannot find words in which to express their gratitude that both the royal princes (Cappelloni) and San Fernando have been given up to refugees."

**Think Worst is Over.**  
"The opinion is expressed that the volcano has spent itself. All the papers tonight recommend that the public be calm, pointing out the improved condition of affairs. The papers also editorialize direct-

LOCAL M. P. P.'S SUBSCRIBED \$138

James Barnes, M. P. P., Sends Check to Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

The very wide and generous interest felt in the work of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives is in evidence this week in a letter received by Sir Wm. H. Meredith, Kt., vice-president of the National Sanitarium Association, from James Barnes, M. P. P., of Baie du Nord (N. B.), enclosing a check for \$138.

Mr. Barnes writes: "I enclose to you my check for \$138, amount collected by me from my colleagues when the local house was in session last month. The small amount, we hope, may help the inmates at the Free Hospital for Consumptives at Muskoka. I feel that great good is being done if only one sad heart is made glad."  
—Toronto Globe.

LOCAL NEWS

F. W. Carleton, of Woodville (Me.), says that sheep raising is not a dead industry in that state, and to show his faith in his words he has just bought 300 sheep in Chicago, which he proposes to make the nucleus of a big flock.

Capt. Joseph Smith, of the wrecked schooner W. E. & W. L. Tuck has not yet arrived home, and to show his faith in his words he has just bought 300 sheep in Chicago, which he proposes to make the nucleus of a big flock.

Beverly Schofield, of Fairville, left Wednesday for Edmonston. Mr. Schofield returned last fall from South Africa, where he had been on consular duty for several years, and is planning to enter the ranks of the Northwest Mounted Police in the prairie country. C. Campbell, of the city accompanied him.

It has been decided to give up the salmon pond in Carleton for a site on the eastern side of Courtenay Bay where Little River empties into it. The works, however, will be only of a temporary nature until it is seen whether or not the place is suitable. The reasons given for moving the pond are the sewage and also the millpond may be needed for the dry dock.

Annie, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Samuel McLaughlin, of the L. R. employ, has successfully passed through an operation for appendicitis. About a fortnight ago the child became suddenly ill and an operation, which was a particularly serious one, was performed by Dr. Murray MacLaren. The complete recovery of Mr. McLaughlin's daughter now seems assured. She is occupying a private room in the General Public Hospital.

CHATHAM NEWS

**Lady School Teachers to Get Increase in Salary—Ice Still Solid in River—Other Matters.**

Chatham, April 11.—At a meeting of St. Andrew's church congregation held Tuesday evening the trustees were authorized to raise the salary for the coming season was over but on Tuesday the ice was found to be broken and a small amount of water played. The following was the result: Rev. Mr. MacLaren, 4; James Miller, James McLaughlin, R. A. Snowball, Howard Kennedy, \$100.

At a meeting of the school trustees last evening it was decided to increase the salaries of all the lady teachers who have been employed two years or longer on the town staff.

Three large ice buoys for use at the mouth of the river were ordered by the government wharf. Two of them will be placed and the third kept to be used when either of the others is being re-charged. They will burn night and day for two or three months after being charged with calcium carbide.

Friday is nomination day and there are only two candidates for office: Mr. MacLaren, who is being prepared for open water but the work need not be rushed as there is every appearance of the ice bridge holding until May.

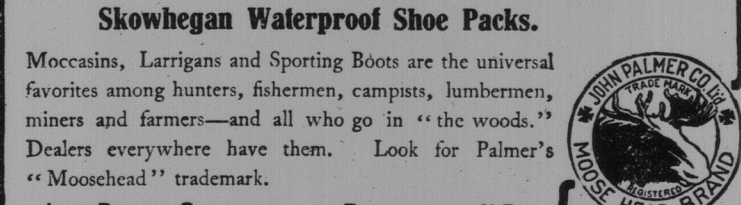
The death of Mrs. John Henry occurred at the Bowyer House today after a brief illness of neuralgia of the heart. The deceased was 77 years of age. Her husband, Mr. Henry, died at Quebec, and Mrs. Henry, of Montreal.

**The Dewey Breaks Its Tow.**  
Washington, April 11.—The dry dock Dewey broke its tow in the Mediterranean sea, off Malta, and drifted about in a storm for about twenty-four hours, but is now in control of the vessel which are towing it. This information reached our department in a despatch from the naval signal office, dated at Messina, Sicily, yesterday. He stated that the Brooklyn remained near the dry dock when it was foundering about, and did not leave until it was safely in tow. A wireless despatch received by the Brooklyn after it left the Dewey indicates that the dry dock is proceeding satisfactorily.

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OBITUARY

**Mrs. P. L. Connellan.**  
Mrs. P. L. Connellan, a native of this city, died in Rome March 18. Deceased was twice married. She lost her first husband, Mr. Fitzpatrick, who was young, and afterwards married Mr. Connellan, a newspaper correspondent in Rome.

**R. E. Stephenson**  
A Marinette, Wisconsin letter of April 9 says: "Robert E. Stephenson, a relative of I. Stephenson, of Marinette, and one of the veteran lumbermen of the Menominee river region, died Friday evening at Ontonagon after a brief illness. Mr. Stephenson came to Marinette about forty years ago and had been engaged actively in logging and lumbering since that time. He was a member of the Masonic and Elks orders. The funeral was held today under Masonic auspices. He leaves two children, a son, George at Portland and a 2-year-old boy at Ontonagon."

The Stephenson went originally from Carleton County, N. B. to the Wisconsin lumber region. Isaac Stephenson has been a United States senator, and is one of the big men of the state.

**Mrs. D. T. Bailey.**  
Woodstock, April 10.—The death of Mrs. Bailey, widow of D. T. Bailey, occurred at an early hour this morning.

Mrs. Bailey has not been well since her husband's death some years ago, and about ten days ago she contracted a severe cold which was the direct cause of her death. Mrs. Bailey was the daughter of the late James Watts who was for so many years editor of the Carleton Sentinel.

Mrs. Bailey is a sister-in-law of Fred Bailey of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, and is also a sister of Mrs. C. V. Wetmore, of Sydney (C. B.).

**Mrs. Thomas Hosford.**  
A funeral service was conducted at the residence of the late Mrs. Thomas Hosford by the Rev. W. O. Raymond Tuesday night. The body of the deceased was taken to St. Martin's Wednesday for burial. Mrs. Hosford leaves her husband, one son, Arthur, and three daughters, Mrs. George Fowler, Miss Lucy and Miss Margaret Hosford. She was the daughter of the late William Davidson, of St. John, and is survived by one brother, William Davidson, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick, of Leek, Londonderry, Mrs. Edward Allaby, residing in St. John.

**Andrew Turner**  
Andrew Turner died Tuesday at his home, 170 Adelaide street, aged seventy-five years. Mr. Turner was born in Kings County, but was brought to the city by his parents when but two years old, and lived in North End ever since. He was a shipwright by trade, and one of the links with the past when wooden shipbuilding was at its height here. Mr. Turner took contracts for plank and vessels and he did a lot of work for the late David Lynch.

He is survived by his wife and seven children. There are three sons—Bradford A., William H., merchant tailor, and Fred—of St. John, and four daughters—Misses Annie, Kate, Sadie and Maggie, at home.

**David Kincaid.**  
David Kincaid died Sunday at the residence of his father in Adelaide road, aged twenty-six years. Deceased had been sick for years with consumption. Besides his father and mother, three brothers and three sisters survive.

The body was taken Wednesday to Thornton, Queens county, for burial.

**Miss Elizabeth M. Carew**  
Elizabeth M. Carew, a native of Halifax, was killed in New York last Saturday. She was knocked down by a horse while getting off a street car. Miss Carew had been living in New York several years. She was a trained nurse. Deceased leaves two brothers in Halifax, also a sister, Miss Ellen, who conducts a private school, and Mother Carew, of the Sacred Heart Convent, Detroit, formerly in the convent in St. John.

**Chas. J. Cooper.**  
Charles J. Cooper, who within recent years conducted business in the city market, died on the 1st inst. at his home in South Clones, Queens county. He had been ill for about a week with pneumonia. Deceased was well known about the market, and enjoyed general good will. He was unmarried, and was aged fifty-one years. A sister is Mrs. Johnston Donald, of Queens county, and surviving brothers

are Andrew, an attendant at the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, and John, James and Christopher, all of Queens county.

**James Clarkin**  
The death of James Clarkin occurred Tuesday at his home in White street, after a lingering illness.

Deceased was a young man who was employed, previous to his becoming ill, by the firm of Macaulay Bros. & Co., and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was an esteemed member of the Young Men's Society, of St. Joseph.

**Roy Campbell.**  
Roy Campbell, a son of William John Campbell, died suddenly at his home, Princess street, at 6:30 a. m. Wednesday. He was seventeen years old. Much sympathy is felt for the family. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

**John C. Allen.**  
The death of John C. Allen, of Douglastown, Grand Bay, occurred on March 1. He was aged sixty-seven years. Deceased was one of the best known steamboat men on the St. John river. He leaves his wife, one daughter and one son to mourn his loss.

**Jacob D. Titus.**  
Jacob D. Titus, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Upland village, died at his home there Wednesday, aged seventy years. He had been sick for nearly two years. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Gutter, and one son, Harry, a merchant in Upland. The deceased was for many years a prominent lumberman and merchant. He was also one of the promoters of the Hampton & St. Martin's railway. His funeral will be held at Upland yesterday morning to attend the funeral.

**Mrs. M. J. Doney.**  
A large circle of friends were greatly shocked Thursday by the death of Mrs. M. J. Doney, of 37 Metcalfe street, who fell a victim to typhoid fever. Mrs. Doney had but recently recovered from confinement and was stricken with the fever. Her husband, who is an employe of Murray & Gregory, is left with two children, one about three years and the other a mere infant. The latter, Mrs. Doney was only 25 years of age. She was a daughter of Elisha Perry of Thornetown, Queens county.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Foreman (at the door): "Did yer husband buy a new suit of clothes on this mornin'?"  
Mrs. O'Malley: "No, he didn't."  
Foreman: "They're rotten entirely."  
Mrs. O'Malley: "I know they are."  
Foreman: "He was blown up by a charge av dynamite—Cleveland Leader."

DIED IN BOSTON

**Writer Asks That Fairville Relatives Be Notified.**  
"After being roughly handled in a lodging house in Elliot street by a pugacious transient, Phineas McMorley, a known country over among the roving as 'The Professor,' because of his intelligence and extensive knowledge, died shortly before daybreak yesterday, in his room."

"Medical Examiner Macdonald, after viewing the body, decided that the age and the heart were responsible for his death rather than the fight in which he was involved a few hours before."

"When a young man, McMorley left his home in St. John (N. B.) for a tour of the States, and spent a small fortune that had been left him. The fortune gone, he continued his traveling on a less pretentious scale."

The foregoing, clipped from a Boston paper, was received by Chief of Police Clark last night from Samuel Clark, of 32 Oak street, Boston, with the request that it be forwarded to Fairville, where the letter stated the mother and sister of deceased resided. There is no "McMorley" in the directory, but a name closely resembling it.

"Mrs. Sharpe—I am going to meet my husband in town today to select a carpet for my drawing room."  
Mrs. Quince—"Can you do it with your eyes for?"  
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