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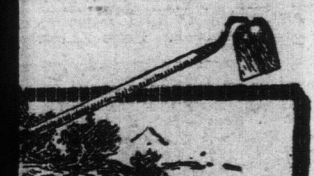
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## VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION

### Outburst Gathers Force Accompanied by Hail of Red Hot Stones and Increased Flow of Lava Causes Widespread Destruction and Carries Terror to Thousands Now Fleeing For Their Lives---Poisonous Gasses Now Renders Breathing Difficult----The City of Naples is in a State of Panic.

## AN APPALLING DISASTER MENACES TOWNS AND CITIES AT BASE

NAPLES, April 8.—The hope that Mount Vesuvius was becoming calm was dissipated today, when the volcano became more active than ever. The panic has spread to Naples. Two strong earthquake shocks which shattered window panes and cracked the walls of buildings, were experienced today. The entire population rushed to the streets in terror, many persons crying, "The Madonna has forsaken us!" "The end of the world has come!"

No trace remains of Basco Tre Case, a community on the southern declivity of the mountain, where, up to forty hours ago, ten thousand persons lived, and Torre Annunziata, on the shores of the Bay of Naples, one mile to the southward, is almost surrounded by the invading lava, and has been evacuated by its 30,000 inhabitants.

The people were brought to Naples by trains, street cars, military carts and steamships. Transportation facilities have been sent to Torre del Greco to take away the people. The police and carabinieri are guarding the abandoned houses, and several members of the government are also there.

A telegram received from the mayor of San Sebastiano, a village near the observatory on the northwest declivity of Vesuvius, says the lava is approaching rapidly, and that the people are terror-stricken. They have been for nights without sleep, he says, and are destitute, and beg that assistance be given them.

The work of succor is hampered, owing to the delays to the railway service, which is interrupted by red-hot stones thrown to a height of 3,000 feet, falling on the tracks.

As yet it is impossible to count the craters that have opened, and from which streams of lava have flooded the beautiful, prosperous and happy land lying on the southeast shores of the Bay of Naples.

The atmosphere is heavily charged with electricity, and now and then the flashes of lightning are blinding, while the detonations from the volcano resemble in sound a terrible dynamite explosion.

The churches of the city were open all day Saturday and Saturday night, and were crowded with panic-stricken persons. Members of the clergy are doing their utmost to calm their fears, but the effect of their arguments go almost for naught when renewed earthquake shocks are experienced.



Striking phase of the latest eruption of Vesuvius. (From the European Edition of the N.Y. Herald.)

With the danger and horror of the situation aside, Vesuvius presents one of the most splendid sights imaginable. The mountain of fire, whose speech is by detonation, and whose acts are destruction, seems like an enraged giant, determined to make pigmies of the people of the earth in the might of his wrath. Here and there on the mountain side stand blasted trunks of pine trees, their branches outstretched as though in protest against the devastation the volcano has wrought.

The Duchess of Aosta, who always is found where misery exists, is not sparing herself in her efforts to alleviate distress. The people call her an angel of mercy. Today she took several children and their mothers in her carriage and conveyed them to the royal palace, where they will remain until conditions are brighter.

The observatory has been destroyed and Signor Matteucci, the director, and the employees had narrow escapes. They passed last night in the darkness safe from the frequent flashes of lightning, as the gas works and electric light plants were also destroyed. The restaurant of the Funicular railroad, too, has been obliterated.

Prisoners in jails on the mountain side went mad with terror and mutined.

They were only partially quieted by being brought here. Their fears have been communicated to the prisoners here, who may rebel at any moment. The situation is critical.

Breathing is momentarily becoming more difficult because of poisonous fumes and smoke, while hot ashes which are still falling, tend to make life a burden.

Contrary to expectations, the sea has not yet shown signs of being affected by the phenomenon, but fears are entertained that tidal waves may yet come, and many craft have put to sea. Visitors to Naples are avoiding the hotels on the sea front, and the people living there are beginning to leave for higher altitudes.

Rome, April 8.—Pope Pius is greatly distressed by the calamity wrought by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In talking to his secretary today, he said: "There are moments when my imprisonment is irksome."

His Holiness personally will not be able to go to the scene, but he has sent a letter to Cardinal Prisco, archbishop of Naples, expressing his grief for the sufferers by the disaster, and instructing him to distribute relief among them and to send to the Vatican particulars of the eruption. He also gave the apostolic benediction to the faithful.

### DOWIE IS DENOUNCED IN STRONGEST TERMS

Meeting in Zion City Listens to  
Bitter Arraignment of  
Deposed Leader.

APOSTLE'S WIFE HEARTILY APPROVES

Gathering Unanimously Decides  
to Stand by Their New  
Leader.

ZION CITY, ILL., April 8.—With the approval of thousands of Dowieites in open meeting today, General Overseer Glenn Voliva denounced John Alexander Dowie as a spendthrift, liar and traitor, and was in turn promised support as leader of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, to fill the place of its founder, now deposed and on his way from Mexico to fight for his rights.

When after denouncing Dowie, Overseer Voliva suddenly demanded a de-

cision of the audience which crowded Shiloh tabernacle, as to who should be their future leader, the six thousand persons in the auditorium arose as one person and signified their willingness to follow Voliva to the end. Today's meeting was called for 2:30 p. m., but as early as 10 a. m. all the streets centering around that house of worship held many anxious Zionists, all headed for Shiloh tabernacle.

By the time Overseer Voliva, accompanied by Mrs. Voliva and their little daughter, reached the meeting house, the place was full to overflowing with the former adherents of Dowie, who had been patiently waiting for hours to listen to the public exposure of Dowie. On the platform with Voliva were Mrs. John Alexander Dowie, Judge Barnes, head of the law department of Zion city, and Overseers Spelcher, Ercell, Cantel and Graeger. At the conclusion of a short prayer by Overseer Spelcher, the new leader in Zion, clad in a robe of simple white and black, stepped to the front of the platform, and in a slow, calm and studied voice, made the announcement that he was going to take advantage of today's meeting to tell a few truths about the man whom they had so faithfully followed for several years.

Voliva then told the audience of the "deplorable" condition he found at Zion city when he arrived a month ago from Australia, and took up the management of Zion's interests at Dowie's command. The speaker did not mince words, but spoke bluntly of the "perfidy" of John Alexander Dowie.

"When most bitter in the denunciation of his former master, there was no one in the tabernacle who showed more approval of Voliva's remarks than Mrs. Jane Dowie.

Overthrow of Zion's first apostle, told how money had been squandered for Dowie's own comfort, while the creditors and the people of Zion were calling loudly for money.

In bringing his denunciations of Mr. Dowie to a close, Mr. Voliva said: "Alexander Graeger owns this tabernacle. He owns this entire estate. What I want you to do is to send all tithes and offerings to Zion in the name of Overseer Graeger instead of in the name of John Alexander Dowie. The day has come when you ought to act as men and women, and exercise your God-given free will. I don't want you to do anything by constraint. I want to be calm and straightforward and present these matters in a way that none can truthfully say that you were excited or acted on the impulse of the moment."

"If you want to stand for downright lying, hypocrisy and shameful misuse of money, keep your seats; but all of those present who are tired of his lying, his exaggerations, his misrepresentations and his inconsistencies and his hypocrisy, and his gross ignorance of all business laws and principles, stand up as an evidence of their denunciation of Dowie and his methods."

This response to his request was instantaneous, everyone in the building rising. Voliva then declared that if Dowie on his arrival in Zion city on Tuesday thought to frighten Voliva into submission, Dowie never was more mistaken in his life.

A message was received from Dowie this afternoon, stating that he would reach Zion city Tuesday morning, and ordering Shiloh House, his residence in Zion city, to be prepared for his homecoming. Voliva, after reading this message, vowed that Dowie would not be allowed to enter the door of what formerly was his Zion city home.

### COLLINS SECURES HIS LIBERTY BY A RUSE

Wily 'Frisco Attorney Carefully  
Prepares His Own Surety  
Papers.

FOOLS TWO SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Wife and Mother-in-Law Give  
\$25,000 Bond Which Proves  
Worthless.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—(Special)—George B. Collins, convicted of perjury, secured his release on a writ of habeas corpus in Judge Murasky's court yesterday. His mother-in-law, Mrs. McCurdy, and her daughter, Collins' alleged wife, furnished a bond in the sum of \$25,000. Today District Attorney Langdon discovered that the bond was faulty, though it had been approved by Judge Murasky and Judge Graham, presiding judge of the superior court, and immediately brought

the matter to the attention of the police. Search was made for the wily attorney, but he could not be found. That Collins has fled the country is the belief of the police. Though he was not given his freedom until a late hour last night, not a trace of him can be found. The McCurdy family claims to know nothing of his whereabouts, and appeared very much surprised when informed that the surety they had given to guarantee his appearance was not worth the paper it is printed on. The surety was prepared by Collins, and it is believed that that astute individual exercised considerable foresight in drawing it up and prepared it in such a manner that his sudden disappearance would not cause a further drain upon the purses of his "wife" and "dearly beloved" mother-in-law.

Presiding Judge Graham is holding court at his home tonight, awaiting a report from the police.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Topeka, Kas., April 7.—In a decision rendered here today, the Kansas supreme court held that the Kansas live stock exchange is a trust and that all cattle mortgages made through members of that exchange are invalid.

The decision, which was unanimous, reverses a former decision of the supreme court in the same case, the present decision being on a rehearing. The far-reaching effects of this decision are beyond estimation. Nearly all the cattle mortgages issued through the members of the exchange contain the provision that a commission of 50 cents a head shall be charged. Under the holding of the court this is sufficient to constitute a trust and all notes and mortgages are absolutely void and cannot be enforced.

### STILL WAITING THE REPLY FROM OPERATORS

Miners' Proposal to Arbitrate  
Discussed at Meeting With-  
out Result.

With President Mitchell and  
the scale committee awaiting the reply  
of the operators to the proposition to ar-  
bitrate their differences all is quiet in  
the anthracite coal strike situation.

There was just a flurry of interest when it became known that the operators held a meeting in New York yesterday afternoon in order to discuss the miners' arbitration proposal, but this disappeared with the statement that the coal presidents were not ready to announce a decision and that another meeting would be held Monday when an answer to the miners is expected.

In the western Pennsylvania bituminous districts reports indicate that 28,000 or over 25 per cent of the miners, will be at work at Monday. A development of interest in the bituminous regions was the action of the operators in refusing to refuse to grant the scale of 1903, and to make no adjustment of any differences with miners, except upon the scale and conditions which were effective until April 1, 1900, or by arbitration as proposed.

From various other sections came re-

ports of operators signing the 1903 scale. Many miners are avoiding regular time.

President Mitchell was at his headquarters in New York yesterday devoting most of his attention to the coal situation and to routine business. He declared himself as well satisfied with the progress of affairs in the bituminous fields.

New York, April 7.—A conference of anthracite coal operators was held here this afternoon to consider the reply to be made on Monday to the sub-committee of the miners. The session was a brief one, and at its conclusion it was announced the operators would meet again on Monday prior to the joint session with the representatives of the workers.

That the operators will have some sort of counter-plan for the arbitration proposed by President Mitchell is quite generally believed here tonight, but no intimation of its character can be had. Today's conference was attended by the operators of the anthracite region. President Mitchell remained at miners' headquarters throughout the day.

The meeting agreed to meet again on Monday previous to the conference with President Mitchell and his committee. This conference with the miners has been set for 1:30 in the afternoon.

DISCOVERS SILICA SAND.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 7.—J. E. Wilcox has discovered large deposits of valuable silica sand on his property a few miles from here. The sand is of special value for use in foundries.