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DREADFUL DISASTER FALLS UPON NAPLES; CRATER CINDERS CRUSH FILLED MARKET

Scores Perish as Building Collapses Without Moment's Warning—Terrible Scenes of Devastation and Death on Slopes of Vesuvius—Hundreds of Victims.

Naples, April 10.—A frightful disaster has occurred in the center of this city, following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Two hundred people, it is estimated, were buried this morning in the ruins of the Market Monte Oliveto when the roof collapsed under the weight of cinders from the volcano. The exact number of people within the building at the moment of the catastrophe is not known. The disaster was appalling. The courtyard covers 600 square feet, and was roofed. The space within was unusually crowded with buyers and their children, the accident happening at the hour of the day when there is most brisk. Rival displays of flowers, fruits and vegetables, contended for buyers, while market women screamed their wares and joked with their customers. Little children played about the stands, adding gaiety to the scene, the like of which is not to be witnessed outside of Naples.

Suddenly, with scarcely a tremor of warning, there was a terrific crash, and the brilliant sight disappeared in a cloud of dust, while shrieks of agony rent the air.

The work of rescue progressed during the morning hours, and before noon seven bodies had been removed, and seventy injured persons extricated from the ruins.

Children Smothered by Ashes.

Naples, April 10.—8:35 a.m.—The fate of many children at Ottajano is unknown. When the military carts arrived at the scene of the disaster last night the soldiers arranged to have the children and aged people get into the carts, to which they thankfully acceded, but when the vehicles had gone a few hundred feet it was found that although there were four horses harnessed to each wagon, they could not pull their loads through the deep ashes, in spite of several desperate efforts to do so. This caused a panic among the children, who expected to be buried in the ashes from the volcano, and they fled in all directions in the darkness and blinding rain, and have not since been heard of. Searching parties went after the children, but in spite of continuous shouting and calling, no trace was found of them, and it is feared that the children have been smothered in the ashes.

Died in Terror.

Naples, April 10, 9:15 a.m.—The scenes at Ottajano (where the churches collapsed) when the first victims were unearthed were most horrible. The positions of the bodies showed that the victims had died while in a state of great terror, the faces being convulsed with fear. Three bodies were found in a confessional of one of the fallen churches. One body was that of an old woman who was sitting with her right arm raised as though to ward off the advancing danger. The second was that of a child about 8 years old. It was found dead in a position which would indicate that the child had fallen asleep with a little dog close to it and had died with one arm raised across the face of the dog, and its pet from the crumbling ruins. The third body, that of a woman, was reduced to an unrecognizable mass. These three victims were reverently laid side by side, while a procession of friends and relatives, and many prayers beside them. Other bodies which were found later caused such an impression among the already frantic population that the authorities did not deem it advisable to take any more bodies to be identified for the present.

Forty-nine bodies already have been taken out of one of the churches at Ottajano.

Soldiers Play the Hero.

Naples, April 10, 9:30 a.m.—Many tales are told of heroic rescues on the part of the soldiers sent to the assistance of the sufferers from the volcanic disaster at Ottajano and elsewhere. One man went with his horse through the ashes, reaching up to its flanks, calling out, "Who wants help. Who wants help." He was rewarded by hearing a woman's voice reply in weak tones, and, springing from his horse, the soldier called a comrade to his assistance and floundered among the ashes until he arrived at the ruined walls of a house, from which the voice seemed to come. As he made his way towards the building the soldier shouted words of encouragement, and climbing over a heap of ruins he entered the building and in the cellar found the bodies of three children. Near them was a woman barely alive who by almost superhuman efforts fasting for hours had succeeded in freeing herself from a mass of debris which had fallen on her. The soldier picked up the woman and carried her to a place of safety where it was found that both her legs were broken and that she had been badly crushed about the body. It is believed she will live, although she suffered for some time after her rescue owing to the difficulty in finding a surgeon to attend her.

Broke Through Crust.

New York, April 10.—A cable dispatch, according to a morning paper, from Naples, says: Several lands in the danger following the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius seemed most

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To Electrify the C. P. R.

Ottawa, April 10.—It is learned that the Canadian Pacific Company has decided to await the outcome of experiments by the New York Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Companies before taking steps for the electrification of any part of its system. Both the latter railways are spending enormous sums upon experiments, the former with a direct current and the latter with a single phase alternating current. Once the electrification of steam railways on a large scale has passed beyond the experimental stage, there is little doubt that the C. P. R. will be prepared to adopt the system. They have accumulated a lot of data on the subject, and will be prepared to act at the earliest possible moment. The line from Montreal to Quebec will in all probability witness the first installation. All the electric power necessary can be obtained from Shawinigan Falls, providing the price is satisfactory. That, however, it is presumed, can easily be arranged.

WANT ROOSEVELT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Coal Operators Will Probably Make That Offer to the Men.

New York, N. Y., April 9.—At the joint conference of the sub-committees of the anthracite coal mine owners and their employees, to be held here tomorrow, the operators will decline to accept the arbitration plan as presented last week by the mine workers, and will present a counter-proposition, which, if agreed to by the miners, will bind each side for more than two years.

The operators have been working on the new plan ever since the adjournment of the joint conference of last Thursday, and the inability of the presidents of the hard coal carrying railroads to complete minor details caused a postponement of 24 hours of the conference scheduled for today.

It is said the offer involves an arbitration plan that will call for the settlement of only one grievance, but may be, after an impartial investigation, found to exist. The operators maintain the position the miners have not called attention to anything that has not already been passed upon by the anthracite coal strike commission. There is a strong impression among the miners' committee that the operators will propose that President Roosevelt be requested to summon the strike commission to review the entire situation.

The operators' representatives conferred today, and promise that unless something should occur they will be ready with their answer to the miners' arbitration plan tomorrow.

The reason given for the postponement was that the large coal companies desired to obtain the sentiment of all the independent operators before they drew up their formal answer.

President Mitchell announced tonight that the last of the bituminous coal operators in the Pittsburgh district, who had held out against the 1903 wage agreement, signed the scale today. This action, he said, clears up the Western Pennsylvania territory, and means that 40,000 men in that territory, who produce from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of soft coal a year, will receive an increase of 5.5 per cent in wages.

SIGNAL CORPS NAMED

Instructions Being Given Here by Gunnery School Sergeant.

In accordance with the new scheme inaugurated by Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, Sergt. Pearson, of the Kingston School of Gunnery, is in this city giving instructions in signal corps work.

On three mornings a week, the sergeant holds classes at Wolsley Barracks, and three nights a week he gives instructions in the Armories.

In the latter place, Sergt. Pearson instructs men from the Seventh and Twenty-sixth Regiments, the Sixth Field Battery and the First Hussars.

The instructions include heliograph, semaphore, flags and field telegraph work.

Lieut. Hennessy, who served through the South African campaign, is the district staff signal officer.

HAYES IS PRESIDENT

Well-Known Marksman Head of the Seventh Regiment Rifle Assn.

The Seventh Regiment Rifle Association, at a meeting held last night, elected Major Hayes president. The major is an enthusiastic rifleman and one of the most painstaking members of the association. Capt. Taylor, also a first-class man for the position, was elected secretary.

A large number turned out to the regular weekly drill at the armories last night, and quite a number of recruits were also enrolled. Results will only be accepted for a short time now, as the officers do not want to have any greenhorns in the regiment when the trip is taken on Dominion Day.

HOT-SHOT FOR HON. ADAM BECK

Charged With Making Unwarranted Statements About Niagara Falls Council.

Toronto, April 10.—The Globe says: The following telegram was received yesterday afternoon from R. P. Slater, mayor of Niagara Falls: "At Stratford on Saturday, the 7th, the Hon. Mr. Beck insulted the city of Niagara Falls by stating that the council were instigated in their opposition to his chimerical provincial electrical power scheme by outsiders, mentioning Banker Paine as one of the influences. The council received no communication either from Banker Paine or any other power company or anyone connected with any power company, and the city council of Niagara Falls and the people of the county of Welland fought for and succeeded in knocking out the power monopoly of a hundred years controlled by an American company, which alone makes any other power development at the Falls possible, long before the Hon. Adam Beck had any connection with the municipal or hydro-electrical commission that has so completely satiated him with electrical conceits that he makes statements and insinuations that he knows are not true or that he should inquire as to the truth thereof before making, even though he is a cabinet minister."

"The city of Niagara Falls will no doubt have an opportunity of presenting their views on the situation to the Government of Ontario, and feel safe that they will receive careful consideration even though they may interfere with the honorable gentleman's ambition. Should the Hon. Mr. Beck wish to repeat the statement above made to our faces he can have an opportunity of so doing from the public platform from any hall that can be secured in the city of Hamilton on Wednesday evening next at 8 p.m. Should this date not meet his convenience, any date three weeks after the will meet the differences, and if the operators suggest that the commission be summoned, the union will probably accept it unless the scope of the proposed plan is limited."

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Miners Believe There Will Be Early Settlement of Strike.

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Before the meeting today the miners said they believed the operators would decline the union plan and would present one of their own. It is known that the miners were not averse to having the anthracite strike commission again go over the differences, and if the operators suggest that the commission be summoned, the union will probably accept it unless the scope of the proposed plan is limited.

A PHILLIPS ENTERPRISE

Toronto Teamster Had an Agreement With York Loan President.

Toronto, April 10.—The history of another enterprise founded by Joseph Phillips in which the shrews of war were furnished by the York County Loan was disclosed at the conspiracy investigation yesterday. Thos. Clarke, the head-and-front of a teaming outfit purchased with \$2,950 obtained from the York Loan without security, was the medium through which the arrangement was given to the court. The teaming was done principally for the York Loan and Southern Light and Power Company, the rates being \$4.50 per day per team and man. Clarke was allowed \$15 per week and after all expenses were provided for and interest at the rate of 6 per cent paid on the loan the profits were divided between Clarke and Phillips, the former securing one-third and the latter two-thirds. On one occasion the profits ran as high as \$50 per week, but this Clarke said was exceptional, as some weeks there were not any profits. When the crash came and an attempt was made to realize on the assets the York Loan got the short end of the stick. A number of the horses had been sold, others had died, and what was left in the for most second-hand wagons, sleighs and harness, were turned over to the liquidators.

The court's attorney figures out that with the arrears of interest and the depreciation in the teaming outfit the York Loan lost about \$1,000.

Joseph Phillips turned up debonair and smiling, looking none the worse for his sojourn at the jail over Sunday. The regular police wagon is still being utilized in conveying him to and from the jail.

HIS HEAD SEVERED

Charles Blanche, of Brantford, Killed in Railroad Yards.

Brantford, April 9.—A fatal accident occurred at the Grand Trunk Railway crossing at Pearl street tonight, by which Charles Blanche, a middle-aged man, was instantly killed.

When he attempted to cross he dodged the main line flyer which was rushing down on track, and slipped and fell on the second track, along which a yard engine was running.

His head was completely severed from his body.

An inquest will be held. Blanche was employed by the Brantford Carriage Company, and had been here only four days, having come from Amherst, N. S., where he formerly resided, and had a wife and family.

WHO SHOULD BE D. R. O.'S

Government Prefers Present System, But Opposition Favors Police.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 10.—At the Dominion election laws committee today, Mr. Oliver and western members, Liberal and Conservatives, were examined with a view of ascertaining who should be made returning officers at elections. There was a difference of opinion on the question. The Liberals wanted to let the law stand as at present. The Conservatives held that the sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and superintendents of mounted police should be named.

Mr. Oliver objected to involving the police in election matters, which would impair their efficiency. Mr. Ralph Smith favored the law, as it now stands in British Columbia.

MONTREAL OR OTTAWA?

Place for Seventh Regiment Outing Still Undecided.

The officers of the Seventh Regiment are still undecided where to take the corps for the Dominion Day outing. The choice is between Montreal and Ottawa, with the majority of the rank and file in favor of the former.

At a meeting of the officers' last evening, a committee composed of Captains Graham and Brown, was appointed to visit Montreal and report on the advisability of having the outing at that place.

The officers were very much pleased with the turnout of the regiment last evening many recruits being present. It will be absolutely necessary for men to put in the spring drill if they want to participate in the coming outing.

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Big Montreal Fire.

Montreal, April 10.—Fire in a block of buildings at the corner of Mareau and St. Catharines streets this morning destroyed the premises of Marchand Freres, F. Marchand, blacksmith shop and Mr. Firget, steamfitter. In all three buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and warmer.

Sun rises, 5:41 a.m. Moon rises, 8:50 p.m. Sun sets, 6:55 p.m. Moon sets, 6:55 a.m.

The disturbance over the great lakes has become almost stationary, and is dispersing. Rain has been almost general today in Ontario, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces it has been mostly fair and cool. Comparatively mild weather continues in Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6-16; Athol, 2-36; Victoria, 42-52; Vancouver, 35-53; Calgary, 22-54; Edmonton, 26-44; Prince Albert, 20-36; Qu'Appelle, 38-46; Winnipeg, 26-44; Port Arthur, 30-38; Parry Sound, 34-40; Toronto, 36-42; Montreal, 28-46; Quebec, 20-34; St. John, 26-40; Halifax, 22-38.

FORECAST.

Tuesday, April 10.—8 a.m. Today—Moderate winds; partly fair, but still showery.

Wednesday—Westerly winds; fair and milder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. M.R. Weather. Calgary, 28 36 Clear. Winnipeg, 34 42 Cloudy. Port Arthur, 30 38 Cloudy. Parry Sound, 34 40 Snow. Toronto, 36 42 Cloudy. Montreal, 28 46 Snow. Quebec, 20 34 Snow. Father Point, 22 38 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance is now dispersing over Ontario. Rain has been general in Western Ontario, and both snow and rain in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. The weather continues fair and mild in the Northwest Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 57; lowest, 35; above.

ONTARIO WINS IN TRUST FUND CASE

Secures Legal Victory Over Dominion Government.

FIVE PER CENT UNIFORM RATE

The Decision Makes Up for a Yearly Loss to the Province of \$19,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 10.—A corporal's guard of members were present at yesterday's spirited sitting of the Legislature, which lasted only an hour, and was marked by no distinctive features. Mr. Whitney said that the education bill would be brought down today.

Hon. Mr. Matheson made the announcement that judgment had been given in the case of the Province against the Dominion Government, in which the former claimed that interest was payable on the trust funds (other than the common school fund, about which there was no dispute, at 5 per cent, instead of 4 per cent now paid.

Mr. Justice Burpee, of the exchequer court, had decided that the rate payable was 5 per cent, and that it could not be reduced without the assent of the Province. His lordship held, however, that the Dominion could, at any time discharge and pay off the principal of \$1,810,000. Mr. Matheson said that the Province would probably apply the latter point.

The capital sum of the trust funds is made up of the general school fund, the Upper Canada building fund, and the land improvement fund. Five per cent has been paid since Confederation, but in the final year of the Ross administration the Dominion Government notified the Province that thereafter only 4 per cent would be paid, and for 1905 payment was made at that rate.

Two or three items in the estimates, which had been held over for consideration, were passed in committee, without discussion, and the House then formally concurred in each of the 71 separate votes of money required.

Mr. Lucas withdrew his bill respecting telephone companies operating in the Province of Ontario, as its provisions were covered by the measure now before the Dominion Parliament, giving the Dominion Railway commission control over telephone lines. Mr. Lucas had intended to bring the bill forward in the House, but it was not done.

Mr. Lennox, in moving the second reading of his bill to amend the act to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles on highways, explained that its provisions were practically the same as those of the bill which he introduced the other day, except that it omitted the clauses relating to revenue, and therefore outside the Province, of a private bill. The Premier had no objection to having the bill go to the municipal committee, and it went.

The second reading was given to Mr. Clark's (Bruce) bill to amend the local courts act. It provided that only in the counties of Hamilton, Wentworth, Middlesex and York, or in counties having cities of over 50,000 population, should there be two county judges.

Hon. Mr. Ross hoped the bill would be carefully considered in committee. Hon. Mr. Whitney said there was much to commend the bill, as he knew many counties where only one judge was needed.

The following bills were given their final readings:

Respecting the department of lands, forests and mines—Mr. Cochrane. To amend the act to preserve the forests from destruction by fire—Mr. Cochrane.

Respecting the united counties of Durham and Northumberland—Mr. Preston (Durham). Respecting the town of Oshawa—Mr. Calder.

To admit George Macgregor Gardner and Henry Ernest Redman to practice as barristers and solicitors. Respecting the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Crawford.

Respecting the village of Campbellford—Mr. Preston (Durham). Respecting the town of Thornbury and the township of Collingwood—Mr. Lucas.

To confirm bylaw No. 474 of Cavan Township—Mr. Preston (Durham).

EDITH AHERN'S MURDERER

Montreal Police Believe They Have Captured Human Monster.

Montreal, Que., April 10.—The police are convinced that they now have the murderer of Edith May Ahern. The man was arrested last night, and all morning the police have been busy getting identifications, and they now assert that five persons declare the prisoner to be the man who was seen with the little girl on the afternoon of the murder. The prisoner's name has not yet been made public. There is great activity in police circles as the result of the latest developments.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 9. Reported at. From. Minnesota, New York, London. La Gasconne, New York, Havre. Nordland, New York, Antwerp. Grosz, Kur.

Finland, Bremen, New York. Finland, Dover, New York. Prinz-Adalbert, Genoa, New York. Furze, Mobile, New York. Bohemian, Liverpool, Boston.

Committee Still Awaits Report of the Engineer

Document Expected Any Time—Agreement With Grand Trunk May Be Put Through Monday Evening.

It is quite likely that the railway committee of the city council will bring matters to a head this week in connection with the proposed Grand Trunk improvements, so that the council will be enabled to pass finally upon the agreements next Monday night.

Engineer Jennings' report has not as yet been received, but it is expected any moment. And that the committee will be guided by it, is an absolute certainty.

This afternoon, Ald. Garratt, chairman of the railway committee, goes to Toronto, on the Niagara power deputation, and while there he intends to interview Superintendent Brownlee with a view to arranging as early a meeting as possible.

That the Grand Trunk is becoming restless is evident, as the company has many pieces to put its men and machinery at work if the city cannot agree its way clear to allow the improvements to be made this year.

The first "kick" regarding the viaduct on Wellington street was registered this morning, when a certain property-owner south of the track laid a complaint with City Engineer Graydon.

"I can see no reason why the city should allow Wellington street to be narrowed at the tracks," he said. "The street is 200 feet wide, and one of the finest in the city."

Mr. Graydon pointed out that the street is 132 feet wide, and that the company is willing to make the viaduct about 82 feet in width. This is much wider than the present traveled roadway for teams and also the walks for pedestrians, and the committee is

of the opinion that the Grand Trunk is doing what is fair by the city.

However, the citizen referred to does not like the idea of the street opening being narrowed, and he says he will lay his objections before the committee when that body meets.

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk re exemption from taxation at the time the car works were brought back to London has expired, and the city will as a consequence, realize about \$5,000 additional taxes this year from the company.

The announcement that the Grand Trunk intends to build the new depot along Bathurst street, and with the main entrance on Clarence street, has given quite an impetus to real estate south of the tracks and also on Clarence street above the company's lines. It is understood that speculators are already bonding a large amount of property in the neighborhood mentioned.

Many people are agitating to have the new depot erected between Wellington and Waterloo streets, instead of on the old site, claiming that as the city is growing east, now is the time to place the depot where it will prove the most convenient to the citizens and the traveling public.

It is thought around the city hall that if put to a vote of the people the depot would go east, but it is deemed in the best interests of the business men to keep it where it is now.

Talk of a new hotel to be built along York street on the land now occupied by the old depot, is heard again, but there is nothing definite at the moment.

DOWIE FEARS TO ENTER ZION

Believes He Might Be Assassinated—Will Fight Through the Courts.

Chicago, April 10.—John Alexander arrived in Chicago at 9 a.m. today over the Wabash Railway. Instead of going direct to Zion City, he proceeded immediately to the Auditorium Annex in Chicago. A deputy sheriff attempted to serve some kind of a legal document upon him, but one of Dowie's followers pushed the deputy sheriff aside and prevented service.

Upon arriving at the hotel, Dowie made the following statement: "The fight that I will make to regain my prestige in Zion will be a legal one. I do not think it wise for me at this time to proceed at once to Zion, as I fear that enemies have set a trap, and would do bodily injury to me. I will not state now just what these legal steps will be, because I am not certain of them myself. As soon as I have rested in my apartment, I shall summon my legal advisers, and I may give the press a full statement covering my purposes and my plans. I shall not, however, turn back from Zion, but as soon as I am armed with the proper weapons, which will be the necessary legal documents, I shall proceed there and take possession. That will probably be some time tomorrow."

Dowie was in excellent spirits, and his health upon reaching Chicago was better than at any time during the trip from Mexico.

Died From Cow's Kick. St. Thomas, April 10.—Michael Hooley, of Iowa, aged 18 years, died in the Amasa Wood Hospital yesterday. He was kicked on the knee a week ago by a cow, but the injury did not trouble him until Friday, when blood-poisoning set in and death ensued.

St. Thomas, April 10.—Leo Walker, the 16-year-old boy who had both legs cut off while attempting to board a passenger freight train, died at midnight.

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Grave of British Officer In St. Paul's Churchyard

Resting Place of Lieut.-Col. Maitland Located in Rear of Cathedral.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 10.—Dr. H. J. Morgan, of Ottawa, has been instrumental, with the assistance of Mr. G. B. Harris, of Eldon House, London, Ont., in discovering the grave, in that city, of an officer who took an active part in the defense of the western frontier of the Province of Ontario (then Upper Canada), during and subsequent to the rebellion of 1837. The grave was found to be in an out-of-the-way corner of the St. Paul's Cathedral grounds, and in a capital place to be covered with coal ashes. All traces of it would inevitably have been lost within a few months. Upon a stone, found to be broken in three pieces, was the following inscription:

"Colonel the Honorable John Maitland, C. B., commanding the London and Western District, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-second Regiment, and youngest son of the Earl of Lauderdale. Died at London, Upper Can-

ada, on the 18th of January, 1859. Erected to his memory by the officers of the Thirty-second Regiment, which he commanded for upwards of twenty years, as a mark of their esteem and regard."

Of the officer above-mentioned an account is published in Dr. Morgan's "Celebrated Canadians" (Quebec, 1862). He was the third son of the eighth, and the brother of the ninth and tenth Earls of Lauderdale. Born March 5, 1789, he entered the army 1807, as ensign, in the Thirty-second Regiment, and was present with that corps in the expedition to Copenhagen, under the command of Lord Cathcart. Subsequently he served in Spain and Portugal, and was in the Peninsula, 1810-11, as aide-de-camp to Sir William Houston. Returning to England, he was appointed aide-de-camp to his uncle, Gen. Sir Thomas Maitland, and accompanied that distinguished officer to Malta, on his being appointed commander of the forces in the Mediterranean and lord high commissioner of the Ionian Islands. Here Maitland was appointed inspecting field officer of the forces. In 1814 he obtained a majority in the De Roll's Regiment, and in 1815, when not quite 29 years of age, he was

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