

ERUPTIONS HAVE INCREASED IN FORCE

Rumor that Another Town Has Been Destroyed—The Flight of Panic Stricken People Still Continues.

Naples, April 10.—While early in today the volcanic activity of Mount Vesuvius appeared to have diminished as night approached, the prospect of immediate relief faded and the fate of villages and towns grouped around the volcano seemed more hopeless. Instead of decreasing, the fall of stones and ashes emitted from the crater increased. Even with the sun shining high in the heaven the light was a dim yellow, in the midst of which the few people who remained in the stricken towns, their clothing, hair and beards covered with ashes, moved about in the awful stillness of desolation like gray ghosts.

The case of Torre Del Greco is typical. For thirty hours the place has been practically deserted, but amid the ruins and in semi-darkness, illuminated from time to time by vivid flashes of lightning, the inhabitants go about hungry and with throats parched with smoke and dust, seemingly unable to tear themselves away from the ruins of what so recently were their homes. The communication by rail or tramway with Torre Del Greco and Torre Annunziata is impossible, owing to the cinders, sand and ash deposits. Railway travel to and from Naples is much hampered by the same conditions and a collision to-day resulted in the injuring of twelve passengers. Telegraphic communication with the towns furthest in the danger zones also is interrupted.

The throw of lava from the volcano which had almost ceased during the night resumed early to-day, and a fall of volcanic ejected in the Vesuvian communities had engulfed the buildings in the towns.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena have forwarded Premier Sonnini, who is here, \$20,000, to be applied towards the relief of the sufferers by the volcano. The prefect has removed the mayor of San Giuseppe from office because in the face of danger he left his village without informing his superiors.

Cardinal Prisco, archbishop of Naples, who to-day visited the people wounded by the fall of the Mount Olivet market, brought to these unfortunate the benediction of the Pope. The Duchess of Oosta was to-day a veritable goddess of mercy to those wounded in the market, as she bent over a cot giving a drink to a child who was bruised and battered from head to foot, she felt a kiss imprinted on her hand. Looking down the volcano she met those woman kneeling at her feet, who said: "Your excellency, she (pointing to the suffering child) is all I have. I am a widow. May God reward your duty in the volcanic zone are utilizing the railway carriages at different localities and camp hospitals. The Red Cross Society has established a hospital in the vicinity of San Giuseppe.

The number of dead taken from the market at San Giuseppe, which collapsed yesterday, in which a congregation of about 200 persons were injured, is 26. There were 79 severely injured.

The stream of lava, which started anew in the direction of Torres Annunziata, reached the cemetery near that town and then turned towards Pompeii.

The troops are carrying provisions, surgical instruments and medicine to be used in aiding the wounded in the vicinity of Ottajano and the work of rescue is being actively proceeded. A violent storm of sulphurous rain occurred to-day at San Giuseppe. The volcano is resuming activity, especially at Cercola.

Five Hundred Dead.

Rome, April 10.—A dispatch from Naples to the Tribuna reports that 500 persons have perished in the district between Ottajano and San Giuseppe.

Another Report.

London, April 11.—A dispatch from Capey to the Times states that five hundred persons perished by the collapse of the church at San Giuseppe on Monday and that two hundred more are believed to have been killed in the district.

Among the interesting opinions of scientists of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius is one from Professor Belar, of Laibach, an authority on seismic disturbances who in a telegram to the Daily Mail attributes the eruption to the activity of a great sun spot.

Earthquake Shocks.

Naples, April 11.—(5.30 a. m.)—A great eruption of sand is observed on the east side of the main crater. This is worse than ashes as it is heavier. The section of ashes seems to have diminished. Fresh shocks of earthquake are being felt especially in the direction of Ottajano, Somma and Noia. Fortunately the great amount of ashes on the ground seems to have checked the telluric action of the shocks. Another part of the main cone of the volcano has fallen in, causing a great discharge of red hot stones, flame and smoke. Reports from San Giuseppe and ashes from Mount Vesuvius are noticeable there.

There has been a considerable diminution in the fall of red hot sand since the eruption of the volcano.

The newspaper Pungolo graphically describes a visit of a member of its staff to Ottajano, San Giuseppe and Vesuvius. Ottajano was enveloped in a black smoke. The troops were clearing the ruins, demolishing tottering buildings and re-establishing communications. Entire families perished in the town and terrible scenes occurred when refugees returned in search

RUSH OF SETTLERS IS INCREASING

BUSY SCENES IN THE TOWN OF EDMONTON

More Interesting Evidence Regarding the Affairs of York County Loan Company.

Edmonton, April 10.—Although 687 homeseekers entered last month and broke all previous records in that time at the Edmonton office, the number of actual settlers coming into the country is greater than ever before, and indications are that April will be another record-breaker and overshadow March to a large extent. Settlers are pouring into Edmonton at the present time in a way not being realized even by the people of the city. Charles Suter, Dominion immigration officer, stated today that no less than 50 men started on their way to the west before 10 o'clock this morning looking for land. Nearly every one of these was an arrival of Saturday or Sunday night, and many of them represented other parties to follow.

The rush is keeping immigration and land office officials busy hand-to-hand. Down at the exhibition building, which the government has been fixing up for the accommodation of settlers there are 50 beds, and more are being added all the time. At the immigration office, which is being used as a temporary office, the desks are crowded with applicants for land. The land office run out of the building, which the government has been fixing up for the accommodation of settlers there are 50 beds, and more are being added all the time.

Kenora, Ont., April 10.—An unknown body was discovered to-day floating near the wharf here, the features being unrecognizable owing to the time it had been in the water. The body is believed to be that of a young Swedish laborer who disappeared late last fall.

RAILWAY ACTS.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Hon. L. P. Brodeur's Statement in the Commons—Minister of Marine Will Visit Coast During Summer.

Ottawa, April 11.—On the orders of the day R. G. Macpherson (Vancouver) in the House yesterday brought up the question of aids to navigation on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He said that prior to the advent of the C. P. R. shipping on the Pacific coast was very small indeed. To-day they had two lines between Vancouver, Victoria and Oriental points, so with Australia, and next month there would be a new line with New Zealand. Then there was the Blue Funnel line running from Liverpool, round Cape Horn to Vancouver and Victoria. Mr. Macpherson gave the registered tonnage of both ports, showing how it had increased during the past few years. The boats called twice at Victoria. That should be borne in mind when calculating tonnage.

Mr. Macpherson proceeded to picture in a graphic and touching way some of the wrecks which had taken place on the west coast. He dealt first with the Pass of Meifort, and not one soul was saved. He was coming to the head of the Pass at Meifort, and not one soul was saved. He was coming to the head of the Pass at Meifort, and not one soul was saved.

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MANY PEOPLE HOUSES IN VICINITY OF NAPLES

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The blockade of localities, but service on the railway has been re-established, though greatly disarranged. The confusion in the situation, involving delays and discomforts, have been subjected. The disquieting day in Naples, alarmed by what has happened, deserted their shops and terraces are nearly all empty. It would only require a conflagration to destroy the city.

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