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RIVERS OF MOLTEN LAVA 40 FEET DEEP  
ARE SWEEPING AWAY ITALIAN TOWNS

Fiery Torrents from Vesuvius Wipe Out the City of Boscarease—Terrific Earthquakes Rock Naples and Throw Populace in a Panic.

London, April 9. — The accounts of Sunday's eruption of Mount Vesuvius which have reached here are detached and inexact. It is clear that the evacuation of the towns and villages in a wide area around the volcano before the advancing lava and torrents of hot ashes and sand has left nobody to observe the progress of the catastrophe, even if such observation were possible. A correspondent who went to the Boscarease and Torre del Annunziata districts Saturday says:

"Along the road I met hundreds of families in flight carrying their few miserable possessions. The spectacle of collapsed carts and fainting women was frequent. When one reached the lava stream a stupefying spectacle presented itself. From a point on the mountain between the two towns I watched four rivers of molten fire, one of which 200 feet wide and over 40 feet deep, was moving slowly and majestically onward, devouring vineyards and olive groves. I witnessed the destruction of a farmhouse, which was enveloped on three sides by lava."

"Immediately overhead the great crater was heaving and smoking. The whole summit was enveloped in flames, and a perpetual roar was heard. Ever and anon the cone of the volcano was encircled with vivid electric phenomena, amid which a down-pour of liquid fire on all sides of the crater was revealed in magnificent awfulness."

"In the evening there was a frightful shock of earthquake, which was repeated at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Simultaneously the lava streams redoubled their onrush, and men, women and children fled precipitately towards the sea. The lava had invaded the road behind them."

Naples, April 8. — The hope that Mount Vesuvius was becoming calm was dispelled today, when the volcano became more active than ever. The panic has spread to Naples. Two strong earthquake shocks, which shattered windows, panes and cracked the walls of buildings, were felt 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 of the remains of Boscarease, a commune on the southern declivity of the mountain, where, up to 48 hours ago, ten thousand persons lived, and Torre Annunziata, on the shores of the Gulf 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 engineers are guarding the abandoned houses, and several members of the Government are there.

## Lava Moves On.

Prisoners in jails on the mountain-side went mad with terror and undisturbed. They were only partially quieted by being drunk here; but 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 the potatoes 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 (Continued on Page Eight.)



Chart showing district devastated by the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius. The city of Boscarease has been completely buried, while Torre Annunziata and Torre del Greco are almost surrounded by the lava. Terrific earthquakes have rocked Naples and thrown the citizens into a panic.

A "DUNNER" LED  
TO AN ASSAULTWm. Wollison Objected to It,  
and Also to the Conduct  
of the Baker.

At this morning's session of the police court, Wm. Wollison was charged by W. Smith with assault. It appears that Smith, who drives a bread wagon, called at Wollison's residence to collect a bill of \$6.90, and that Wollison called him a few pet names, and finished by hitting him on the nose and ear.

Wollison claimed that Smith had continued to leave bread at his house after being repeatedly told to discontinue doing so, and that the bill alleged that he had been getting five or six leaves a day, whereas his family was very small, and it would be impossible to use this quantity. Wollison also claimed that Smith had been taking too much liberty, in that he had been entering his house at the front door and walking right through and out at the back door. He said he would not pay the bill.

The magistrate pointed out that the bill was a matter which Smith had nothing to do with, and should be settled with Smith's employer. Two witnesses appeared for Smith, and testified as to Smith's conduct after the assault, but they were little needed, for his nose was still badly swollen when he appeared in court.

Wollison became quite worked up, and said that he did not care if he was fined or sent down—he would not have anyone come around his house in such a "nervy way."

Wollison was fined \$10 or 20 days. He paid the fine.

Colborne Griffith was charged by P. C. McRoberts with cruelty to animals. The case was adjourned till Thursday.

It is alleged that Griffith beat his horse in a shameful manner.

Jeremiah Fitzpatrick was charged by John Delaney with stealing a horse, valued at \$10. Fitzpatrick was bailed in the sum of \$20 to appear on Monday next.

Fred Lyons and John Hooper, both old-timers, were fined \$3 and costs for being drunk here; but their fears have been communicated to the prisoners here, who may rebel at any moment. The situation is critical.

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ENGINEER BUSY  
AT ORGANIZATIONBut One of First Moves He  
Makes Brings a Vigorous  
Kick from Official.

City Engineer Graydon is a very particular official this year, and now that he has a proper amount of help in his office he is setting himself to the work of organizing the department on a thorough and modern basis.

For many years Mr. Graydon has had trouble with the street watering inspectors. People claim that they do not know the inspectors when they meet them, and cannot consequently notify them of their grievances, when the contractors are neglecting their work.

To get over this difficulty Mr. Graydon has had badges made for the inspectors. They are of nickel, and bear the words, "Street Watering Inspector." The engineer was in great glee and thought he had hit upon a good plan—until he struck the inspectors.

Great was the engineer's surprise when one of the men refused to wear the badge.

"Why won't you wear it?" he asked the inspector.

"You're not going to decorate me like a gipsy's horse," quoth the inspector.

"Oh, I'm not, eh? Are you carrying too much avoidpools for the job?"

"No, I'm not too big for my boots, but you don't label me, if I see you first."

"Are you ashamed to be a street-watering inspector?"

"No; but if I wear that badge somebody will mistake me for an hotel porter, and throw a few trunks at me."

The engineer was in great glee and thought he had hit upon a good plan—until he struck the inspectors.

"I'm having caps made for the inspectors," he said. "The city's business must be run in a proper manner, and I feel that if the inspectors wear caps and badges, the people will do the rest. They will know an inspector when they see him, and when a contractor shirks his work, the complaints will come in thick and fast."

LAUGHS AT POLITICS

Barrie's New Play Cleverly Caricatures, But Offends London.

London, April 9. — "Josephine," J. M. Barrie's "political review in three acts," which was produced by Charles Frohman on Thursday at the Comedy Theatre, takes a most unpardonable liberty with British politics. The heroine laughs at it. She laughs also at the leaders of the various parties, and London cannot forgive her.

The new piece, although full of the most delightful Barrieisms, was received dubiously. "Josephine" is far too flippant and English politics far too serious for the pair to agree. Besides, Mr. Barrie has liberal leanings, and his quips naturally touch off the Tory weaknesses. As the bulk of the theatre-going public seems to be Tory, many a joke went begging, and there was a "foggy" atmosphere generally.

The play Josephine, who travesties Mr. Chamberlain, is a skittish and snail-creeking canard, who flirts with and engages herself to many and jilts in turn the leader of every party.

Barrie's one-act piece "The New Man," is a skit on Bernard Shaw's arrival as the dominating force of the drama. Though handled with consummate skill, the theme is too thin to hold the interest of the audience.

LEADER FINED \$25

Musicians' Union Imposes Penalty on Leader Croswell.

At a meeting of the local Musicians' Union held Sunday, the long-standing charges against Mr. Croswell, leader of the Grand Opera House Orchestra, were taken up again. A member of the union is authority for the statement that Mr. Croswell was found guilty on two counts, and fined \$25, the money being paid into the union this morning.

Four other charges have still to be heard against the leader of the Grand Opera House Orchestra.

Uproar in 'Frisco Streets;  
Socialists in Fierce FightBloody Riot Follows Meeting Denouncing Arrest of  
Miner Leaders, Moyer and Hayward.

San Francisco, April 9. — The fiercest riots San Francisco has witnessed in a generation was a sequel last evening to a meeting of Socialists, held at Woodward's Pavilion as an expression of sympathy for President Moyer and Secretary Haywood, of the Western Federation of Miners, who are imprisoned in Idaho on the accusation that they were implicated in the assassination of former Governor Steiengart.

At the meeting some violent speeches were made, in which it was declared that Moyer and Haywood were innocent and that if convicted they would not be hanged unless the entire United States army was brought in to assist in their execution. At the conclusion of the speech-making a procession was organized and the participants in the assemblage marched down Market street headed by a band. At the corner of Kearny and Market streets a halt was made, and one of the paraders, who carried a red banner, climbed Lotta's fountain and affixed the emblem to the topmost lamp.

The banner bore the inscription, "The Constitution Be Damned; So Say the Corporations."

It was decided by the leaders to hold an outdoor meeting at A. C. McIntyre's place, and the crowd gathered there.

So great was the throng, however, that the speaker could not make himself heard, and George S. Holmes, a metal worker, with a powerful voice, was substituted as speaker.

He was in the midst of his talk when Policemen John Steiengart and W. J. Cavanaugh and Detective Ryan made their way through the crowd. Ryan tore down the red flag and passed it to Steiengart. He then ordered Holmes to desist, but was met with a refusal, and the detective pulled Holmes down to the pavement. In a moment a riot was precipitated. Steiengart was knocked down and kicked in a vicious hand-to-hand fight, and the flag torn from his grasp. Ryan, who had held Holmes precipitate, started to take his prisoner through the crowd. Holmes, a path with his club to a passing car, the two men cluded it, while other demonstrators kept the crowd back. Near the fountain the building is being erected, and the street was full of building debris. Almost instantly there was a shower of scrap iron, brick and blocks of wood upon the car and the missiles crashed through the windows, injuring a number of passengers. The motorcar was made a target, but he slowly forced his way through the human blockade, and gaining speed, left the crowd behind. In the meantime alarm calls had been sent to neighboring police stations and patrolmen came hurrying to the scene. They found themselves confronted by a mad crowd armed with sticks and stones, and for half an hour a lively battle was in progress, the police using their clubs with telling effect and the crowd retaliating viciously. Several policemen were struck by flying bricks. Policeman Segula was knocked down and kicked and was seriously injured. Seventeen of the rioters were arrested. Holmes, the orator, was charged with disturbing the peace.

## OPERATORS ASK DELAY

Would Study Further Arbitration  
Proposition of the Miners.

New York, April 9. — The operators have asked a postponement of the conference until tomorrow. It was announced that the postponement was requested because some of the operators had not yet had sufficient opportunity to consider the miners' proposition for arbitration. The two sub-committees held separate sessions today to consider the situation as it now stands. The miners' committee had little to do, as the latest proposition is still in the hands of the operators. Mr. Mitchell and his lieutenants express the belief that the operators will not accept their offer, but will present an arbitration plan radically different from the one proposed. The miners have decided that if a counter-proposition is made they will ask for an immediate adjournment for a day or two or longer, to enable them to study the new plan.

If the operators offer to arbitrate only a new grievance, the proposition is expected to meet with strong opposition from the miners' committee, who say there are many old grievances that need adjusting.

Arthur at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., April 9. — Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived in the city at 11 o'clock this morning and received a warm reception. He will be presented with a civic address at the city hall, and will be tendered public and private receptions until his departure for the east tonight.

Kaiser and the Hugue.

Berlin, April 9, 3 p.m. — The Associated Press is officially informed that the German Government has suggested an adjournment of the second peace conference at The Hague in order not to interfere with the peace conference at Geneva.

The Geneva convention will be revised. Germany has not suggested July as the month for the conference, but is trying to persuade Russia to postpone assembly. The Hague conference so that the North, Central and South American states may be able to send representatives to the European conferences without interfering at the time with their pan-American congress at Rio Janeiro.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow — Fair and Warmer.

The weather has continued warm over the greater part of the Northwest Territories, but from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it has been rather cool. Rain has fallen in Manitoba and is now falling in Southwestern Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 16-22; Alton, 28-38; Victoria, 42-51; Kamloops, 26-31; Calgary, 20-31; Toronto, 38-42; Port Huron, 20-28; Montreal, 28-41; Ottawa, 28-48; Quebec, 20-42; Halifax, 18-24.

FORECASTS.

Monday, April 9. — A. S. m. Today — Strong easterly to southerly wind and rain.

Tuesday — Southeast and west winds; mostly fair and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. S. a. m. M. n. Weather.

Calgary ..... 32 ..... 26 ..... Clear

Winnipeg ..... 32 ..... 26 ..... Cloudy

Port Arthur ..... 28 ..... 20 ..... Snow

Toronto ..... 38 ..... 20 ..... Rain

Port Huron ..... 20 ..... 28 ..... Fair

Montreal ..... 28 ..... 41 ..... Fair

Quebec ..... 20 ..... 42 ..... Clear

Halifax ..... 18 ..... 24 ..... Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was in Colorado last evening, and which was the cause of the heavy rain and hail over the greater part of Michigan. The weather continues mild in the Northwest.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Saturday, 56.5°; Sunday, 28° above.

## RIFLE LEAGUE MATCHES

Dates Are Set for Them — Shooting Starts May 26.

Circulars announcing the Canadian Rifle League shooting contests have been received by local militiamen.

The dates of the contests are: Saturday, May 26; Saturday, June 2; Saturday, July 7; and Saturday, July 14.

All contests are open to teams of ten men from the whole Dominion, shooting to be at home, and King's ranges to be the distance.

The contests will be made up of three series, as follows:

First series (military) — Ten men from each corps of garrison, artillery and infantry.

Second series — Ten men from units other than city corps.

Third series (civilian) — For teams of ten men from civilian rifle associations.

The rifle committee of the Seventh Regiment, composed of Major Hayes, Capt. Murphy, Capt. Taylor, Lieut. Westland, Lieut. Ware and Lieut. Mearns, meets tonight to discuss the entering of one or more Seventh Regiment teams.

## FATAL CANOE UPSET

Two Students of Toronto University  
Drowned in the Bay.

Toronto, April 8. — Wm. Hart, 22 years of age, of Guelph, and Ashleigh Moorehouse, son of Dr. H. H. Moorehouse, of Toronto, were drowned on Thursday afternoon while canoeing on the lake.

The two young men, who were students of Trinity University, left Mann's boathouse at the Harbour about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon to paddle to the house of Mr. A. M. Featherstonhaugh, at Mimico.

They were not seen again, but the canoe, overturned, was later picked up on the beach at Mimico. It is supposed the two young men were drowned off Mimico Creek.

A search has gone on all day for the bodies, but without success.

## ENGULFED BY TIDAL WAVE?

London Dispatch Says Azores Islands  
Have Been Devastated.

London, April 7. — A news agency dispatch from Berlin says it is rumored the Azores Islands have been devastated by a great tidal wave. Several islands are said to have been submerged, and thousands of lives lost.

To Look Into Collapse.

Ottawa, April 9. — Curry, a Toronto architect, and Hutcheson, a Montreal architect, who are to investigate the failure of the tower of the Western block, arrived at noon today. Curry came from New York.

Dickens' Last Letter.

London, April 9. — The last letter written by Charles Dickens, dated June 8, 1870, the day before his death, has just been discovered here. It was hidden away in an old history of England.

The note was addressed to the Rev. J. R. Maclean, who had raised an objection to a certain scriptural reference in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." It reads: "I have always striven in my writings to express veneration for the life lessons of our Saviour, because I feel it, and because I revere that history for my children, every one of whom knew it from hearing it repeated then long before they could read—almost as soon as they could speak. But I have never made proclamation of this from the house-tops."

THE RUSSIAN LIBERALS WIN;  
NO REACTIONAIRES ELECTEDProgressionists and Constitutional Democrats Are  
Victors at Polls for First Parliament.

St. Petersburg, April 8. — The electoral colleges in 23 out of 51 provinces in European Russia today elected 178 members to the national parliament—about one-third of its entire membership. And returns received up to midnight indicate that the wildest hopes of the Liberals have been realized, the constitutional democrats and other progressists practically everywhere having gained a tremendous victory over the Octoberists and other Conservative parties.

As far as is ascertainable, not a single reactionary candidate failed through and nowhere did even the Octoberists score a triumph. The majorities obtained by the Liberals clinch the character of the victory.

From the Volga to the frontier of Poland and from the still ice-bound coast of Archangel to the Black Sea the story is substantially the same.

One of the astonishing, as well as hopeful signs for the future is the character of many of the peasants elected. Before the electoral college began to elect the members allotted a province, the peasants separately chose one of their number as a candidate.

This provision was devised to appease the peasants and also was regarded by the Government as insuring a Conservative nucleus; but this calculation has been sadly upset, for in almost every instance the peasants elected not only were progressive but the most highly educated among their

class, the majority of them at least having a high school education.

Witte is Pleased.

St. Petersburg, April 8. — A panic has been created in Government circles by the surprising strength developed by the constitutional democrats in the elections, which may have immediate and dramatic consequences.

The issue between reaction and reform, which has been hanging in the balance, has been unexpectedly precipitated by Premier Witte.

The elections have greatly strengthened the Premier's hand in his fight against the reactionaries, and he now feels strong enough to challenge General Trepov and Minister of Interior Burnov and the entire reactionary cabal.

Less than a fortnight ago the Premier was decidedly pessimistic and believed that the majority in the Lower House of Parliament would be Conservative and that the entire programme for reform might be overthrown.

The results of the elections, however, convinced him that the reactionaries will control the House and that an attempt to thwart the popular will, as expressed by the ballot box, would be a fatal blunder on the part of the Government.

It was learned from an unimpeachable source tonight that the Premier journeyed to Tsarskoe-Selo Thursday to lay this view before the Emperor, and made another trip to Tsarskoe-Selo last night and was closeted with his majesty until after midnight.

The impression is abroad that the success of the constitutional democrats' bill will insure the success of the big foreign loan of which the Government is in such urgent need.

\$15,000 GOLD BAR  
MISSING FROM SHIPCarried Off and a Piece of  
Lead Pipe Left in  
Its Place.

New York, April 9. — Somewhere in the little city of Demerara, British Guiana, or on board the steamship Corona, of the Quebec Steamship Company, as she came up the coast, or in the harbor of New York, a person without title there to took possession of a bar of gold worth \$15,000. In the box in which the gold was carried he left a piece of lead pipe, with the idea of matching the weight of the gold.

The bullion was consigned to the British Guiana Gold Concessions Company, Limited, which has offices in the Mills building, and in the British Guiana, officers of the company, having been notified of the shipment, were on the pier waiting for their gold when the Corona docked on Friday afternoon.

The wooden box in which the gold had left the mines was sealed by a customs inspector, and then turned over to Van Rensselaer Cogswell, treasurer of the company, and Donald McLean, the company's attorney. They got into a cab and took it to their offices.

The box should have contained 550 ounces of gold, and weighed only half as much as the 550 ounces of gold. Close examination of both the inside and outside of the box appeared to show that the bottom had been pried off.

SEEK A SETTLEMENT

West Virginia and Ohio Miners to  
Adjust Differences.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 9. — A call was issued today by the Mine Workers' Union for a convention in this city next Thursday of delegates representing eight vein mines in Eastern Ohio and West Virginia to consider plans for a settlement of the strike. The prospects seem bright for an adjustment of the differences and an early resumption of work in the district. Twenty thousand miners are affected.

## STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 7. Reported at. From.

Lazio.....New York.....Genoa

Dona.....New York.....Tientsin

New York.....Southampton.....New York

Texas.....New York.....Copenhagen

Stamand.....New York.....New York

Prinz Adalbert.....New York.....New York

Brav.....New York.....New York

Grosser Kur.....New York.....New York

Furst.....Cherbourg.....New York

Koenig Albert.....New York.....New York

Sarmatian.....Glasgow.....Halifax

Lucania.....New York.....Liverpool

La Lorraine.....New York.....Havre

L. Champlain.....St. John.....Liverpool

## NO YORK LOAN

DIVIDENDS YET

Shareholders and Creditors Can  
not Receive Anything for  
a Long Time.

Toronto, April 9. — The mysterious Miss Joan McCann, who is reported to hold 520 shares of Toronto Life Insurance Company, and whom some people believed to be a myth, is a real personage. She is a graduate nurse, now in attendance, it is said, upon a patient in the Holland House, New York. Crown Attorney Curry, said on Saturday that Miss McCann would probably not come here to testify, but an order for a commission to examine her with regard to her knowledge of the York Loan and Savings Company and the other ventures of Joseph Phillips, might be secured from a superior court judge. If this commission is secured Mr. Curry and a special examiner, the appointee of the court, will go to New York and secure the testimony of Miss McCann, which, it is understood, is to be willingly given.

So numerous are the inquiries from shareholders of the York County Loan Company as to when they may reasonably expect to be paid a dividend on the money they paid into the company that Mr. W. T. White, manager of the National Trust Company, which is liquidator of the York Loan, was asked on Saturday for a statement on the matter.

"Shareholders and creditors," said Mr. White, "cannot possibly receive anything for a long time yet. The affairs of the York Loan Company are being wound up as fast as possible, but books are slow in coming in, and until they are all in and the different claims are decided no payments can be made."

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