

VEUVIUS CEASES
SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

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DEVASTATION IS COMPLETE

Ten Years Will be Required to
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NAPLES, April 13.—The period of danger has passed, and only extreme desolation and slowly declining panic remains. Mount Vesuvius has ceased to show any signs of life. The lava flow seems to have spent itself in an enormous convulsion. Director Matteucci, who heroically holds his position in the observatory, believes that the eruption has ended, and every outward indication confirms this view. No more rumblings come from the bowels of the earth, giving terrifying warning to the inhabitants. The volcano is hidden behind a thick curtain of smoke, which rises from the crater and then spreads and falls, enveloping a vast circle within semi-darkness. Naples is just beyond this circle, and today the city was bathed in sunshine, while the ugly black pall hung to the westward over a belt midway between Rome and Naples. Vesuvius today

Bellies All Popular Pictures
which represent the monster clearly outlined against the sky. This today is visible of the crater, or foothills, all black and swollen up in dense black pall. There is the same obscurity tonight, unrelieved by flames or reflected light, such as are seen during other periods. Vesuvius quietest is picturesque, but active or smoldering it is terrible only in its blackness and its deathly odor.

The Associated Press correspondent traveled today in the belt over which ashes continue to fall. The wind now carries the discharge away from the city. At Rome there was sunshine, but 25 miles above Naples the sky made snowy mountains dimly visible, their snow-peaks soiled and sooty. The zone of semi-obscurity began 35 miles above Naples. There was

An Uncanny Phenomenon
The sun, though shining, was invisible. Its light seemed to come through smoked glass, shedding a sickly white glow upon everything. Everything being covered with a thin white powder. The locomotives were coated as though they had plowed through ash. The trees were covered with a substance resembling millers, their clothing covered with graphite powder. The Campanian presents the appearance of a Dakota prairie after a blizzard, except that everything is gray instead of white. The ashes lie in drifts knee-deep. Villages and churches have been beaten with mud on the sides exposed to the volcanic storm. Several miles north of Naples the railway telegraph poles become invisible 20 feet away. The train moves with extreme caution to avoid collisions. Breathing difficult and the smoke makes the eyes water. This obscurity lasts until a short distance north of Naples, where the sun and normal conditions are resumed.

Latest From the Observatory
No better evidence of the improved conditions of affairs in the section affected by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius can be presented than the following telegram from Director Matteucci, sent this evening from the observatory on the mountain. "Last night and today the activity of Vesuvius and the agitation at the surface of the volcano sensibly diminished. Breathing was less abundant. From the presumed formation of the crater and other indications as if the cessation of lava at Boscorene, I predict with reserve that in two or three days volcanic calm will reign."

The publication of this reassuring despatch has brought joy to the people and tonight's Good Friday services at the churches, which were attended by large congregations, took the form of fervent thanksgiving for danger past.

Conditions at Naples are so much better today that the people were almost incredulous of the tales of terror told by those who had escaped from towns, villages and country farther within the zone of devastation. The weather was fine and the wind had shifted so that the clouds of ashes from a volcano instead of reaching Naples were carried in the direction of Caserta. Apprehensions of the populace gave way to a similar confidence displacing the reflection of the terror which had prevailed for the past week. But in other quarters there is no escaping from evidence of the volcano's fury. The work is one of great cost of money as well as of danger and arduousness to those engaged in it. Many of the bodies are merely skeletons.

Unrecognized Mass of Flesh
and bones, while others are but little disfigured. As quickly as possible they are buried in quicklime to lessen as far as may be possible the danger of epidemic. None but those engaged in the work of recovering the corpses are permitted in the vicinity.

After the last great eruption in 1872 the land covered by cinders did not produce crops for seven years and the losses in this respect alone averaged \$20,000,000 yearly. It is believed that it will take ten years to bring land under cultivation again. The people generally greeted the fall of the French government when the Duke of Abruzzi arrived today in his motor car. He had passed through the ash belt and was hardly recognizable, being covered with ash and cinders.

Sunshine Over Naples
All the news received here this morning is encouraging. For the first time since Tuesday the sun is shining

all over Naples, and although above the city the usual gray cloud is still discernible, the fall of ashes has almost entirely ceased. Ashes, however, continued to fall through the night, adding several inches to the accumulation in the streets. Nearly 6000 people are employed in clearing the roofs and main thoroughfares. Gangs of men are engaged in piling the ashes in the middle of the narrow streets, which makes the passage of vehicles exceedingly difficult and obnoxious to the discomfort of pedestrians.

The Neapolitans have become to a certain degree sun worshippers. One day they are plunged in the depths of despair because the sun was obscured by falling ashes, and the next day their spirits are buoyant for the sun shines and no ashes are sprinkling over Naples. Today the inhabitants of Naples are particularly happy, for not only is the sun shining brightly, but the air is clear of ashes and invigorating, with the result that automobiles, coats and gossamer dresses, and so much color returned to the surroundings that the grayness of the buildings, palms and other objects covered in ash makes a pleasant contrast with the sapphire-tinted sea.

Several men apparently have braved the terrors of the volcano and have about the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius. One of them returned here last night and gave an account of a most interesting conversation which he had with Professor Matteucci, director of the observatory, who was in a very hopeful mood when Matteucci left him. The professor said: "Very little is known of the volcanic forces, so we can only safely predict what is going to happen."

THE OLYMPIC GAMES.
King Edward and Queen Alexandra Will Be Present at Opening.
New York, April 13.—An Athens despatch to the Times says that it is now ascertained that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will be present at the opening of the Olympic games. The number of foreign competitors is now 680, including 70 Scandinavians, 50 British and 42 Americans. Britain and 14 Danish women have been entered for the gymnastic competitions.

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Russian Novelist Tells of Betrayal of Workmen by the Priest.
NEW YORK, April 13.—Father Gapon, the Russian priest who made an effort to organize the workmen into revolutionists, was declared yesterday by Gorky the Russian novelist and radical to be a fakir. He said: "Gapon, if he had been killed on the day of the massacre in Moscow, might have died a hero, unfortunately he lived to be bribed and to betray the cause of Russian liberty. The social-democrat board after the fact from Russia, made an investigation of his conduct and found that he had accepted through a secret service officer of the government, over one hundred thousand roubles from Witte himself, sixty thousand more from the same sources, 50,000 more from the same sources, 50,000 more from the same sources."

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TWO RUSSIANS EXECUTED.

President of Mutual Life Says the
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BRITISH POLICYHOLDERS.

Report That Minister of the Interior
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ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—The Twentieth Century today says that Minister of the Interior Durnovo has already been dismissed. The Stra, on the other hand, says that Durnovo will be granted the title of Count as one of the Easter honors. It is the general belief that should M. Durnovo fall, M. Akymoff, he made yesterday said that if the British policyholders would state what trustees they wanted to resign, those trustees would resign or explain why they should not do so.

NEW RUSSIAN LAWS.
Commission Revises Regulations for
Safeguarding Public Order.
St. Petersburg, April 13.—A commission for the revision of the exceptional laws designed for safeguarding public order, of which General Count Ignatieff was president, has just completed the elaboration of laws, containing guarantees of personal liberty which will be submitted to the lower house of parliament. The principal features of this project are provisions that a person arrested shall be confronted with the charge against him and be given a hearing within 24 hours. The laws also provide that no domiciliary arrests shall be made without a warrant. The use of troops is forbidden except at the request of the authorities and that secret societies are unconditionally forbidden.

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RAILWAY GANGS CLASH

A "13"—Haunted Murderer Pays
the Penalty of His
Crime.

TACOMA, April 13.—A despatch from North Yakima, says: The smoke issuing from Mount Rainier, is seen plainly from here, although the mountain is over 90 miles away. The mountain has been emitting fire and cinders for three days. The first reliable report reached here yesterday from a prospector camping near there and driven away by the fearful rain of ashes. In his letter, Jack Campbell, the prospector says: "Rainier began to smoke Monday evening. On Tuesday it was heard and I had to move. Thursday sulphurous smoke hung over the crater. The rumblings are growing more noticeable and are felt 10 miles from the base. Two years ago there was evidence of eruption, but not nearly so severe as the present one. There are no residences near the mountain, but prospectors are beginning to flee."

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The correspondent at Warsaw of the Chronicle reports that the conflict between the Mariavite sect and the orthodox Catholics is increasing in intensity. A pitched battle in which 6,000 persons participated occurred on Friday in the environs of Warsaw, resulting in two Catholics being killed and 30 wounded. Grave fears are entertained of disturbances during the summer months. The Pope, the correspondent adds, has written to the Polish archbishop denouncing the Mariavite priests.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.
The Express this morning says that Legrand Norton Denistow, an American doctor residing in London, has discovered a cure for locomotor ataxia. He already, says the Express, has affected many wonderful recoveries.

THE MARRIAGE OF TOWNSEND.
According to the Daily Mail, Justice Vaughan Williams has been ordered to order a public inquiry before a jury into the condition of health of the Marquis of Townsend.

GREENE AND GAYNOR.
Savannah, Ga., April 13.—Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor were sentenced today to serve four years in prison and to pay each a fine of \$575. The amount of the fine charged on each has been remitted. Upon one indictment, the sentence was two years and upon each of the other indictments, four years, but the court directed that the sentences be all served concurrently which reduced the term to four years with the allowance of three months' credit for good behavior. The fine need not be paid, if on completing the sentence the prisoners make affidavit that they are not possessed of more than \$20. In lieu of paying the fine they may serve thirty days longer. Counsel for the prisoners announced that an appeal will be taken. An order was granted ten days for the filing of a bill of exceptions upon which a motion for a new trial will be presented.

HAUNTED MURDERER.
Walla Walla, April 13.—(Special)—Simon Brooks was hanged at Walla Walla yesterday at 12 o'clock this morning for the murder of Adolph Miller at Ridgefield, November 20, 1905. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous. During his brief life, Brooks was dogged by a "13". Thirteen years ago today, to a day, after leaving the East, he was condemned to die today, Friday, April 13, 1906. His cell in the penitentiary was, up to the last week, No. 13. Then he revolted as the figures seemed to haunt him. He set up such a cry one night and begged so piteously that the prison guards moved to compassion removed him to cell No. 14. Still "13" stalked with him, and he was for a strange coincidence, the same leading to the trap numbered 13, and this morning at 13 minutes after 5 o'clock he went to his death. Brooks

YOUR WISEST COURSE
Is to heed a warning signal, if you are in doubt as to whether you have neuritis or muscular pain, don't wait for worse troubles.

EXPELS MATUSCHENKO.
Leader of Kniaz Potemkin Mutiny Must Leave Roumania.
Bucharest, Roumania, April 13.—Yielding to the repeated demands of the Russian police, the government has decided to expel Matuschenko, the leader of the mutiny on board the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin, despite the promises to the mutineers at Kustenzj. Matuschenko will depart tomorrow. It is stated that the government has decided to expel every Russian revolutionist now visiting relatives in this country.

NEW UNITED STATES RIFLE.
War Department About Completed Issue of New Arm.
Washington, April 13.—The war department has completed the progress of issue of rifles to the troops in the United States. This marks the passing of the carbine, no longer a weapon of the cavalry branch of the service. Both infantry and cavalry are now being supplied with the same model of rifle, a modification of the model of 1903. This is about six inches shorter than the Krag and about two inches longer than the carbine now being discarded by the cavalry. For the present the rifles are being used with the rod bayonet.

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