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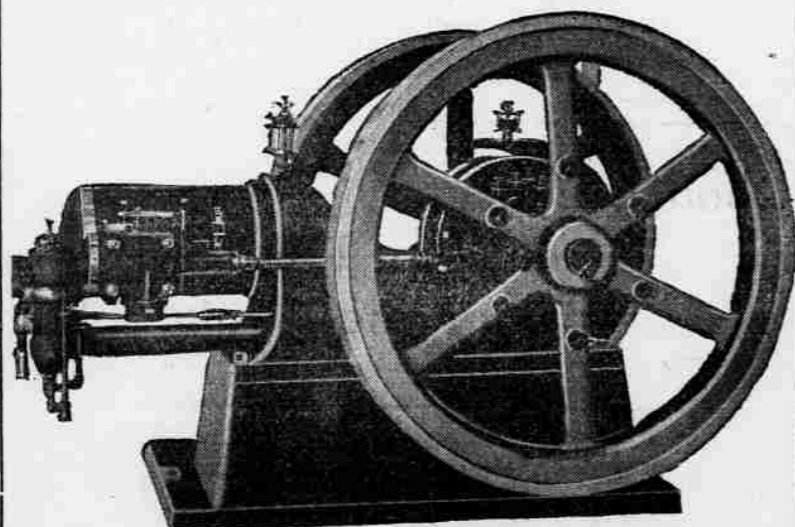
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MOUNT VESUVIUS

IN ERUPTION DESTROYS CITIES AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES.

Showers of Sand and Red-hot Stones Mingle With Poisonous Gases—New Craters Pouring Lava on All Sides of Volcano—Ashes Six Feet Deep.

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 the windows and cracked the walls of buildings, were experienced today. The entire population rushed to the streets in terror, many of them crying. "The Madonna has forsaken us; the end of the world has come."

No trace remains of Boscotrecase, a commune on the southern declivity of the mountain, where, up to 48 hours ago 10,000 persons lived; and Torre Anunziata, 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. Similar means of transportation are being employed to bring away the people from Torre del Greco.

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

The work of succor is hampered owing to delays to the railway service, which is interrupted by red-hot stones thrown to a height of 3,000 feet falling on the tracks. An enormous volume of black smoke rises to a height of two miles above the crater. A continuous southeasterly wind carries the ashes over the city of Naples, which is so completely enveloped in darkness that for three days our communications by sea have been cut off. Steamers and large sailboats trying to reach Naples find themselves in total darkness several miles from shore and turn back, numbers of persons having fainted from the sulphurous fumes.

Fissures have opened far below the cone, emitting many streams of lava, one of which has completely destroyed the town of Boscotrecase, which had 10,000 inhabitants.

Yesterday I drove through Torre Anunziata to the point where the main stream of lava stopped on Sunday. The lava carried vast masses of burned stone and sulphur on its surface like dross on molten lead, and nothing was visible toward Boscotrecase but endless acres of dark scoriae, broken here and there by the greenish, curling smoke of sulphur. At the point we reached a great stone pine tree, torn up by its roots and turned to black charcoal, stuck out of the mass at a sharp angle. The air was almost unbreathable, the heat intense.

When the stream of fire threatened Boscotrecase, soldiers dug a wide ditch across its path and threw up a formidable intrenchment in the hope of diverting its course, but every effort was useless.

The molten stone advanced like a colossal serpent of fire, turning its head to the right and left as a snake does, but keeping its general direction toward the fated town. It was not till it reached the first house, sending up great showers of sparks, that the people finally fled for their lives, taking such belongings as they could carry in their arms or pile upon the creaking carts. I saw men, women and children and infants, whose mothers carried them at the breast or in their aprons. Dogs, too, and cats were on the carts and sometimes even chickens tied together by the legs and piles of mattresses and pillows and shapeless bundles of clothes, all white with dust under the lurid glare.

I saw one woman lying on her back across a cart, ghastly white and, if not dead already of fear and

heat and suffocation, certainly almost gone. We, ourselves, could hardly breathe.

Naples, April 11.—Thousands of lives have been lost as a result of the eruption of Vesuvius, while the property loss is estimated at \$80,000,000. Towns throughout the district are being overwhelmed with ashes and the darkness of night hangs over the entire region, showers of stones as big as hens eggs are falling upon the fleeing refugees while lava is again on the move down all sides of the mountains.

It is believed that Naples is in the gravest danger. Business is at a standstill and the people are positively mad. There is a wild scramble to get out of the city. The poorer classes are fighting madly for places in churches to prostrate themselves at the altars. Engineers have refused to take out railroad trains because of the darkness and traffic is entirely suspended. All shipping is preparing to leave the harbor. Hundreds of tourists are marooned and unable to leave. The number of vessels is wholly inadequate to take the people away.

The passage of vehicles through the streets of Naples is prevented by the drifts of ashes. Reports are constantly received of buildings collapsing under the weight of cinders. Explosions are increasing in number and intensity. Many new craters are forming on Vesuvius. The instruments record the most severe subterranean agitation. This information comes from Matteucci, the intrepid scientist, who still remains at his post on the side of the volcano, who adds to his dispatches today that he thinks the worst is yet to come.

All hope for the people who insisted on remaining near Vesuvius has been abandoned. Refugees tell of scores buried alive, and the slightly injured doomed to death by suffocation. In many places entire families are found kneeling about the humble shrine slain while at prayer by deadly gases.

The terrible beauty and magnificence of the eruption at night is beyond the power of human tongue to describe. The entire heavens were lighted by the glare, which was reflected hundreds of miles away.

The manufacturing town of Sarno, a city of 10,000 inhabitants, containing castles, factories, sulphur baths, is reported entirely destroyed and overwhelmed by volcanic ejecta. Lava has wrecked the hamlet of San Genfro.

The ejection of sand is driving the populace away from many distant towns. At Somma cinders and ashes are six feet deep in the streets, while at San Guiseppe the debris reaches the third story windows.

Five hundred refugees between Ottajano and San Guiseppe are reported to have been killed. The lava has reached Pompeii. Poggio Marino has been completely buried under the ashes.

Fifty houses and three churches collapsed this afternoon at Somma and the city hall is threatened with destruction. Refugees say houses continue falling in at Ottajano. In all towns in that neighborhood buildings are either in ruins or tottering.

From the volcano an enormous mass of black smoke rises for miles above the crater. Molten lava and masses of red-hot stones are thrown thousands of feet in the air. Ashes are fallen as far south as Sicily and for 100 miles north in Italy.

Throughout the stricken region thousands of persons have perished from the sulphurous fumes. Even in Naples numbers of persons have been overcome from the poisonous gases. All roads to Naples are choked with refugees, though the heavy fall of ashes is rendering walking difficult and making it almost impossible for wheeled vehicles to move.

The stream of lava which started from a fissure far below the cone and completely destroyed the town of Boscotrecase has started in a new direction toward Torre Anunziata, reached the cemetery of that place, and now is pouring down upon Pompeii. Another stream has reached Torre del Greco. Thousands of acres of cultivated land with houses and livestock have been swept away.

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Signs Favorable for a Bountiful Prune Crop—The Big Orchard.

Up to the present the signs are favorable for a bumper prune crop this season. The big prune orchard is now snow white with blossoms, being in the height of the blossoming season, and the sight presented is worth traveling miles to see. A frost of a few mornings ago is not supposed to have done any damage. Manager Johnson was out to examine conditions in the big orchard Wednesday evening, and could discover no sign of injury. The bees were working industriously, and every thing favorable for abundant fertilization. Unless something unpropitious happens hereafter there should be a fine yield of prunes in every orchard in the vicinity. Of course the acreage of prunes is considerably reduced in later years. A number of orchards in this section, as well as elsewhere, have been dug up, while others have been abandoned to San Jose scale and other pests so that their usefulness as producers is practically nothing. The prospect in the big orchard now is for the best crop in its history.

TO ADORN IT.

City Hall Park—Many Hands and Hearts in the Work—The Plans.

The grounds about the city hall are to be adorned and cared for. They have always been neglected. The sidewalk on the west side of the grounds looks like a cow pasture. The dilapidation in the rear resembles the wrecked conditions in the vicinity of Vesuvius. The grounds proper resemble anything but the fringe for a fine \$12,000 public building in a thrifty and

growing county seat.

But all this is to be changed. Men are working there every day under plans for a beautification. There is to be a properly kept lawn with clover and irrigation, in season. There are to be beds of flowers. There are to be people to care for them like the door yard at the best family home. Such at least is the scheme as it is on paper. It will be a tragedy, as the Times has often pointed out, if all the details do not materialize.

Who is doing it? Newton Wilkins has a hand in it. The street committee of the city council is a factor. The whole city administration smiles on the work. The Coffee Club donated \$10 for purchase of flowers and plants to be put in the beds. The Village Improvement Society appointed a committee to aid in the work. The committee is Mrs. M. Elston Lee, Mrs. Rose Selling and Mrs. John Smith.

Let the good work go on. When it shall once be in motion, the wonder will be, why was it never done before? Among other adornments said to be promised, is a cement pavement on the west side of the building. It should be put there, and at once.

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