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SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 .- The outburst of a volcano on the peninsula of Kamtchatka on February 18 last threw the whole country into utter darkness for more than 48 hours and resulted in the starving of scores of natives, according to the officers of the barkentine S. N. Castle, which reached port last evening direct from the Okhotsk Sea. The natives, some of whom could speak English, told Captain Pedersen and his men that they had no knowledge of the source of the terrible storm that had ome upon them.

They knew only that while they were crossing the valleys in the first flush of spring, a wave of dust fell upon them, followed by utter darkness that continued for two days and nights. Lava, almost hot, fell all about them, and there were such showers of black ashes that their progress was stayed and they were lucky to find undried creeks and springs. But the party of natives was in dire straits and some of them had succumbed to their hardships. In response to their request, Captain Pedersen sent off two boat loads or provisions which the suffering natives said would suffice to keep them on the way to Petropaulovski.

Captain Pedersen stated that on June 18 he was cod fishing in the Okhotsh Sea eight miles from the shore, in company with the schooner J. D. Spreckels. he barkentines Firemont and City of Papeete all from San Francisco, when the Mandjur hove in sight. The commanding officer, said Captain Pedersen soarded the Castle, seized not only the ship's clearance papers, but all of Captain Pedersen's private papers and his master's commission and certificate. Captain Pedersen remonstrated, declaring that his vessel was outside of the three-mile limit and therefore he was violating no law. The Russian commander, however, stated that no fishing would be allowed within 30 miles of the shore and gave the S. N. Castle and other vessels seven days to get beyond the limit.

As a number of the Fremont's crew were on shore at the time, the vessels remained for six days awaiting their teturn. When on the sixth day, the gunboat again appeared on the horizon. the Castle and the J. D. Spreckels sailed for San Francisco, leaving the Fremont and the Papeete. Captain Pedersen will lay the matter before United States Attorney Robert T. Devlin tomorrow morning and request that it be taken up by the Washington authorities at once. The S. N. Castle belongs to A. B. Pond of this city.

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