

MOUNT VESUVIUS REAWAKENING FOR PERIODIC ERUPTION

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 12.—Mount Vesuvius is rapidly reawakening to another of its periodic eruptions which from the time of the destruction of its base of the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum have never failed to exact a heavy toll of life and property. Within the past six months scientific observations made in the crater by French, Italian and German scientists have left no doubt as to the growing state of activity. The last and most arduous of these observations were made recently when Professor Malladra of the Vesuvian observatory, and Professors Max Stoltz and Paul Jacobi, two Munich scientists, descended into the crater for a distance of 370 meters, the greatest depth ever reached by human beings in the crater of any volcano. The result of the observations made have just been prepared by Professor Malladra as follows:

The history of Mount Vesuvius, which we have been able accurately to compile from the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum down show that periods of activity have taken place through all the centuries at more or less regular intervals. The last eruption occurred in 1907. Another one is not now only due, but from March of the present year we have been able to detect evidences of the gradual, but certain, reawakening of the volcano.

The bottom resembles very much a huge platform covered with immense rocks, and also perforated with fumarole from which gases and vapors are always being exhaled. It was in this platform, following my first descent into the crater when I found unmistakable signs of the reawakening of the volcano, that a huge opening was later found. It had a circumference of 160 meters and a depth of 70. In the formation of this and in the fire which poured out afterwards, the flag I had planted at the bottom of the crater on the occasion of my first descent was completely destroyed.

This opening took place on May 10, and for a month afterward there was not only a constant pouring forth of gases and vapors, but also of fire which at times was emitted in gigantic blasts of an appalling nature. On August 5, however, there was a new sinking in at the base of this opening, which evidently filled up the channel by which the gases and fire were coming from the inner regions of the volcano, and so on the occasion of our last descent we were able to penetrate even to the bottom of this opening, making a total descent from the top of the crater of 370 meters.

In making this final descent, we found the entire interior of the mouth incrustated with formations which showed unmistakably that during the month of July molten lava rose to the very bottom of the crater. From where we were obliged to stop in our descent, efforts to take the temperature deeper down proved futile. The first time a thermometer was lowered by means of a cable wire, the thermometer disappeared and the cable was pulled back, completely oxidized by the gases. The second attempt resulted even worse, the cable coming back in a fused state as a result of the heat.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE IN ANNUAL SESSION

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—Election of officers for the ensuing year, and reports of the treasurer, the committee on removals, and the committee on resolutions, was the first and chief business taken up when the closing sessions of the thirty-third annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League opened today at the Hotel Vendome, on Commonwealth avenue and Dartmouth street. This regular business consumed all of the morning session and a portion of the afternoon, after which a public meeting was held. A symposium on the selection of higher municipal officers followed an address by Logan W. Page, director of the bureau of public roads, of the United States department of agriculture, on "The Merit System and the Good Roads Movement."

Under the subject, "The City Manager Plan," H. S. Gilbertson, executive secretary of the National Short Ballot organization, explained in detail its contribution to the growth of non-political and efficient personnel in municipal administrations. He called attention to the city manager plan as adopted and proven successful at Stanton, Va., one of the first cities in the world to go over to this plan of municipal government, and at Dayton, Ohio, where the public demonstrated its belief in the system by approving the offer of \$25,000 a year to Col. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, if he would accept the position of manager of Dayton.

"The Choice of Municipal Experts Through Competitive Examinations in Philadelphia," was the subject taken by Lewis Van Dusen, of the Philadelphia Civil Service Commission. The discussion was led by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, secretary of the National Municipal League. It was expected that some of the speakers would mention the European system of "hiring" mayors of cities instead of electing them, according to the reputations of the "professional" mayors had made in other cities. The annual banquet is to be held tonight.

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The report says that those remaining on the Karlok after Stefansson and his party went ashore, deliberately deserted the explorer and his party, and that the vessel was not carried away by the ice, as told in previous dispatches.

OFFER MRS. YOUNG WASHINGTON SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The capital board of education was considering today the desirability of offering Mrs. Ella Mager Young of Chicago the post of superintendent of Washington's public schools. The local women's clubs were backing the proposition.

JACK JOHNSON STILL CHAMPION OF WORLD

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The newspaper L'Auto denied today that the International Boxing union had deprived Jack Johnson of the world's heavy-weight championship. It said such action was proposed, but that the British and American delegates objected.

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 12.—Glenn Martin arrived at 10:32 this morning in his biplane, making the thirty-two miles from Los Angeles in exactly thirty-two minutes. The aviator comes as the invited guest of the Pomona chamber of commerce to attend a banquet here this evening.

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- 30c fancy Table Fruit, 3 cans for **50c**
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TINKER REFUSES TO PLAY IN EASTERN TEAMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Flat refusal to play with any of the major league clubs on the Atlantic coast was voiced here today by Joe Tinker, the deposed manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

"I cannot see why the eastern magnates," said Tinker, "are dickering for my services. I positively will not play regularly with any of them. Chicago is my choice, but if the owners of the club do not want me, I will take Pittsburg as a second choice."

UPHOLDS DRY VOTE IN OREGON CITY

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 12.—Circuit Judge Campbell has today refused to declare void the vote for prohibition in Oregon City, holding that November 4, on which date the town was voted dry, was a general special election day. The court held that County Clerk Mulvey had a legal right to place the prohibition measure on the ballot.