

WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION

New Craters in Vesuvius Belching Forth Subterranean Fire.

A despatch from Naples says: The eruption of Vesuvius, which on Saturday reached a magnitude placing it among the historic displays of Vesuvian fury, increased in violence on Sunday, and in the evening threatened to become even more terrible. The earth for miles around quaked repeatedly, the shocks being felt in Naples, and greatly alarming the citizens, although they caused no harm. Incessant rumblings, groanings and thunderrings accompany the repeated explosions at the crater, whence there is an immense discharge of lava, cinders and hot rocks. Ashes are falling over a large part of Southern Italy, even to the east coast. These and the dense smoke on Sunday evening blotted out all sight of the mountain, the Island of Capri and the Town of Sorrento from Naples. During the day many areas around the mountain were in darkness. The towns and villages have been generally abandoned. Hence the extent of the damage is unknown fully. Refugees brought from Torre Annunziata in artillery wagons on Sunday evening reported that the lava stream, striking a villa on the outskirts of that town, divided, one current flowing in the direction of Pompeii, while the other threatened to destroy Torre Annunziata. It has since been reported that the lava reached the town, sweeping over the barriers that had been erected with the utmost energy by the military engineers. The latter, together with all the officials and the whole population, were compelled to abandon the town. The prisoners in the city jails were placed on boats and brought to Naples. No loss of life is reported at Torre Annunziata, but at San Giuseppe a church and several houses had been wrecked, apparently by an earthquake. Several persons were killed and injured. The remainder of the populace fled in a panic.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES ABANDONED
Ottajano, Poggio, Marino, Sorfina, and other towns and villages have been abandoned. Lava is flowing several feet deep through the streets of Ottajano, and many houses have fallen. The latest reports from Pompeii state that a lava current 600 feet wide and 21 feet deep is rapidly nearing that place. The cemetery and some houses north-west of the town have been destroyed.

Bosco Reale is also threatened. The railway around the mountain has been wrecked in one or two places. The destruction of the crops and the ruination of cultivated soil will involve tremendous losses.

The observatory, on the northwest slope of the volcano, was held by Dr. Matteucci, the director, and his staff, long after a general observer would have thought it possible. Eventually the place had to be abandoned, and it is now destroyed. The funicular railway and Cook's Hotel have been wrecked. The Village of Bosco-Trecase was buried Saturday by the lava which flowed from the crater formed April 2. The inhabitants abandoned it in time to save their lives. They had lingered in the hope of saving their belongings, but the destroying stream advanced on them so fast that they finally fled in terror, leaving their possessions behind.

The eruption became so violent on Saturday that the authorities ordered the inhabitants of Bosco-Trecase to leave their homes and retire from the zone of danger. The town had a population of about 10,000, and was the nearest one of importance to the crater, lying between the volcano and Pompeii. The village was then in danger of destruction by the stream of lava which was flowing down the south side of the mountain, and fine sand was falling upon it in great quantities.

APPEAL FOR AID.

An appeal for aid was sent to the government by the Mayor. He asked for troops and artillery wagons to assist in removing the inhabitants and their valuables to a place of safety.

New craters have opened in the sides of the mountain, some of them opposite Naples. The lava issuing from the new crater which was formed on April 2 has now divided into two streams. One of these is flowing south-east toward Ferzigo over the old lava bed of 1834, and is not causing any damage. The other is flowing southward over Bosco-Trecase and the neighboring vineyards.

The peasants are holding services of intercession, addressed especially to St. Anne, the patron saint of Naples. The detonations in the crater continue, and are of the most violent character. There are frequent electric flashes.

A MONSTER'S CRIME.

Horrible Death of a Five-year-old Girl at Montreal.

A Montreal despatch says: In the finding of the body of Ida May Ahern, a child of five years, lying naked and lifeless in a thicket at Cole St. Paul on Thursday morning, there came to light so piteous and so fiendish a crime that the whole island of Montreal is shocked. The horror of it is intensified by the thought that a being of such vicious tendencies could have passed through the community almost unnoticed until he had left the unmistakable marks of his unutterable brutality. Not only had the little girl been lured away from her homeward course after school and subjected to a horrible shame, but blue finger prints in the tender flesh show that the monster had not stopped at any ordinary violence. All the clothing, save shoes and stockings, was stripped away and thrown into the basement of a church within a few hundred yards of the secluded spot where the outrage took place. A young woman saw the man climbing over the fence leading from the wood with the clothes in his arms, and several others saw him with the child, and are able to furnish a valuable description of his appearance.

Ida has been missing since Tuesday afternoon, having failed to return from school, and when her clothing was found in the church, the distracted mother identified it. That fact in a measure prepared the parent for the terrible reality she was soon to face. From the blackness of this revolting crime a single ray of mitigation appears, and that is the evidence that the murderer was intoxicated at the time, and therefore not fully cognizant of the terrible deed he was committing.

Detectives from both the Provincial and city staffs have been detailed to work on the case. A number of private citizens are taking part in the search. It is believed that the murderer can scarcely escape, so well do all the descriptions agree.

MINERS ATTACK POLICE.

A Desperate Encounter Near Lethbridge.

A Lethbridge despatch says: A serious clash between the striking miners and Mounted Police on guard at No. 3 shaft of the Galt Mines, about two miles from town, was commenced on Thursday by the attempt of the police to arrest one of the strikers for objectionable conduct. A mob of over three hundred men and women attacked the officers, outnumbering the latter fifty to one, and a pitched battle ensued, the police using truncheons freely, while the rioters resorted to stones and missiles. Constable Fitzgerald was seriously, if not fatally, injured, and a number of the mob were badly clubbed. Reinforcements were hurried out from the barracks here and dispersed the crowd.

About the same time desperate dynamite outrages were perpetrated by the strikers or their sympathizers, who attempted to blow up the residences and families of Jos. Oros and Steve Ungary, non-union men. A charge was placed under the corner of the house of the former and exploded, wrecking that portion of the building and smashing the windows in the adjoining residence. A shot placed under Ungary's house did little damage, but about an hour later it was set on fire, and the police found the building saturated with coal oil. Further outbreaks are feared, and the police force here are utterly inadequate for such an emergency.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Messages Sent by the De Forest Wireless System.

A Montreal despatch says: According to a message received here, Dr. Lee De Forest, inventor of the De Forest system of wireless telegraphy, cabled from Ireland on Friday that messages were coming in perfectly from the American coast station, thereby insuring success of the trans-Atlantic wireless. It had been known that experiments were being made between these two points, which are a little more than three thousand miles apart, but as the instruments at this end were turned practically for sending, it was not precisely known how much matter was being caught at the receiving station in Ireland. Dr. De Forest's cable, however, has convinced the promoters that the project is now on a going basis between the two continents.

MOSCOW BANK ROBBERY.

Ringleader of Band Who Stole \$437,500 Captured at Zurich.

A Zurich, Switzerland, despatch says: The ringleader of the band which robbed the Mutual Credit Bank of Moscow of \$437,500 on March 20 has been arrested here. He is a young Russian, who arrived in Zurich April 2, and had been drinking heavily. The police took him into custody on the charge of intoxication, and found among his belongings a wallet filled with Russian bank notes. When the prisoner became sober he voluntarily confessed that he had headed the band of nineteen men who robbed the Mutual Credit Bank of Moscow.

BIG ORDER FOR RAILS.

Grand Trunk Pacific to Take 50,000 Tons from "Soo" Mills.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Consolidated Lake Superior Company has received an order from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway for 50,000 tons of steel rails to be used in the construction of the spur line between Port Arthur and Lake Superior Junction.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ROUTED

Elections Held in the Stronghold of the Bureaucracy.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The electoral colleges in 28 out of the 51 provinces in European Russia on Sunday 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 progressives practically everywhere having gained a tremendous victory over the Octobrists and other conservative parties. As far as is ascertainable not a single reactionary candidate pulled through, and nowhere did even the Octobrists score a triumph. The majorities obtained by the Radicals clinch the character of the victory. From the Volga to the frontier of Poland and from the still icebound coast of Archangel to the Black Sea the story is substantially the same.

GOVERNOR ASSASSINATED.

The London Times' correspondent in St. Petersburg cables as follows:—Sleptzoff, Governor of Tver, has been assassinated under circumstances almost similar to those in which Von Plehve was killed. Sleptzoff organized the massacres at Yaroslavl last November, and, being transferred to Tver did nothing to prevent the burning of the Zemstvo building, where many employees were roasted alive.

RUSSIA WANTS \$200,000,000

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Russia has opened preliminary negotiations in Paris for a large foreign loan of at least \$200,000,000, and desires more if possible. The syndicate with which she is negotiating is composed of German, Dutch and British capitalists, but so far as ascertainable no Americans are connected with it.

TROOPS KILL PEASANTS

A despatch from Berlin says: Russian troops had a battle with peasants in the province of Kersan, killing 28 and wounding 100 of them. A Gatling gun was used.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA.

A despatch from Peking says: The Russo-Chinese negotiations appear to have reached a deadlock. At any rate, they are dragging along slowly. M. Pokotiloff, the Russian Minister to China, and Tong, the Chinese commissioner appointed to negotiate an agreement with Russia regarding Northern Manchuria, have conferred only two or three times during the past month. Russia has the upper hand because she holds nearly all the privileges she contends for, while

demanding that China officially grant them. The Chinese, on the contrary, were never so determined to withstand all foreign encroachments. Both parties are trying to keep the negotiations as secret as was the case with the Chinese-Japanese treaty. One bone of contention is believed to be the mining and other concessions which the Tartar generals in Manchuria gave to Russian corporations, and which Russia wants the Chinese Government to ratify. The Chinese, however, insist that their Government never sanctioned these concessions, and that therefore they are invalid.

TOBACCO USERS WILL PAY.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The extra financial burden caused by the war with Japan will be borne in part by tobacco consumers. A project to increase the internal revenue tax on an average of 30 per cent, has been approved for submission to the approaching National Parliament. The increase falls heavily on the choicer grades of tobacco, but even the cheap "mahorka" smoked by the peasants will be raised over eleven points.

THIEVES LOOTED MONASTERY.

A despatch from Rostoff, Province of Yaroslavl, says: A gang of thieves looted the Troitse Warnitzki monastery during the night of April 3 and got away with \$23,000 and a quantity of valuable articles.

LATEST IN STRIKES.

A despatch from Moscow says: The political prisoners with whom the local jails are crowded, have declared a "hunger strike" (refusing to partake of food) to compel the authorities either to bring them to immediate trial or order their release. Many of the prisoners have been three months in jail without being confronted with the charges against them.

COATS OF MAIL FOR POLICE.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The Chief of Police of St. Petersburg, after various tests, is equipping the police and gendarmes with coats of mail, to be worn under their uniforms.

PRISON FOR FALSE REPORTS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The rigorous press regulations announced on Thursday have been supplemented by a sweeping repressive measure, making it a prison offence to spread false reports about Government officials or troops which tend to produce public excitement. The penalty is multiplied if such reports result in actual rioting.

ANOTHER MINER RESCUED.

Believed That Others Are Still Wandering in the Mines.

A Lens, France, despatch says: Another man was brought up alive on Wednesday morning from the Courrieres Mine, which was wrecked by an explosion of gas on March 10. He had been in the mine for twenty-five days. It is believed that others are still alive in the workings. The name of the survivor found on Wednesday morning is Berthou. He lived on food which he found in the pockets of dead companions, and slaked his thirst from puddles. Berthou says that he suffered terribly from the cold, and that he removed the clothing from several dead bodies and put it on himself. He was knocked down at the moment of the explosion, but on recovering himself found that the air was breathable. He was found behind a sort of door that closed one of the galleries. When he caught sight of the rescuers he said "Here I am." Berthou thought that only eight days had passed since the explosion. Once, he says, he contemplated suicide. His hands were bitten by rats, which several times attacked him when he was sleeping.

The finding of another survivor has renewed the fury of the women against the managers of the mine because the work of rescue was abandoned so soon after the explosion.

It is reported that four of the thirteen men who were taken out of the mine last week after twenty days' entombment will probably die from the effect of the privations which they suffered. A story is told here that these men were reduced to such extremities before their rescue that some of them ate flesh from the dead bodies of two apprentices.

TO CHASE POACHERS.

Canadian Cruiser Vigilant Has Machinery Overhauled.

A Walkerville despatch says: In order to put her in first-class shape for any contest with American fish poachers in Lake Erie, the cruiser Vigilant, which wintered here, has been taken to the plant of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company for an overhauling. Particular attention will be paid to her machinery in order to give her the greatest speed her engines are capable of producing.

FIGHT REBELLIOUS ZULUS.

The Natal Field Force Was Forced to Retreat.

A despatch from Greytown, Natal, says: The colonial field force, which was concentrating at Impanza, twelve miles northwest of Greytown, for operations against the insurgent Chief Bambata, the deposed Regent of the Greytown district, has been compelled to abandon its laager after heavy fighting and retire to Greytown.

A portion of the force sent to rescue the women and children isolated at Keates Drift succeeded in so doing, but while returning was attacked by rebellious natives. A running fight was kept up for six miles, the Zulus continuing the pursuit until within a mile of Greytown. Three of the Colonial Police were killed and several were wounded. The remainder are safe at Greytown. The police report that the rebels are in strong numbers and flushed with victory and the officials fear further excesses. A strong force of artillery, infantry and mounted men moved out of Greytown on Thursday to operate against the rebels.

A laager has been formed here and every preparation has been made to defend Greytown in case of attack.

The bulk of the reinforcements sent from Pietermaritzburg and Durban have arrived, and will join Manselle's column.

TOWER FELL IN RUINS.

Accident on the New Government Block at Ottawa.

A despatch from Ottawa says: At ten minutes to twelve on Thursday morning the new tower, which the Government has been building in the north-east angle of the western departmental block, known as the "Laurier tower," collapsed. No lives were lost, four or five workmen employed on it stepping off on to the roof of the main structure just in time. The loss probably will be \$25,000. Just before noon the building began to crack. Two men were on the roof and stepped off on to the roof of the main building. Two or three others were in the vacant upper room of the tower, and they took alarm and got away. Then a crack showed on the outside, a piece the size of a man's body fell to the ground, the perpendicular crack grew larger, and then, with a loud crash, the walls fell outward, burying the derrick at the foot of a mass of stone, brick, rubble and ironwork.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, April 10. — Flour—Exporters are paying \$3.05 for 90 per cent. Ontario patents, buyers' bags, Manitoba, \$4.30 to \$4.50 for first patents and \$3.90 to \$4 for seconds.
Bran — \$19 was bid, Toronto, bags included.
Wheat — Ontario — 77c bid, C. P. R. points for red and for No. 2 white outside, 77½c asked, 77c bid for mixed.
Wheat — Manitoba — 82c asked, 81c bid for No. 1 northern, Point Edward, May shipment; No. 2 northern, 80½c bid same terms.
Barley — Feed, 47c bid North Bay.
Oats — 35½c asked outside for No. 2 white.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter — The market continues steady. Creamery ... 25c to 26c
do solids ... 23c to 24c
Dairy lb. rolls, good to choice, 18c to 19c
do large rolls ... 17c to 18c
do medium ... 16c to 17c
Cheese — 14c for large and 14½c for twins.
Eggs — New laid are quoted at 16c and storage at 13c.
Poultry — Choice dry plucked turkeys are up to 16c to 18c, fat chickens 1c higher at 12c to 13c, thin 7c to 8c; fat hens, 8c to 9c, thin 6c to 7c, ducks 12c to 13c.
Potatoes — Ontario selling at 65c to 75c per bag on track here, and 75c to 85c out of store; eastern, 70c to 80c on track and 10c more out of store.
Baled Hay — \$8 to \$8.50 for No. 1 timothy, and \$6 for No. 2 in car lots here.
Baled Straw — \$5.50 to \$6 per ton for car lots on track here.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 10. — Grain — Good demand by cable for Manitoba spring wheat.
Oats — No. 2, 39½c; No. 3, 38½c; No. 4, 37½c.
Peas — 76c f. o. b. per bushel.
Barley — Manitoba, No. 3, 49c to 49½c; No. 4, 48c to 48½c; Ontario, 46c f. o. b. 73 per cent. points.
Corn — American mixed, 51½c; No. 2 yellow, 52c, ex-track.
Flour — Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$4.50 to \$4.60; strong bakers', \$4 to \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.25 to \$4.50; straight rollers, \$4 to \$4.10; do., in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75.
Millfeed — Manitoba bran, in bags, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$20 to \$21 per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$18.50 to \$19.50; shorts, \$20, milled mouille, \$21 to \$24; straight grain mouille, \$25 to \$27 per ton.
Rolled Oats — Per bag, \$1.80 to \$1.90 in car lots, \$2 to \$2.05 in small lots.
Cornmeal — \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bag.
Hay — No. 1, \$8 to \$8.50; No. 2, \$7 to \$7.50; clover, mixed, \$6 to \$6.50, and pure clover, \$6.
Cheese — New-made fodder cheese sold at 12c to 12½c in country. Local quotations unchanged at 13c to 13½c.
Butter — New milk butter is selling

well at 22½c to 23c; old creamery, good quality, is bringing 21c to 21½c; inferior grades, 19c to 20½c.
Eggs — Fresh receipts were quoted at 15½c to 17c.
Potatoes — Per bag of 80 pounds, 60c to 65c.
Honey — White clover, in comb, 13c to 14c per pound section; extract, 8c to 9c; buckwheat, 6c to 6½c.
Provisions — Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$21.50; light short cut, \$20; American short cut, \$20; American cut clear fat back, \$20; compound lard 7c to 7½c; Canadian pure lard, 11½c to 11¾c; ketchup rendered, 12½c to 12¾c; hams, 13c to 14½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 15c; Windsor bacon, 15c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$10.25 to \$10.50; country dressed, \$8.75 to \$9.25; alive, \$7.75 to \$7.85 for selects.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, April 10. — Flour — Quiet and steady. Wheat — Spring unsettled; No. 1 Northern, 85c, earloads. Corn — Strong; No. 2 yellow, 51½c; No. 2 corn, 50½c. Oats — Dull; No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 2 mixed, 34c. Barley and rye—No offerings.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, April 10.—Wheat — Spot market firm; No. 2 red, 83c bid in elevator, No. 2 red, 90c nominal, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 89c f. o. b. afloat.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, April 10.—Prices continued steady for butchers', but owing to an alleged weakness in the English market an easier tone was noticeable in exporters'. Best exporters' were worth \$4.50 to \$5.15; medium, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Quotations for butchers' cattle were as follows:—Choice, \$4.90 to \$5.50; good loads, \$4.50 to \$4.85; medium, \$4.15 to \$4.45; good cows, \$3.50 to \$4.25; medium cows, \$3 to \$3.50; common cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per cwt. A straight load of butchers' were sold by Wilson, Maybee and Hall for \$5.50 per cwt. Short-keeps were quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.70; medium weight feeders, \$3.90 to \$4.25; stockers, \$3.50 to \$3.85; stock calves, \$3 to \$3.60 per cwt. Calves were easy at \$3 to \$6. Export ewes, \$5.25 to \$5.75; culls and bucks, \$4.50 to \$5; grain-fed lambs, \$7.25 to \$7.75 per cwt; Spring lambs, \$6 to \$7 each.
Hogs were steady and unchanged. Quotations were:—Selects, \$7.25; fats and lights, \$7 per cwt.

A NEW PENALTY.

Young Man Condemned to Abstain From Cigarettes for a Year.

A despatch from Philadelphia says: Judge Staples, in the Criminal Court on Wednesday, imposed a peculiar sentence upon Charles Hollister, jun., of Belmont, N. Y. Hollister pleaded guilty to indictments charging false pretences, and Judge Staples suspended sentence on condition that Hollister make an oath that he would abstain from the use of cigarettes for one year.