

VESUVIUS CAUSES TERROR.

Loud Detonations and Frequent Earthquakes—Villagers Flee.

NAPLES, April 5.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is causing great terror in the vicinity. The roads leading to the crater are covered with lava, and in the surrounding villages the ashes lie an inch thick. Reinforcements of soldiers and carbineers have been sent to maintain order.

The inhabitants of the small villages near the crater are escaping, while processions of villagers, carrying images of saints and the Madonna and praying for a cessation of the eruption are passing through the neighboring towns.

From several small new craters and many fissures lava and cinders are being thrown up, while from the central craters the eruption has formed a cone 3,000 feet high. Different streams of lava now reach a length of over a mile, some of them being 500 feet wide.

Loud detonations, heard for twenty miles, frequent earthquake shocks, and an oppressive atmosphere increase the terror of the inhabitants, although the director of the observatory at Mount Vesuvius, Prof. Matteucci, says that the fall of ashes is not likely to last more than another day.

The smoke and ashes are carried so far that all Naples is sprinkled with cinders. The Neapolitans are not alarmed. In fact, they are rather glad, saying that the eruption of Vesuvius is in preparation for the arrival of King Edward, who left Marseilles on April 3 on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and who is now due here.

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