

WARM TIME IN HOUSE

Speaker Cannon Averts a Clash Between Williams and Daisell.

UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE IS USED

Incident Grows Out of Resolution to Correct the Journal.

POSTAL APPROPRIATION BILL COMPLETED

Provision for Fast Mail Service South is Not Stricken Out.

SPEECH BY CONGRESSMAN SMITH

Iowa Member Advocates Admission of Periodical Published by Charitable Institution to Second Class Mail Privileges.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Speaker Cannon was distinctly in his element today when every indication pointed to a clash between Mr. Daisell (Pa.) and Mr. Williams (Mass.) over the use of certain sentences in a speech made by Mr. Hopkins of Kentucky.

Immediately after the journal had been read the house plunged into the consideration of a resolution offered by Mr. Gardner (Mass.) to expunge from the record certain remarks reflecting upon the integrity of Mr. Bennett (N. Y.).

Acrimonious words were general. The debate grew in intensity of expression and the minority leader, Mr. Williams, had severely impugned the motives of Mr. Bennett, who had in turn, in a speech, jointly resolved some days ago waiving the immigration laws in the case of an idiot. Finally Mr. Daisell was drawn into the discussion and there seemed an imminent clash between the Pennsylvania and the Massachusetts members.

The postoffice appropriation was completed during the day, after a roll call on the southern fast mail subsidy provision, which was retained in the bill.

Trouble Begins Early.

Much time was taken up when the house convened in a dispute arising when Mr. Gardner (Mass.) moved the expungement of a speech by Mr. Hopkins (Ky.) reflecting on the motives prompting the passage of a bill by Mr. Bennett (N. Y.) authorizing the admission of Fannie Diner, a pronounced idiot, to the United States.

"A good deal of legislation takes place on honor," said Mr. Williams (Mass.), the minority leader, "and a great deal by unanimous consent. So far from this house being called upon to consider a resolution to expunge certain remarks of the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. Hopkins), it ought to be called upon to consider a resolution to expel the gentleman from New York (Mr. Bennett) for having acted in bad faith with his colleagues on this floor."

A murmur of surprise ran round the house.

Mr. Williams followed up the words with the statement that honor would have been demanded, if nothing else, if the house had been advised as to all the facts in the case.

Mr. Gardner (Mass.) replied that no one man had asked the gentleman the question whether or not it had been favorably reported by his committee. That was the obvious question for those guardians who object, because of the confusion and confusion a man does not tell them the whole story.

Mr. Williams again started the house by asking that he be permitted out of order, to tell the house just what his ideas were in cases like the one under consideration, where absolutely no information regarding a bill is withheld from the house.

Mr. Daisell (Pa.) said that much was said in the heat of debate that no reflection would not be used. He spoke of both Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Bennett as gentlemen and then said he believed the whole subject could be cleared up if properly presented.

Hopkins Attacks Bennett. Mr. Hopkins (Ky.) then rose to explain. He disclaimed any intention whatever to reflect any discredit upon his friend, Mr. Goldfogle. He had made them in a playful way, but as Mr. Bennett had called out so much, for after two hours' debate he was more convinced than ever that the statements he had made were reasonable and natural deductions of his conduct and that he was right in making them.

This remark resulted in Mr. Hopkins being called to order—the speaker stating that in his opinion the remarks were not in order and he was advised to proceed in order. An effort was made to prohibit Mr. Hopkins from making his statement, but on a vote he was permitted to proceed. He said that one statement he was called upon to refute was the charge of illiteracy against the people whom he represented. As to the Fannie Diner case he said he had stood on the floor simply what the commission general of immigration had told him—that she was a blank idiot; she shrunk from the light; that she had sores upon her legs which indicated that she had been manacled and that she had claws, which showed she had not been properly cared for.

Daisell and Williams. Mr. Daisell (Pa.) and Mr. Williams (Mass.) became involved in an altercation as to the words used by Mr. Williams in criticism of Mr. Bennett until there were calls on all sides to have the words taken down.

Mr. Daisell (Pa.) with much agitation (Continued on Second Page.)

DOWIE SUGGESTS COMPROMISE

First Apostle Says Ninety-Five Per Cent of Property in Zion Belongs to Church.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Peace hovers over the warring factions that are endeavoring to secure control of Zion City.

This statement was authorized tonight by the legal advisers of both Dr. Dowie and General Overseer Voliva. After an all-day conference Attorney Emil C. Wetten, representing Dowie, said: "We are nearer a peaceful solution of this question tonight than we have been at any stage of the proceedings. We have changed our minds relative to the filing of a bill in equity declaring the transferring of the ownership of the property of Zion City to the church. It will be withdrawn and will await further developments. Today, as a matter of fact, we filed a bill in equity and a circuit court of Lake county of this state declaring that the power of attorney granted to General Overseer Voliva by the 'first apostle,' John Alexander Dowie, was absolutely void, inasmuch as Voliva had not acted in accordance with the instructions given him in reference to the execution of the powers delegated to him by Dowie. We intend to transmit his authority and misapply the property of Dowie, and that thereupon Dowie forwarded Voliva a telegram revoking the power of attorney."

According to the contestants, the decision of the court upon the validity of the telegraphic revocation of the power of attorney will decide the question as to the control of Zion City. On this question Attorney Wetten said: "The telegraphic revocation of the power of attorney, delegated to Voliva by Dowie, is absolutely legal and will stand in any court of law."

At the termination of today's conference, which was participated in by Dowie, Voliva, the legal adviser of Zion, Jacob Newman, counsel for Voliva and his forces, and Attorney Wetten, Mr. Newman said: "Dowie and his advisers admitted today that we have in our possession documents which show that 95 per cent of the property belonging to the Christian Church, and which has furthermore, acquiesced in the proposition that if he is given 5 per cent of the property, he will retire. In other words, Dowie desires to be vindicated by being reinstated with the full powers attending the first apostleship of the Christian Church, which would mean the issue an edict declaring that 95 per cent of the property of Zion City belongs to the church and that 5 per cent belongs to Dowie. According to conservative estimates given out by the two factions the bill would give to Dowie \$1,000,000 and to the church \$19,000,000."

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS FEAST

Folk, Stone, Towne and Knapp Speak at Editors' Banquet at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—Five hundred Missouri democrats attended a banquet at the Hotel Hamilton in this city tonight given by the Missouri State Democratic Press association to commemorate the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson. Of this number 150 were editors of Missouri newspapers and the remainder were prominent democrats from various parts of the state.

The principal speakers were Governor Joseph W. Folk, United States Senator William J. Stone and Congressman Charles A. Towne of New York. Addresses were also delivered by Charles W. Knapp of the St. Louis Republic, Judge W. M. Evans, chairman of the democratic state committee; Colonel Fred W. Fleming of Kansas City and several others, who responded to requests for impromptu speeches. F. W. Stephens, president of the association and editor of the Herald of Columbus, Mo., acted as toastmaster.

Each of the speakers paid a high tribute to Thomas Jefferson, who was the founder of the democratic party, and much enthusiasm was aroused when references were made to the living leaders of the party. All of the speakers made a plea for party reform in the state and all predicted that at the next election Missouri would again be found in the democratic column.

The editorial association held a meeting at the Midland hotel, at which the affairs of the democratic party in this state were discussed. Charles W. Knapp of St. Louis was elected president. It was predicted that the democrats would be successful at the next national election and that the nominee for president in 1908, "whether it be Folk, Bryan or Towne," will be elected by a large majority.

PLAYGROUNDS UNION MEETS

Committee Considers Participation of Young Women in Public Athletic Games.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—At today's session of the Playgrounds Union of America, President Roosevelt, who yesterday was chosen first vice president, was unanimously elected honorary president of the organization. Coupled with his election was that of Jacob Rits of New York as honorary vice president.

Myron T. Scudder addressed the meeting on the subject of the needs of children in the country and in small towns and villages. It was his opinion that the children of rural districts are in greater need than the boys and girls of the city in the matter of playground facilities. He said that 3,000,000 children in the country do not know how to play when they have the opportunity.

During the discussion of the report of the committee on games recommending out-door sports or the physical development of girls, a revival of the old-fashioned square dance and Virginia reel was advocated as being conducive to the proper physical development of girls as well as the participation of young women in public athletic games, especially those where admission is charged, was strongly condemned by the report.

PLATT TO RETIRE FROM SENATE

Senior Senator from New York Will Not Be a Candidate for Re-election.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The Herald tomorrow will say: Seated at his desk in the United States Capitol today was Senator Thomas C. Platt, who had been elected to the United States senate at the expiration of his term in 1909. "It is true," he said, "with a touch of sadness in his tones, 'that I do not expect to return to the senate when my present term ends. I will have gratified my desire for public office by that time.'"

Further than this the senior senator from New York would make no comment on his intended action. Asked whether developments in the insurance investigation had influenced him in forming his decision, he withheld an answer. To friends he had said recently, however, that he had made up his mind long ago not to seek another term.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT SLOW

Does Not Avail Itself of Electric Lines as Much as It Might.

DEPENDS TOO MUCH ON SLOWER WAGONS

Norfolk Man Secures Contract for Furnishing Stock Cattle for Indians on the Rosebud Reservation.

From a Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, April 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Kennedy of the Omaha district, and Representative Smith of the Council Bluffs district, were in evidence today during the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Congressman Kennedy brought to the attention of the house the present postoffice conditions existing between Omaha and Benson under the star route service.

Postoffice department were behind times in the use they are making of street cars of the country. He showed that the star route service between the points named costs the government \$50 per annum, with only two trips per day, while the government is willing to pay to the street railway company only \$250 per year, notwithstanding the fact that the service would be more expeditious. He called attention to the fact that the street railway companies of the country are not receiving the same treatment as extended to the steam railway companies, pay for the latter being out of proportion to the amount of business carried by the street railway companies. He insisted that Benson and all similar suburban points should have the benefit of at least three services per day, with rapid transportation, and that the antiquated star route service should be discontinued.

Pay Is Too Small.

Mr. Kennedy also called attention to the inadequate compensation received by the Omaha Street Railway company for carrying the mails between Omaha and South Omaha, which might result in the discontinuance of that service. The government pays less than \$1.40 per year, being less than \$4 per day for the South Omaha service. Mr. Kennedy's remarks were received with great applause.

Norfolk Man Gets Contract.

The secretary of the interior today awarded the contract to Stephenson J. Napper, Norfolk, Neb., to furnish 4,900 heaters to stock on the Rosebud reservation at a total amount of \$14,497.50. The itemized bid was as follows: 1,500 heaters at \$21.75; 1,000 at \$22.40; 1,000 at \$22.20 and 1,901 at \$23.80.

Minor Matters at Capital.

Senator Burkett today secured the passage of the Richardson county drainage bill.

The senate today passed Senator Millard's bill for the relief of the Omaha National bank. This bill provides for the repayment to the bank of some money which it paid out on a check of a government contractor several years ago.

The senate passed a bill granting a pension of \$30 per month to Dr. H. M. Swigart, Hastings, Neb.

The president of Kansas City introduced by Representative Kennedy increasing the pension of John Clark from \$17 to \$24 per month and that of Lewis Lowery from \$12 to \$30 per month.

Senator Gamble's bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to issue a patent to Keystone camp No. 257, Modern Woodmen of America, to about nine acres of land in the town of Keystone, S. D., to be used for cemetery purposes, passed the house today. The purchase price is fixed at \$1.25 per acre. The bill now goes to the president for approval.

The senate committee today concluded its consideration of the Indian appropriation bill and its report was made to the senate. The senate committee added items over the house bill aggregating \$2,474,472, of which \$1,720,000 is reimbursable. The senate committee eliminated house items carrying \$2,000,000. The South Dakotans got in several new items, among them being one of \$30,000 for further improvement of Crow Creek agency schools by the erection of a girls' dormitory, kitchen, dining room and sewing room and authorization for experiments looking to the drilling of artesian wells at the Yankton agency.

At the instance of Senator Burkett, the senate today passed a bill to pay to M. A. McCafferty of O'Neill, Neb., the balance of a burial casket, horse and defraying all other incidental expenses incident to the burial of John Debor, a private soldier in Troop G, First United States cavalry, stationed at Fort Meade, S. D.

GREAT SCANDAL IN BUFFALO

Prominent Political Leaders Indicted in Connection with Famous Graveyard Steal.

BUFFALO, April 13.—The grand jury, which has been investigating the scandal in connection with the purchase of the Sixty-fifth regiment armory site, found more indictments today. Political leaders prominent in the city were caught in the grand jury's dragnet. Postmaster Fred Greiner, a leader of one wing of the republican party at the end of the state, today appeared before the grand jury at his own request. The grand jury will be unable to report the indictments found today because of the sudden and unexpected adjournment of the criminal term of the supreme court this afternoon.

The "graveyard scandal," as it is known, developed from the purchase by the county five years ago of an old cemetery to be used as an armory site. Several hundred thousand dollars of the county's money, it is alleged, has been stolen.

Roland J. Conover, the contractor who removed and reentered the bodies, after his conviction on a charge of grand larceny, laid bare the transaction.

GAS CASE IN KANSAS CITY

Council is Enjoined from Granting Franchise to Natural Gas Company.

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—A temporary restraining order enjoining the council of this city from passing a pending ordinance granting a natural gas franchise to the Kansas City-Natural Gas company, which owns the present gas franchise, was granted by the Jackson county circuit court tonight. The order was made returnable tomorrow morning.

The injunction suit was filed by County Prosecutor Kimbrell at the instigation of Mayor-Elect Henry M. Beardsley, who believed that there was an intention to sell the franchise at a meeting of the council tonight or before he assumes the duties of mayor next Monday noon.

DAKOTA CATTLEMEN INDICTED

Charged With Perjury in Connection With Final Proof on Lands.

STOUX FALLS, S. D., April 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The United States grand jury made its first report in the land fraud cases, returning four indictments against Carl Petan, a prominent stockman residing in the cedar bluff town between the Missouri river and the Black Hills in western South Dakota. In each one of the indictments Petan is charged with perjury, alleged to have been committed while testifying as a witness for Bertha Frankle, Emma M. Freizer, Otto T. Tenneson and Bertha E. Henry, when the parties mentioned made a final proof upon government land in the Oberlin district. The alleged perjury of Petan testifying as to the value of the land is the subject of the indictments.

The government alleges that Petan was to be transferred to Petan in the final proof had been made and all in making entry of the land the four parties simply acted for him. Petan was in court when the indictments were returned and on motion of his attorney was given until next Wednesday morning to enter a plea. The case will be tried at the present term of federal court. That the trial will be a spirited one is certain.

Judge Carlund of the United States court today sentenced E. D. Snyder to a term of two years at hard labor in the Sioux Falls penitentiary and imposed a fine of \$100. Snyder, a few days ago pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with breaking into the postoffice at Mansfield, Brown county and carrying off a registered package containing the sum of \$117.38.

Daniel Loveloy, an Indian who pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with taking intoxicating liquors on the Rosebud reservation, was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the Brown county jail and in addition was fined the sum of \$10 and the costs of his prosecution.

GROWERS TO SELL LIVE STOCK

Association to Establish Independent Commission Houses at South Omaha and Other Points.

DENVER, Colo., April 13.—Independent commission houses, to be owned and operated by the growers of live stock, will be established at Kansas City, South Omaha, St. Joseph and Chicago as soon as the preliminaries can be arranged. Such was the decision of the joint committee appointed by the National Wool Growers' association and the American National Live Stock association at their recent meeting in this city, which committee met in this city today. The plan includes the formation of a co-operative commission company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, divided into shares of \$10 each. None but bona fide stockmen will be permitted to purchase stock, and each will be limited to fifty shares. It was decided that a committee should visit the various cities where it is expected commission houses will be established to study conditions and report to the meeting of the executive committees of the various live stock associations scheduled to meet in the city on May 11.

Both Smith Fears Factions. "We have got through with one set of primaries," said Mr. Smith. "We have a good-sized bunch of trouble on our hands selecting our ticket, and I for one hate to see opportunities for new splits and antagonisms opened. Let's get through one scrap before we start another. The state convention won't be held until August 22. What's the hurry?"

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THREE BOYS MAIMED FOR LIFE

Chicago Children Play with Dynamite and Suffer as Result of Explosion.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Three boys who procured some dynamite cartridges and proceeded to set them off today in a vacant lot, were mutilated for life by the explosion of one of the cartridges. They were: Henry Polbanis, left hand blown off; Frank Ryan, thumb and two fingers blown off; Herbert Grandis, thumb of right hand, and left hand blown off. The ages of the boys range from 11 to 14 years.

WEBSTER BOOM IS INFLATED

Senatorial Candidate Set Before Public at Meeting Last Night.

EARLY ACTION IS DEEMED NECESSARY

Van Dusen, Burbank, Kaley, Pratt, Westberg, Taylor and Others Sponsors for the Action of the Meeting.

The senatorial candidacy of John L. Webster was formally and definitely launched last night at a meeting of about 100 republicans in room 28 New York life building. Resolutions expressing the desire of the assembly that Mr. Webster stand as its candidate were put on record with only two objecting votes—Robert Smith of the Pointe du Lac club and one other.

The meeting was the sequel of a smaller session held in the same place on the evening of April 4. About thirty men attended the first meeting and agreed upon the Webster candidacy. As a method of getting it started in good order a committee including James H. Van Dusen, E. G. Burbank, J. L. Kaley and N. C. Pratt, was named to issue two hundred invitations to republicans for the gathering last night.

It was well understood that it was to be a Webster session and but one or two dissenting notes were sounded, principally by Smith and Isaac Haacall. Mr. Van Dusen presided as chairman and J. L. Kaley acted as secretary, though Mr. Pratt testified the invitations as secretary of the smaller committee. He later also read and introduced the resolutions. A motion carried authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of five to carry on the Webster propaganda.

Norris Brown the Bogie Man. Throughout the session the bogie man held up was one called Norris Brown. Various speakers related how Mr. Brown was rapidly converting the state to an unquestioning response to his hypnotic influence, all to the eternal perit of an Omaha candidate. The temper of the people was defined as poisonous hostility to the republicans.

Robert Smith seemed to be all alone when he called for time in the ultimate settlement of the senatorial question, in room 28, New York life building. Mr. Smith attempted to wreck the salvation of Mr. Webster by faint praise, but presented more cogent reasons for delay by expressing a great fear that the success of the republican municipal ticket might be endangered by "plunging the party into another factional quarrel."

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warmer Saturday; Sunday Fair and Warmer in East Portion.

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Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. and 2 columns: Hour, Deg. showing temperature readings for various hours.

LATTER DAY SAINTS' SESSION

Apostle Wight Writes Himself May Keep Him from His Field of Labor.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The preaching at the morning session of the Latter Day Saints' conference was by Elder Charles E. Crumley of California. This young member of the seventy is possessed of an active mind, good voice and pleasant delivery, which made his effort a pronounced success.

President R. C. Evans of London, Ont., presided at this afternoon's business session. A communication was read from Apostle J. W. Wight, who has been confined to his home in Laramie, Ia., because of his illness. He stated clearly the possibility of his inability to perform the duties of his position for some time to his office. He will not feel hurt if the conference should fail to sustain him at this time.

The matter of additional shelf room for the church library was referred to the bishop for action.

The matter of jurisdiction in the case of a member of one branch transgressing in another was referred to the high council, and other leading quorums last year have never yet come before the assembly. It has been impossible to get the quorums together. The conference adjourned and the quorums forming the committees went into session. In their absence a social service was held in the church. Preaching tonight was by Elder Holmes J. Davidson of Boston, and by Elder J. W. Wight, John Kaler, formerly of the Australian mission, will be the speaker.

HIGGINS SIGNS TWO BILLS

New York Insurance Companies Prohibited from Dealing in Real Estate.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—Governor Higgins by his signature today placed upon the statute books two more of the bills of the special insurance investigating committee. The bill postponing the annual elections of the four mutual companies was approved by the governor some time ago. The bills signed today are those prohibiting life insurance corporations from dealing in real estate and making it a misdemeanor to receive a rebate or other favor as an inducement to take any policy of life insurance. The first named bill takes effect immediately; the second on September 1.

When the "big bill" generally regarding the insurance law passed by the assembly yesterday was handed down in the senate this morning Senator Armstrong, chairman of the investigating committee, had it substituted for the second of the bills in the order of third reading. By this procedure the assembly bill, should it pass the senate without amendment, would go to the governor; on the other hand any amendments made by the senate must be concurred in by the French national assembly.

Except for the anti-perjury bill, originally passed by the assembly, since amended by the senate and excepting the possibility that the senate may amend the general bill, the assembly has finished its work on the insurance legislation.

TORNADO AT BRIGGS, TEXAS

Later Reports Show That None Was Killed, but Several Injured Will Die.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 13.—Details of the tornado which yesterday wrecked the hamlet of Briggs, forty miles north of this city, show that while no deaths resulted, as at first reported, a score of more were so badly injured it is feared that several will die. Among the buildings destroyed was the new public school building. Many residences were swept from their foundations, and the area through which the storm passed is strewn with debris. Relief parties are at work in the stricken district.

BANDIT STRUCK BY TRAIN

Unidentified Man Carrying Twenty-Five Pounds of Dynamite Fatally Hurt at Roseman, Mont.

BOZEMAN, Mont., April 13.—An unidentified man, about 25 years of age, was struck by a Northern Pacific engine in the hands here early today and so badly injured that he cannot live. On his person was found twenty-five pounds of dynamite, fuses, caps, two revolvers and a black mask. He was struck while near a water tank and evidently his intention was to get up the transcontinental train when it stopped there for water and to dynamite the express car.

Movements of Ocean Vessels April 13. At New York—Arrived: The Hydrant, from Glasgow; Manuel Cleves, from Naples; Baldo; Chia di Messina, from Alexandria. At Baltimore—Arrived: The Tyrant, from New York. At Havre—Arrived: La Touraine, from New York. At Gibraltar—Arrived: Barbarosa, from New York. At Halifax—Arrived: Victorian, from Liverpool. At London—Arrived: Marquette, from Boston. At Ponta del Gada—Arrived: Canopic, from Boston. At Gibraltar—Arrived: Creste, Barbarosa and Slavonia, from New York. At Hamburg—Sailed: Christiania, for New York. At Mobile—Sailed: Pretorian, for Haiti.

SUNSHINE IN NAPLES

Old Sol Visible in Stricken City First Time for Several Days.

PERIOD OF DANGER IS NOW PAST

Only Awful Desolation and Slowly Declining Panic Remain.

CURTAIN OF SMOKE HIDES VOLCANO

Rumblings from the Bowels of the Earth Have Ceased.

OBSERVER STAYS UPON THE MOUNTAIN

Prof. Matteucci Remained at Royal Observatory and Approached Closer to Crater During the Disturbance.

NAPLES, April 13.—The period of danger has passed and only desolation and slowly declining panic remain. Mount Vesuvius has ceased to give any sign of life. The volcano seems to have spent itself in one enormous convulsion. Director Matteucci, service director of the post office and observatory, believes that the eruption has ended and every outward indication confirms this view. No more rumblings come from the bowels of the earth, giving terrifying warning to the inhabitants. The volcano is hidden by a thick curtain of smoke, which rises from the crater and then spreads and falls, enveloping a vast circle in semi-darkness. Naples is just beyond this circle, and today the city was bathed in sunshine, while the ugly black pall hung to the westward over a belt midway between the city and the volcano. Vesuvius today belies all popular pictures, which represent the mountain clearly outlined against the sky vomiting smoke and ashes by day and fire by night. Today not the slightest outline is visible of the crater, crest or foothills, all being swallowed in a dense mass of smoke. There is the same obscurity tonight, unrelieved by flashes or reflected light such as are seen during quiet periods. Vesuvius quiescent is picturesquely grand, but active or smouldering, it is terrible only in its blackness and obscurity.

Scenes in the Ash Belt.

The Association of correspondents today traveled in the belt over which ashes continue to fall. This lies to the north of Naples, as the wind now carries the discharge away from the city. At Rome there was sunshine, but twenty miles south a thin veil of smoke made nearby mountains dimly visible. Near Naples the air was sooty. The same of semi-obscurity began twenty-five miles above Naples. Here there was an uncanny phenomenon. The sun, though shining, was invisible. Its light seemed to come through smoked glass, shedding a sickly glare upon whitened vegetation. The air was filled with ash powder. The locomotives were coated as though they had ploughed through tar. Pretty white villas were daubed and dripping with mud and people were busy on the roofs shoveling off the ashes. The crowds at the stations resembled soldiers, who, having nothing to do, were busy with graphic powder. Campania presents the appearance of a Dakota prairie after a blizzard, except that everything is gray instead of white. The ashes lie in drifts knee deep. Villages, trees and churches have been beaten with gray mud on the sides exposed to the volcanic storm.

Area of Semi-Night.

Ten miles north of Naples the train enters an area of semi-night. Billows of thick smoke roll from the direction of the mountain. The railway telegraph poles become invisible twenty feet away. The train moves with extreme precaution to avoid collision. Breathing is difficult, and the smoke makes the eyes water. This obscurity lasts until a short distance north of Naples, where the sky clears and normal conditions are resumed. After the last great eruption, which occurred in 1872, the land covered by cinders did not produce crops for seven years and the losses in this respect alone were \$20,000,000 yearly. It is believed that it will take ten years to bring the land under cultivation again.

The people as a demonstration of their gratitude for the sympathy which led to the French national assembly, enthusiastically greeted the French sailors when they landed.

The duke of Abruzzi arrived today in his motor car. He had passed through the ash belt and was hardly recognizable, being covered with ashes and mud. He will soon sail on his projected tour of exploration in South Africa.

Official Report of Director.

No better evidence of the improved condition of affairs in the section affected by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius can be presented than the following telegram from Director Matteucci, sent this evening from the observatory on the side of the volcano: "Last night and today the activity of Vesuvius and the agitation at the surface of the volcano sensibly diminished. Electric discharges ceased today and the discharge was less abundant. From the present formation of the crater and other indications, and if the