



THE WEATHER.

Forecast for April 15, 1906:  
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy  
Sunday, with brisk westerly winds.  
A. G. McADIE,  
District Forecaster.

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# CALL

THE THEATERS.  
ALCAZAR—"The Wife." Matinee.  
ALHAMBRA—"For His Brother's  
Crime." Matinee.  
CALIFORNIA—"Crazy and the Green  
Sod Club." Matinee.  
CENTRAL—"Searchlights of a Great  
City." Matinee.  
CHUTES—Vaudeville. Matinee.  
COLUMBIA—"The Lion and the  
Mouse." Matinee.  
MAJESTIC—"Who Goes There?"  
Matinee.  
ORPHEUM—Vaudeville. Matinee.  
TIVOLI—"Miss Timidity." Matinee.



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## MATTEUCCI DESCRIBES ERUPTION

Daring Scientist  
Interviewed on  
Vesuvius.

Bombarded by Stones  
and Cinders While  
at His Post.

Keeps Faithful Record of All  
Phenomena Attending  
the Outbreak.

NAPLES, April 14.—The Associated Press correspondent today succeeded in reaching the highest inhabitable point on Vesuvius, where Professor Matteucci, director of the Royal Observatory, has courageously held his post throughout the eruption. The noted scientist was found to be comparatively calm and undisturbed by his recent fearful experiences.

For three days Professor Matteucci and his little band were cut off from the outside world. Their provisions ran low and their rations consisted of cheese, bread and dried onions, until Professor Matteucci's urgent telegraphic appeals led a venturesome guide to push through on Friday with a stock of supplies for their relief. Meantime the professor had kept at his instruments, taking observations and making calculations day and night while a veritable inferno raged around him.

### At Work Knee Deep in Ashes.

As he came forward to greet the correspondent his blackened face and dust-covered clothing told of the ordeal through which he had passed. The portico where he stood was knee deep in ashes, which had been swept aside to make a small footway. From the observatory terrace, to which narrow paths had been cut through the ashes, the correspondent looked out over an ocean of ashes and twisted rivers of lava, while Vesuvius rose grimly in a mantle of ashes and shrouded dark vapor rising like a gigantic fan.

Professor Matteucci was asked to tell in his own way the story of the cataclysm from the outset. This he readily consented to do, and speaking in good French, gave the following detailed narrative:

"I first observed Mount Vesuvius giving unusual signs about a month ago, when the lava began to overflow, taking a southwest direction. This gradually increased as several small lava streams formed into one great current.

### Great Rent Made in the Cone.

"The real danger began the middle of last week. Then an enormous stream of lava came from the summit, meeting the other streams, which burst from the lower strata. It was this that overwhelmed Boscotrecz. Throughout the lava discharge the volcano was comparatively quiet and without electrical phenomena or explosions. The only ominous sign was the advancing wave and the cinders forming an enormous cloud in the shape of a pine tree over the crater.

"Our really terrible period came at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning and lasted until 8 o'clock. The mountain, which hitherto had been silent, on Sunday gave out a deafening roar and a great rent was made in its cone. Huge solid rocks were hurled skyward. Some of them fell near the observatory, threatening to crush in the roof, but most of them fell far outside the observatory zone. There was no scoria in this discharge, but solid, bullet-like stones, which cut the roof and damaged the windows.

### Women and Children Removed.

"At midnight of Saturday I ordered the women and children of the household removed. This was just before the rain of huge stones began, and I was then left with Professor Perret of New York, my American assistant, and two domestics. There was scarcely any eating, and all domestic order was abandoned. We snatched a few bites now and then; most of the time I ate right here," and the observer pointed to the re-

## KING OF SAXONY WANTS DIVORCE

Pope Not Disposed to Heed His Request  
to Be Freed From Eloping Wife.



THE COUNTESS MONTIGNOSO, FORMERLY THE CROWN PRINCESS LOUISE OF SAXONY, AND HER DAUGHTER, KING FREDERICK OF SAXONY IS SEEKING A DIVORCE BECAUSE OF HER ELOPEMENT.

DRESDEN, Saxony, April 14.—King Frederick, notwithstanding denials, is endeavoring to obtain from the Pope the ecclesiastical sanction for a divorce from the Countess Montignoso in order to be able to marry again.

This will be possible if the Countess is willing to declare under oath that her parents forced her to marry him while he was in a somnolent condition, which she affirmed after her flight from the Saxony capital. Later, however, the Countess refused to swear to the statement so as to prevent the King remarrying. It is understood that recently the Pope has been strongly opposed to the wishes of the Saxony King and has been comparing his case with the precedents in which marriages were dissolved by the church. The Countess Montignoso was formerly the Crown Princess Louise, wife of Crown Prince Frederick, now King of Saxony. In 1902 she eloped with Professor Giron and she has since been living in Italy.

### JOSEPH LEITER THREATENED BY ANONYMOUS WRITERS

Warned That Another Explosion Will  
Occur in His Mines at  
Ziegler.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Threats of death by explosives and other means have been made against Joseph Leiter and other of Illinois-Ziegler coal mine operators at Ziegler, Ill. Since the beginning of the coal strike a number of letters threatening a repetition of the explosion in the mine by which, two years ago, many miners were killed have been received by Leiter. The situation has become so serious that it demands all the time of Attorney Henry Russell Platt, counsel for the coal company.

When fifteen damage suits against the Ziegler Company, as a result of the explosion, were called before Judge Landis today the court was informed of the situation and asked to continue the hearings for a time. This was granted.

### Servian Conspirator Retires.

BELGRADE, Servia, April 14.—Alaskovic, one of the plotters of the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, was placed on the retired list at his own request today. It is possible that this marks the beginning of the weeding out of the regicides.

## FEW LUNATICS OR CRIMINALS NEED TOUPEES

Bald Men Are Scarce  
in Asylums and  
Prisons.

Special Cablegram to The Call and The New  
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LONDON, April 14.—Simultaneously from two independent sources comes striking testimony to the virtues of hairless heads. It is stated, first, that there are no baldheaded criminals; second, that there are no baldheaded lunatics.

Neither statement is laid down as absolute or infallible, but it is asserted that there are just sufficient exceptions to prove the rule. The authority regarding the first statement is J. T. Riley, a Magistrate on the Halifax bench, who said in court that he had met with only two bald criminals in his twenty-three years' experience.

With regard to the second statement the Rev. H. M. Field of Bradford quotes the head official of the Rains Hill Asylum, who assured him that he would never need the hospitality of that institution, as he was quite bald.

A man who frequently visits Bethlehem hospital for the insane in an official capacity said to a representative of the Daily Mail:

"My impression of the lunatics I meet here is that they are usually a shaggy race."

An experienced police inspector bore out to a great extent Riley's statement about the lack of baldheaded criminals, but he advanced a commonplace explanation. "Criminals," he said, "are a notoriously short-lived race. I admit I have seen very few baldheaded men in the charge room, but by the time a criminal reaches the baldheaded period of life he has either died or has reformed."

### Sinking Ship Abandoned.

DELAOIA, South Africa, April 14.—The British ship George T. Hay, bound for Argentina, being in a sinking condition, was abandoned and burned off Port Elizabeth. The captain and crew were brought here by a German vessel.

## GORKY TOLD TO GET OUT OF A HOTEL

Russian Is Persona  
Non Grata to  
Landlord.

Action Due to Expose  
of His Domestic  
Relations.

Visitor Goes Into a Rage and  
Declares He Has Been  
Slandered.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Following the publication of an article to the effect that the woman traveling with Maxim Gorky, the Russian novelist, who has come to this country in the interest of the revolutionists, was not his wife, the Gorky party was today requested to leave the Hotel Belaire. The proprietor of the hotel made the request, which was equivalent to an order to get out. Gorky and Mme. Gorky went to the residence of H. Gaylord Wilshire in West Ninety-third street as the guests of Wilshire.

As the result of the published article alleging that Gorky's companion was not his legal wife, who, with his children, remains in Russia, Gorky today issued a statement which, translated, is as follows:

"I think this disagreeable act against me could not have come from the American people. My respect for them does not allow me to suspect that they lack so much courtesy in their treatment of women. I think that this dirt is conspired by the friends of the Russian Government. My wife is my wife—the wife of Maxim Gorky. She and I consider it the lowest to go into explanation about this. Every one may say about us what he pleases. For us remains to overlook the gossip of others. The best people of all kinds will be with us. MAXIM GORKY."

### NOVELIST GIVES WAY TO RAGE.

The published story went on to say that the Mme. Gorky who is now with the author is Andreeva, a Russian actress, with whom, it was stated, he had lived since his separation from his wife about three years ago. The explanation was made that, being unable to procure a divorce in Russia, because of the strong official feeling against him, Gorky secured a divorce in Finland and was married to Andreeva before a notary. When approached on this subject today Gorky said:

"The publication of such a libel is a dishonor to the American press, and I am surprised that in a country noted for its love of fair play and its reverence for women such a slimy slander as this should have gained credence."

"She is my wife. No lie that was ever devised or made by man can make her more so than she is now. The insinuation that the relations existing between us are illicit are a base calumny. Never was union between man and woman more holy and moral than that of ours."

Madame Gorky tried to appease her husband at this point, but he struck the copy of a paper in which the defamatory article appeared and cried:

"A lie travels fast and I must overtake this one before it has gone too far. I will prepare a signed statement for the press and see if right and justice prevail in America."

### TWAIN AND HOWELLS UNDECEIVED.

Madame Gorky sought to have the reporter translate the article in question to her, but Gorky violently tore the paper from her hands, saying:

"I forbid you to read this horror."

Later Gorky issued the signed statement heretofore quoted.

Mark Twain and William Dean Howells, who had agreed to serve on the committee which Robert Hunter was organizing to forward the Russian revolutionary cause, were seen by reporters today.

"I do not know," said Mark Twain, "what effect this publication will have on the committee which I have agreed to join. In Russia, I am told, political and social conditions are more or less interwoven, but here in this country the attitude in which the domestic relations are held is altogether different. I do not intend, anyhow, to take an active part in the work of the committee. But I believe in sticking to the flag until everybody else deserts. I will hear the other twelve members before deciding whether I mean to get off the committee."

Howells said:

"It is too delicate a matter for me to be quoted on. It would never do for me to discuss or criticize this thing one way or another in the public prints. I cannot answer any questions at present."

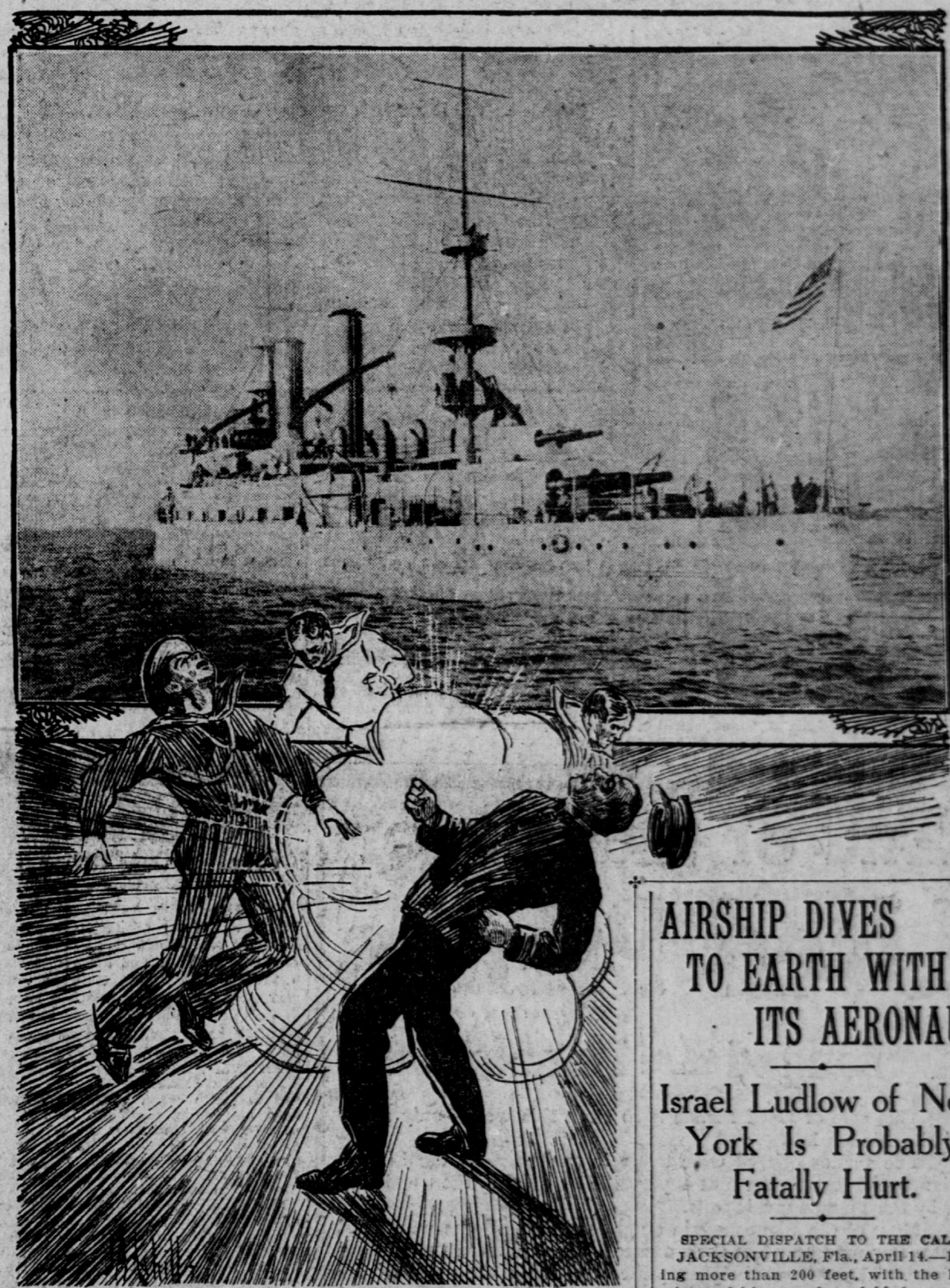
### GORKY'S MESSAGE TO MINERS.

Maxim Gorky's fourth day in America was signalized by the sending of a telegram of sympathy to W. D. Haywood.

## SEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP KEARSARGE

An explosion in one of the forward turrets of the battleship Kearsarge has resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of fourteen. The accident occurred in Cuban waters.

Fourteen Men Injured, Eight of Whom May Die



UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP KEARSARGE ON WHICH SEVEN MEN MET DEATH AND FOURTEEN WERE INJURED AS THE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION FOLLOWING TARGET PRACTICE IN CUBAN WATERS.

### QUANTANAMO, Cuba, April 14.—The

United States battleship Kearsarge has arrived here. The casualties resulting from the explosion on board the vessel off Culebra Island on Friday are reported to be as follows: Two officers and five men killed and fourteen men injured, eight of them seriously.

The bodies of the men killed will be buried in the naval cemetery here tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Two years ago to a day later than the fatal disaster on the battleship Missouri, as every sailor immediately recalled, on a Friday and the 13th of the month, six men were done to death in the forward turret of the battleship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquire additional terror for sailors because of their obscure origin and almost impossibility of prevention.

The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks engaged in most severe drills in the waters of the Caribbean Sea, culminating in the quarterly practice. This practice was just about concluding, with most satisfactory results up to yesterday, and it was confidently expected at the department upon the basis of preliminary reports received, that all records would be broken in the matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency of the gunners. But today, just at the close of the week's work at the department, came a telegram from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best ships, the Kearsarge. The news came from Caimanera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. A slight telegraphic error, requiring the consumption of some time to effect the deciphering of the message, added to the anxiety of the officials as soon as they had made out the fact that a serious accident had occurred.

When the message was finally re-

### duced to form it read as follows:

"CAIMANERA, April 14, 1906.—Secretary Navy, Washington: On April 13, about 3:15 p. m., shortly after completion target practice of Kearsarge, forward turret, while the powder was going below, three sections of a 13-inch charge of powder were ignited. Charge of powder in other lift just below and one section 13-inch remained intact. Cause is unknown. Matter is being investigated. Lieutenant Joseph M. Graeme, gun umpire, has been sent to the Maryland in a very critical state about 9 p. m. The following have since died:

"LEUTENANT HUDGINS, turret officer.

"PETER NORBERG, gunner's mate.

"THEODORE NAOGELL, seaman.

"ANTON O. THORSON, seaman.

"JULIUS E. KOESTER, turret captain, first class.

"ELLIS H. ATHY, seaman.

"The following was dangerously injured by accident, recovery doubtful: W. King, ordinary seaman.

"Will bury dead at Guantanamo. Vessel uninjured."

### CONDOLENCE SENT AT ONCE.

The residences and next of kin to the victims were as follows:

Peter Norberg, gunner's mate, third class, residence New York, N. Y.; next of kin, Margaret Norberg, mother, Sandaval, Sweden.

Theodore Naogell, seaman, residence Elizabeth, N. J.; next of kin, Louis Graef, guardian, Elizabeth, N. J.

Anton O. Thorson, ordinary seaman, residence New York, N. Y.; next of kin, Elias Thorson, New York.

Julius Alfred Koester, turret captain, first class, residence Chicago; next of kin, John Peterson, uncle, Chicago.

Ellis Homer Athy, seaman, residence Parkersburg, W. Va.; next of kin, W. Athy, father, Parkersburg, W. Va.

William King, seaman, residence Appleton City, Mo.; next of kin, Mrs. Alice

## AIRSHIP DIVES TO EARTH WITH ITS AERONAUT

Israel Ludlow of New  
York Is Probably  
Fatally Hurt.

### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 14.—Falling more than 200 feet, with the huge wings of his aeroplane folded over and pinning him in his position, Israel Ludlow, a young New York attorney and aeronaut, was today so badly hurt that his life is despaired of. In the hope of saving it he is being rushed to New York. The two lower vertebrae of the spine have been pushed out of alignment with the others, and Ludlow is paralyzed below the waist. He is cool and collected and has directed the making of arrangements for caring for him upon his arrival in New York.

Two large White steamers, driven by drivers participating in the automobile tournament here, had the big kite in tow. The aeroplane had been constructed so that it had twice the lifting power of the one recently used by Charles K. Hamilton. A strong south wind lifted the big kite easily, and in an instant, as though hurled from a catapult, it arose 250 feet. Then the hundreds of spectators on the beach heard the crash of bamboo that told the story of the broken framework. An instant later they saw the front half of the kite lift, bend backward and fasten Ludlow in his seat, cutting off every opportunity he had of saving himself by climbing over the supports. The kite, shorn of its lifting power, shot downward like a rocket. Ludlow landed on the hard beach, striking squarely on the base of his spine and the upper portion of the aeroplane crashed down over the head of the helpless man.

### "JOSH" BILL IN LEGISLATURE DRIVES WOMAN FROM STATE

Ninety-Eight-Year-Old Resident of  
Iowa Objects to Being  
Ostracized.

CARMI, Ill., April 14.—Fearing that the Iowa Legislature would pass a bill recently introduced as a joke, which provided for the extinction of all persons who had passed the age of activity, Mrs. Martha Williams, aged 98, left her home at Goldfield, Iowa, and came here. She says that fear that the law would be passed caused her great mental torture, and avers that she did not eat or sleep until she arrived safely in this State. She is staying with relatives, and declares she will not return to Iowa.