

ALASKAN VOLCANO ERUPTS.

Mount Spurr, a giant volcano in southern Alaska, suddenly erupts, sending a great column of smoke and volcanic ash sprawling nearly eight miles into the sky. More than eighty miles away, the city of Anchorage is darkened as the pall of ash blots out the sun.

Even in mid-afternoon the city of 50,000 people is in semi darkness as the fine volcanic powder settles in a layer an inch thick on buildings and pavements. Lorries help in the great clean up. Officials estimate that well over ten thousand tons fell on the city.

Hundreds of pounds worth of damage is done as Mount Spurr erupts for the first time in living memory.

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Flying high over ancient Mount Spurr, a Warner Pathe cameraman films these spectacular scenes of the rumbling giant -- belching its ~~xxxxxxxx~~ black smoke and volcanic ash ~~xxxxxxxx~~ skyward for eight miles.

In Anchorage, eighty miles away, a dark, sooty pall settles over the city -- blotting out the sun. Automobiles ~~xxxx~~ crawl along with their headlights on. In mid-afternoon, the city of fifty thousand is in pitch darkness, with the fine volcanic powder sifting down over it.

An inch thick layer of the ash covers the streets as trucks attempt to scrape away the soot away. Officials estimate some thirty million pounds fell on the city.

Erupting for the first time in the memory of residents, Mount Spurr is an awesome and spectacular sight.