



TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1909, 11 A.M.

The above drawing was made by Captain Tom Ryan of the S.S. "Tongariro," whilst the volcano was in full blast. As a sketch it gives a faithful representation of the magnificent and inspiring grandeur of the largest eruption that has yet convulsed the crater of Ngauruhoe. The scene is taken from the base of the mountain near the Waihothonu stream. The column of ash and smoke went much higher at intervals, when a particularly large outburst took place. According to native accounts, the top of the ash cloud was the scene of electrical discharges like forked lightning, but no fire was apparent in the crater.