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## **ELECTRIC PHENOMENA IN PARTS OF EUROPE.**

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### **Telephone and Street Car Services Sus- pended in Switzerland for Half an Hour on Saturday.**

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Scientists attribute the magnetic disturbance of yesterday to sunspots. The worst effects of the phenomena appear to have been experienced in France. Berlin was not affected, and apparently neither Austria, Italy, nor Denmark suffered.

In Switzerland, however, there occurred a most strange phenomena. The telephone service ceased suddenly and remained suspended for half an hour, while the telegraphs were rendered unintelligible and useless. In Geneva all the electrical street cars were brought to a sudden standstill, and the unexpected cessation of the electric current caused consternation at the generating works, where all efforts to discover the cause were fruitless.

The Meteorological Office reports a magnetic storm, accompanied by aurora borealis, in several parts of Ireland and Scotland. The telegraphic disturbance was one of the most extraordinary on record. Late this morning, before it had been settled where the disturbances originated, although Siberia was strongly suspected, slight seismic disturbances were reported from the Riviera.

Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Norman Lockyer were interviewed on the matter, and agreed in attributing the cause to sun spots and an increase in solar activity, which would also account for the unusual wet season now being experienced.

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