

## NORTH WIRES UNAFFECTED.

Only Eastern Telegraph Circuits  
Interrupted by the  
Aurora.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.]

NEW YORK, June 17.—The electrical disturbance caused by the aurora borealis, reported this morning from various western States, had a serious effect also on cable and telegraph lines in the northeastern part of the United States and Eastern Canada. For several hours during the early morning cable communication via the Newfoundland cables of the Western Union was all but paralyzed, and the disturbances, although they diminished, were still felt up until the late afternoon. A peculiar feature of the phenomenon was that only east and west wires were affected. Interruptions in land service were frequent, the wires being heavily surcharged with electricity.

## OBSERVERS SEE BRIGHT AURORA.

EXCEPTIONAL DISPLAY IS WIT-  
NESSED BY EXPERTS  
AT FLAGSTAFF.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.]

FLAGSTAFF (Ariz.) June 17.—A brilliant aurora was observed early today at the Lowell Observatory. The northern horizon was peculiarly bright and ruddy at midnight. Although it lost color for a time it continued abnormally bright for several hours when the characteristic greenish-yellow auroral rays rapidly developed. The phenomenon extended from 25 deg. west to 45 deg. east of north along and upward from the horizon.

The display reached its greatest splendor a few minutes after the columnar rays first appeared and continued visible until dawn. The rays swung rapidly eastward, reaching upward generally to a height of 20 to 30 deg. The longest reached almost to the zenith.

Although common in northern latitudes, it is exceptional to see an aurora this far south, in latitude 35 deg. It is doubtless explained by an unusual encounter between the earth and a strong stream of radiant matter from the sun. Observations of this remarkable aurora will prove of great scientific interest.

Rioters.

## DROP PIANOS INTO STREET.

SINGER DESCRIBES OUTRAGES  
OF ITALIAN MOB.

Phyllis Partington Says Strong  
Feeling of Friendliness for the  
United States Exists and Great  
Concern was Felt Over Sinking of  
the Lusitania.

[BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK BUREAU OF THE TIMES, June 17.—Miss Phyllis Partington, a soprano from San Francisco, who arrived here today from Naples on the Italian liner, Europa, said she had observed in Milan a strong feeling of sympathy and friendliness for the United States. The loss of American lives on the torpedoed Cunarder Lusitania, she declared, was taken in Italy with much sorrowful concern.

Miss Partington said she was in Milan when one great mob became augmented to such proportion that it became subdivided into fifty smaller mobs that went about the city in search of German shops and warehouses.

"I was carried along with the mob to a place where a German had a large piano warehouse. The doors were battered down and the crowd rushed to the fourth floor, where strong arms lifted up about twenty pianos to the windows and dropped them into the street. When the loft was cleared out they hurried on to other shops to continue the destruction.

"After my experience in Milan I was a nervous wreck," said Miss Partington. "It was dreadful to witness such destruction, and the fearful yelling of the mob, I shall never forget. I managed to escape finally, but when I reached my hotel I fainted."

ACQUITTED AND INDICTED.

Germans Charged with Preparing  
Dynamite for Shipment to be Tried  
Under the Federal Statutes.

[BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 17.—Although acquitted by the State courts on a charge of having prepared dynamite for shipment on a foreign vessel, Hans Helle and Charles Sommers, Germans, were today indicted by the United States grand jury under section 235 of the Federal Statutes for sending seventy-five packages of dynamite to the American Express Company for shipment to New York to be placed aboard a French vessel bound for France and which was timed to explode at sea. The arrest of Helle and Sommers by the Federal government a few days ago caused great wonder, and the indictment of the two was a big surprise today.

## ANOTHER BOOST FOR THE MILITIA.

UNITED STATES RUBBER FIRM  
WILL ALLOW EMPLOYEES  
TO JOIN.

[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.]

NEW YORK, June 17.—The Executive Committee of the United States Rubber Company has voted to approve of all employees of the company joining local militia and naval reserve organizations, according to an announcement today by Col. Samuel P. Colt, president of the company.

The pay of employees will be continued while engaged in militia duties, and such service will not interfere with the usual summer vacations, the announcement stated.

The company employs 35,000 men.