

## **AURORA BOREALIS "MONKEYS" WITH TELEGRAPH LINES**

The Western Union says it was the aurora borealis and the Postal Telegraph says it was a sun spot. At any rate, just at the witching hour last night communication to Chicago through Pittsburgh, Omaha, Buffalo, and Philadelphia suddenly stopped.

"Andy," who operates THE TRIBUNE'S wire from Washington, says it's the aurora, which makes it two authorities to one.

It happens every so often, Andy says. Something happens to the ground circuit and the clicks come in feebler and feebler and then finally just die.

After fifteen minutes of being twenty-three hours apart, Chicago again was within a second of New York and Washington at 12:15 this morning. The trouble was intermittent from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight, said C. E. Newlon, assistant chief operator of the Western Union.