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than those now published. All day men of the salvage corps, soldiers, sailors, special and regular constables and ambulance staffs were at work, some seeking to extricate men, women and children who were buried in the ruins of their homes, others trying to help comfort the hurt and bereaved."

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London, Saturday, March 9. — The strong northern lights of the aurora borealis, given as the explanation of Thursday night's moonless air raid on London, are believed by the best aeronautical opinion to have been only a coincidence. London must expect raids in the dark when flying conditions are favorable, they say. The Times says:

"The aeroplanes did not come in darkness or even by starlight. They were able to cross the sea and find London because of the northern lights, and it is yet to be proved that the Gothas can get here on moonless nights."

People naturally hope this is true, but unfortunately flying men are quoted as saying the aurora had nothing to do with it and that the time was sure to come when the Germans would reach London in the dark. Probably what difference of opinion exists will soon be settled.

All Victims Noncombatants.

As regards the effect of the bombs, the Times says:

"The tale of the damage, personal and material, done by bombs from the two machines which managed to pierce the outer defenses of London is a repetition of the accounts of lives destroyed, houses shattered, wounds, rescues and escapes, which were given after previous raids. So far as can be discovered, all the victims were non-combatants and all property wrecked was in private possession. It is to be feared that when the final list of casualties is completed the numbers, both of killed and injured, will be larger