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Copyright, 1925, by The New York Times Co. By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES. VIENNA, March 10.—The whole fire department of Salzburg was called out last night to quench the northern lights. It was the first time the aurora borealis had ever been seen here and so many alarms were turned in from all parts of Salzburg that the bewildered firemen thought the whole city was simultaneously in flames and helped to increase the panic by dashing about in all directions.

Peasants in the outlying country fled, thinking judgment day had arrived.

Austrian scientists attribute the phenomenon to sun spots.