

# AURORA PARALYZES WIRES

## Telegraphic Lines and Cables Over Large Area Affected by Magnetic Storm

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (AP)—A magnetic storm of unusual intensity swept over the Northeastern United States and Canada today, going on one of its worst rampages in many months, Aurora Borealis, maker of celestial fireworks that frequently light up the arctic night, caused earth currents that stopped the operation of telegraph and cable wires entirely for a period this afternoon and throughout the day crippled both land and cables services.

Slow transmission of market transactions between Wall street and London was caused by the magnetic disturbances this morning, but by the time the height of the disturbance was reached this afternoon most of the trans-Atlantic market transmissions had been completed.

Telegraph experts reported that the disturbance apparently did not go south or west beyond New York, but the fact that wires in this locality were paralyzed at different periods during the day affected messages going to and from all sections of the country and to foreign countries. For a while this afternoon nearly every wire in the New York offices of the Associated Press was "dead." In Canada, the Canadian Press and Telegraph companies likewise found their wires seriously affected by the disturbances.

Efforts were made by telegraph experts to work adjustments to meet the frequent changes in earth currents, but aurora borealis worked too fast for human hands.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ALSO AFFECTED BY AURORA

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 15. (AP)—Magnetic earth currents which crippled wire service in the East today also caused trouble in the West.

The Rocky Mountain region was most affected, news and commercial wires in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona being put out of commission at intervals.

On the Kansas City-San Francisco trunk lines of the Associated Press intermittent interruptions occurred during the morning, the peak of the disturbance coming between noon and 2 p.m., central time.

As usual during magnetic storms, wires stretching east and west were hardest hit. No appreciable trouble was experienced up and down the Pacific Coast. At San Francisco the phenomenon was barely perceptible.

Telegraph and telephone company officials here reported serious delays on all circuits to the Atlantic Coast.

No difficulty was experienced to the south in Oklahoma and Texas, however.

### BEACH CITY YOUTH HELD AFTER CRASH

VENICE, Oct. 15.—F. D. Hammon, 21 years of age, of Santa Monica, was arrested today on a charge of driving while intoxicated, following an automobile crash. In Hammon's car, police said, were Eldon Hamor and Del Manners, sailors of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, and Gladys Schippe. In the other car were Y. Sanchez and his son, John, 641 Tracy street, Los Angeles, and Harry Schram, who drove. Sanchez and his son were treated at the Standard Oil Hospital at El Segundo for cuts.

## Health Expert Lauds Women for Hiding Age

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (AP)—The woman who conceals her age is a public benefactor, Dr. Eugene Lyman Fiske, medical director of the Life Extension Institute, told the conference of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Through her determination to stay young in face and figure," he said, "she has set up higher health standards for men as well as for her own sex."

Some rules he advanced to guide women in staying young were: Take no poisons, including alcohol and tobacco, into the system; bathe daily, "including the face;" have kindly thoughts daily "for you own sex and extend them with discretion to members of the other sex," and "don't be afraid to marry—married women live longer than spinsters."

### CARMI A. THOMPSON VISITING IN PEKING

PEKING, Oct. 15. (AP)—Carmi A. Thompson, who recently completed an economic survey of the Philippines for report to President Coolidge, arrived here today with Mrs. Thompson. The envoy said the visit here is simply for pleasure and relaxation, and that after a few days' stay he and Mrs. Thompson will proceed to Japan en route to Seattle.

### YOUNG MAN FATALLY GORED BY ANGRY BULL

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 15. (AP)—Albert Nolan, 21 years of age, of Forestville, near here, was gored by a bull yesterday afternoon and died in a hospital three hours later. Nolan was watering the bull when attacked. The dead man was a son of A. W. Nolan, principal of the Ethan Allen School, San Francisco. He is survived by his widow.

### VALUABLE PORTRAIT OF COUNTESS FOUND

BERGAMOR (Italy) Oct. 15. (AP)—A portrait of the Countess Challant by Bernardino Luini (1475-1535) has been discovered in an antique shop here. The picture, said to be of great value, is held to confirm the belief that the Countess, who was beheaded in 1528, was Luini's model for the fresco of St. Catherine in the monastery at Milan.