

# AURORA PLAYS QUEER TRICKS

*Telegraph Wires "on Blink"  
as Borealis Cuts Up*

*Lines All Over Nation Feel  
Unusual Currents*

*Communication Disrupted on  
News Circuits*

NEW YORK, July 7. (AP)—One of the most widespread interruptions of wire communication service experienced in years was caused tonight by earth currents thrown out by the Aurora Borealis. Telegraph companies reported main trunks out of service or functioning intermittently over a period of several hours.

The tie-up put wires out of commission from New York to San Francisco and points far south were affected seriously. Atlanta, an important relay point, reported its main trunks adversely affected for several hours.

Operators at their wires experienced the rising and falling of current peculiar to the phenomenon of the Northern Lights. At one minute the wires would be entirely clear; in the next the earth current would so clog the lines that

the wires would chatter as though the whole system had been picked up and shaken.

Reports to the Associated Press from its bureaus from New York to San Francisco showed that all wires were affected, the disturbance apparently moving from east to west.

Commercial cables were not affected but land terminals and overland relay wires experienced the same difficulties reported by the telegraph companies.