AURORA LIGHTS SKY OVER WIDE MIDWEST AREA

One of nature's most beautiful phenomena of the heavens, the aurora borealis, last night illuminated the sky northeast of Chicago with a fairly brilliant light and evoked cries of delight from those who looked upon it.

The weather bureau in Chicago said it had reports from stations reaching from Ohio to Iowa that rays were visible during the night. Forecaster J. G. Badner said the aurora also was reported visible in southern Indiana, where the phenomenon is not common.

The aurora, which has a maximum frequency of 60 degrees north latitude in this hemisphere, last appeared brilliantly before Chicago four years ago.

Accompanying a magnetic storm, the aurora last night did not fail to cause some disturbance. Press Wireless reported it had lost contact with Belgium, Paris, and London and trans-Atlantic cable lines were slowed and messages garbled.