

## **City Is Treated to Show Of the Aurora Borealis**

A display of the aurora borealis, varying in brilliance according to cloud conditions, was seen last night in the skies above the metropolitan area. At the Hayden Planetarium Miss Marian Lockwood, associate curator, said the colorful phenomenon resulted from the two large spots that appeared on the sun several days ago.

Persons attending Miss Lockwood's lectures at the Planetarium had a good view of the pyrotechnics. Peter Leavens of the Planetarium's Amateur Astronomers' Association reported from the association's camera station at Sayville, L. I., that the display over that locality, with a clear sky as a background, was the most spectacular in several years, with red and green "curtains," accompanied by "sheets" and "streamers," sweeping entirely across the heavens in all directions. Miss Lockwood said she had received no reports and was unable to estimate the extent of the area covered by the aurora.

Meanwhile, the Columbia Broadcasting System yesterday reported that the sun spots had caused an almost complete blackout in radio reception of overseas short-wave broadcasts for the second consecutive day.