

SPOTS ON SUN CAUSE TROUBLE

Strange Phenomenon in France and Switzerland.

**Magnetic Disturbance Caused Street
Cars To Stand Still and Tele-
phones and Telegraphs Made
Useless—Scientists Say
Sun Spots Did It.**

London, November 1.—Scientists attribute the magnetic disturbance of yesterday to sun spots. The worst effects of the phenomena appear to have been experienced in France, but Berlin was not affected, and apparently neither Australia, Italy, nor Denmark suffered. In Switzerland, however, there occurred a strange phenomenon. The telephone service ceased suddenly and remained suspended for half an hour, while the telegraphs were rendered useless. In Geneva all the electric street cars were brought to a sudden standstill, and the unexpected cessation of the electric current caused consternation at the generating works, where all efforts to discover the cause were fruitless.

The meteorological office reports a magnetic storm, accompanied by aurora borealis in several parts of Ireland and Scotland. The telegraphic disturbance was one of the most extraordinary on record.