

Two Officers Chase Aurora Borealis Thinking It Fire

Vivid Northern Lights Seen
as Far South as Tampa.
Wire Service Is Inter-
rupted.

Tampa, Fla., March 7.—For the first time in the present generation the aurora borealis was visible in the northern sky from Tampa tonight. There was a vivid red glow, as if a great fire was raging. One report had it that Dade City, a town forty miles to the north, was a fire, but Dade City reported the same glow far to the north.

San Antonio, Texas, March 7.—Visibility of the aurora borealis here tonight for the first time in many years, caused an exciting ride for two army officers who saw the red glow in the north, suspected a fire at one of the army camps, hired an automobile, and speed out into the country seven miles before giving up the chase. The aurora was visible for nearly an hour.

Washington, March 7.—Brilliant lights in the sky over the capital tonight brought a large part of the population into the streets to observe what was thought to be a big fire. It was the aurora borealis, and officials of the naval observatory said the display was the best they ever had seen in this latitude.

Duluth, Minn., March 7.—The most elaborate display of the aurora borealis ever seen in Duluth appeared tonight. The lights took the form of an eagle with full spread wings.

New York, March 7.—The aurora borealis was observed by thousands of persons here tonight. The phenomena was visible from 8 o'clock until 11 o'clock, when apparently it reached its maximum of brilliancy. The long streamers from the arch were well tinted, a vivid red predominating. Telegraph and telephone communication north and east of New York suffered considerable interruption by reason of the phenomenon, while wires running south from Washington were hampered, but to a less extent shortly before 11 o'clock.

Telephone messages to the Constitution from various points in Georgia Thursday night reported the intense glow of the Aurora Borealis in the northern sky.

A message from Rome, Ga., reported that many citizens there thought the glow was caused from a great forest fire.

Although the sky was overcast by clouds in the vicinity of Atlanta a number of people called over the telephone to say that they had noted a display of lights in the north.