How April Greeted Chicago



When the first day of April reached Chicago the Windy City folks bught February had returned by mistake. This photo shows how th

New Pictures of Rail Leaders





NATURE'S SKY SIGNS

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New York, April 24.—The recent
display of the Aurora Borealis, or
Northern Lights, visible throughout
large sections of the United States
and Canada, as well as in Northern
Europe, was one of the finest exhibitions of this beautiful phenomenon
seen in many years. At some points
the red glow of the Aurora was so
brilliant that many persons imagined
that a great fire was in progress,
and for a time fire and police stations were kept busy answering telephone inquiries from those who
wanted to know where the conflagration was.

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The Aurora is more frequent in
winter than in summer. December
and January usually give the most
brilliant displays, but the lights have
been seen in every month of the
vear. The usual colors or the dancing streams are white and red. Green
is sometimes seen in the sky, but
violet is very unusual.

Usually the many-colored streamers of the Northern Lights are intimately connected with "magnetic
storms," and scientists now believe
that both may be caused by disturbinices in the sun.
There is evidence to support the
belief that a connection exists between the Aurora and the sun The
years of high solar activity are alsa
years of magnetic storms and brilliant Northern Lights displays. Frequently, too, when a large sun-spot
passes across the centre of the sun's
disc there is a magnetic storm, or
an Aurora, or both, two days afterwards.

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No large sun-spot preceded the recent display, but scientists think that the Aurora may have been caused by an invisible disturbance, probably situated deep in the interior of the sun.

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For some-reason that scientists have been unable to explain the Aurora is seen more frequently in Northern Europe than in the north-ern part of the American continent. In the latitude of London the Aurora is seldom seen, but in the North of Ireland in Scotland the phenomenon is visible on thirty nights in the year; while in the Shetland Islands it is seen very frequently. The fartherst southern point at which the Aurora is ever visible in Europe is Southern Spain, where there is a display about once in ten years; while the line of its greatest frequency and brilliance run between the Shetlands and Iceland. In the very far North, however, it is quite rare. There seems to be a ring of Aurora around both Poles, but at a considerable distance away from the seems to obtain the considerable distance away from them.

Nearly five million dollars in coney orders, checks and drafts is ound annually in the dead letter of-

Bank Robbers



Bank robberies in many southers dities are laid to Sylvester Walters above) and Pinkston Callicutt. Wal-lers is held at Wetherford, Tex., and Eallicutt at Jackson, Mrss. Callicutt is said to have led a gang that held ap an entire Alabama town last month. Several states are contend-ing for the right to try him.

MILL MAN OPPOSES NIGHT WORK IN MILLS

Robert Lassiter Calls Working Wem-en and Children at Night Econom-ic Crime. Charlotte, April 22.—"The employ-

chart latere seems to be a large of Aurora around both Poles, the at a considerable distance away in them. One of the biggest air raids that Germans made on England during the war was carried out by the of the Aurora Borealis or North Lights. On that night the whole the North Sea' was a white glow ler this strange radiance. It seem to observers that the great may at at Sheerness was in flames, and orts to that effect were actually to the British military head-riers.

Charlotte, April 22.—"The employment of women and children for night work in the cotton manufacturing plants of the State is more than a mere social mistake, it is an economic crime, and the State ought to prevent it," declared Robert Lassiter, one of the outstanding manufacturers of the South, prominent business man and member of the directorate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, lotte.

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"I am writing to Governor McLean today," Mr. Lassiter said Wednesday "congratulating him upon his decis ion to have a sweeping investigation made of conditions abounding in the manufacturing plants of the State as they affect the employment of wom-

en and children.
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"I am confident that the survey will reveal that there are few, if any notable fractures of the law governing the working of children, insofar as their age is concerned, but that is not what ails the industry in this State and in the South, primarily.
"Whatever faults the cotton manufacturing business may have and whatever defects may abound originate chiefly from one source, and that is the policy of working women and children at night steadily and as a fixed program.

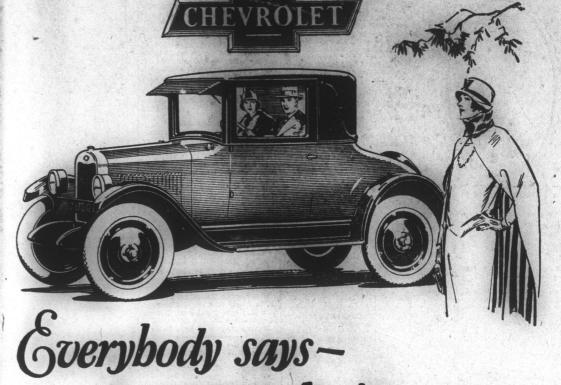
fixed program.
"I take no exceptions to their em I take no exceptions to their employment under abnormal conditions which occasionally arise. Some times situations must be met in the cotton manufacturing industry which makes the running of mills at night more or less imperative, but it is the fixed policy to which I refer of some manufacturers in running their plants. racturers, in running their plants, both day and night. The result of

Praises Women



CHICAGO — Caesar and Napocon didn't have a thing on modern
American wives in the matter of
loing many different things at
nnce, according to Harry Edward
Freund, director of the American
Research Foundation.

"Rome marvelled at Caesar's abilty to dictate love letters, memoirs,
poetry, and business notes simulaneously," said Mr. Freund.
Romaparte's rapid fire dictation
exhausted six aides-de-camp at
nnce. But it is not an uncomnon thing for a mother to be cookng, ironing, amusing baby, aranging a party in her mind, givng advice to her older children,
tomsidering the family budget, and
t the same time inventing a new
gudding, perhaps made from evaprated milk, the helpful little can
f which dainty, germ free, and



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such employment of women and of children, even though of legal age to be occupied in the mills, cannot be justified in common sense, in morals

be occupied in the mills, cannot be justified in common sense, in morals or in religion.

"I am speaking of the matter purely from the standpoint of a business man, and on a bread-and-butter basis. I say, as such, that the fixed policy of running the mills at night and using women and children in them for such work can not have but one eventual result and that will be harmful, vitiating and destructive to the industry itself.

"The moralist," Mr. Lassiter continued, "finds such a policy to be nauseating to an enlightened public sentiment in North Carolina and the religious fanatic might properly claim that it deserves the very wrath of God to be visited upon it, but I have formed my conclusions from neither of these angles.

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"It is the economic blunder and crime of the thing, the anti-business phase of it, that has impressed me, and I am unalterably opposed to it and will be personally delighted to have the cover torn off the situation as now exists in the State and throughout the whole South. It will be the salvation of the cotton manufacturing industry itself, if the elimination of this primal cause of all its evil can be brought about."

Mr. Lassiter is an employer of two groups of cotton mill operatives in Fayetteville and in Williamston, S. C., where he has textile mills, and in neither of these plants, Mr. Lassiter said, is night work, as a fixed policy, tolerated or would be allowed.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, April 23.—While not active by comparison with past performances the market seems gradually thawing and is rather more responsive to influences as they trise. Offerings of May have been somewhat more liberal recently though opinions as to the amount of cotton likely to reach the market for delivery vary rather widely.

Interest seems shifting in large measure to new crops with a gradual increase in the disposition to buy those months for a pull of the ground that present prices are reasonable and would prove cheap if the crop meets any serious set back. The start is late even by comparison with last year which makes the crup more vulnerable to late unfavorable weather and attacks by insects.

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