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EARTH PASSED THROUGH CORONA

Professor Snyder of Philadelphia Explains Recent Great Auroral Display.

DUO TO HYDROGEN PARTICLES

Phenomena is But Logical Result of Explosive Eruption of the Electric Hydrogen From the Sun.

Philadelphia.—The earth was passing through the outer confines of the corona or exterior envelope of the sun on the night of March 22, when the inhabitants of the northern portion of the United States witnessed the great display of the aurora borealis, says Professor Monroe B. Snyder, director of the Philadelphia observatory.

The astronomer, in a statement to the Associated Press, says that the "universal force of redaction" on the sun "burst the final atoms of an explosion, namely, electrified hydrogen, and probably helium, straight to the earth."

Passing Through Solar Corona. Professor Snyder's observations follow:

"The recent aurora is a fine indication of the explosive atomic disintegration which takes place at the surface of the sun and is responsible for its prominences, spots and corona. Our discovery of the magnitude and precise atomic order of the explosion of the chemical elements in the sun, and in the stars generally, leads to conceptions of the aurora and the accompanying magnetic and electric storms which are beyond any doubt as to their validity.

"During the hours of the night of March 22 the earth was, in a very true sense, and to the delight of us all, passing through the outer confines of the solar corona. The same universal force of redaction which disintegrates the atoms in stupendous localized Krakatoas, or Mont Pelee, on the sun, and produces the hydrogen of the coronal streams, then also hurled the final atoms of that explosion, namely, electrified hydrogen, and probably helium, straight to the earth.

Phenomenon Explained. "Only within about 8-month of the equinox, vernal, or autumnal, is the earth in an orbital position to be thus successively bombarded. The moving electric hydrogen is, of course, an electric current and is therefore carried toward the poles of the earth and round them by the earth's magnetic forces. The fascinating colors of the aurora are due to the changing electric excitation of the hydrogen and other gases. The theory of Vegard, the Swedish physicist, which has explained the wonderful curried auroras as due to hydrogen particles, of positive electric charge, is now shown to be unquestionably true in that it is but a logical result of the explosive eruption of the electric hydrogen from the sun.

"The well-known delay, or lag in time, between the solar eruption and the appearance of the magnetic storm and accompanying aurora on the earth, of about forty-eight hours, is due to the time taken for the hydrogen atoms to travel from the sun to the earth. The rate of travel is about 575 miles per second, or somewhat in excess of the rate of the upward movement of the gases in some of the great solar prominences. "The numerous and complex details of the auroral phenomena are found thus to receive, for the first time, reasonable explanation. Additional confirmation of this explanation is given by the fact that our discoveries also prove that all the elemental atoms, so wonderfully products in the stars, are structural products of hydrogen."

SMITHS FORM 15 REGIMENTS

Johnsons Eleven and Browns Eight in American War Army, War Records Show.

Washington.—Smiths made up fifteen regiments in the American war army, Johnsons made up eleven more, Browns, eight and Williams, Jones and Millers made up more than seven each.

Records at the bureau of war risk insurance, where the names of 4,222,422 former service men are indexed, also show that the Anderson and Davis families were represented in sufficient number to compose more than five regiments each in the War of 1812, Moore and Taylor four each.

"Belled Buzzard" Ranges North. English, Ind.—The famous "Belled Buzzard" which has been seen in different parts of the South for the last thirty years, has finally reached as far north as Indiana. Carl Taylor of Milltown, saw it recently. The buzzard has a bell, apparently like the kind used on sheep, fastened to its leg.

Pays to Enforce the Law. Lisbon, O.—When Constable George H. Holland gets a paper to serve he believes in serving it. A judgment of \$51 against the Erie railroad was handed to Holland. He chained an engine to the rails until settlement was made. Now the Erie has won suit against Holland's bondsmen for \$100 for trying up the engine.

Hickory.—Lester Pruest, 14-year-old boy employed at the Shuford Mills, Hickory, was electrocuted when he took hold of a wire fence enclosing the transformer plant at the mill. The fence was charged.

Charlotte.—Returning to his old home after an absence of 45 years and spending in the year of his boyhood school, Fred E. Woodcock of Chicago visited his former home in Providence township, this county.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Fayetteville.—A reward of \$300 was offered by Cumberland county for the capture of George Hobbs, negro slayer of Deputies H. C. Butler and W. G. Moore.

Carthage.—Noah Butler an aged colored man of this town, was knocked down and robbed of \$480, near his home in the northern part of the town.

Kinston.—Materials are being assembled and some excavating done for the construction of two warehouses, a power plant and minor buildings at the Caswell Training School to cost \$300,000 or more.

Asheville.—An increase of approximately 20 per cent in the salaries of the teachers of public schools of Asheville was granted here, by the city commissioners.

Winston-Salem.—Robah Batty, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and a verdict of not guilty by the jury as to Spencer McNeil was returned in the case of the two men charged with the murder of Sheriff J. F. Zachary, February 13.

Charlotte.—The Southern Presbyterian church will continue co-operation in the Interchurch World Movement. With Moderator Walter L. Lingle casting the deciding vote, the assembly voted adoption of the majority report of the executive committee.

Greensboro.—A resolution endorsing the aims of the Interchurch World Movement was adopted after prolonged debate by the Methodist Protestant general conference in session here. The denomination's financial relations with the movement are to be embodied in another report.

Salisbury.—The State convention of Elks finished its work in one business session here and devoted the second day to festivities and a general good time. Goldsboro was chosen as the next meeting place and H. F. Dorch, of that place, was elected president for the coming year.

Belmont.—R. E. McCoy, of Gastonia fell 60 feet from the Southern railway bridge over the Catawba river near Belmont. He was near one end of the bridge and fell on the sandy bank. It was not learned how seriously he was hurt as he was taken to the City hospital in Gastonia.

Seventy-one graduates of the Charlotte high school were awarded diplomas at the graduating exercises of that institution.

Durham.—Miss Ila Gunter, one of the most esteemed operatives in the Brown Cotton mills, at West Durham while at her post of duty apparently in the heat of health, had just finished a conversation with her brother, whom she was seen to drop to the floor.

Winston-Salem.—Secretary H. H. Dunn of the Board of Trade has resigned to accept a flattering offer to become secretary of the Board of Trade at Florence, Ala.

Kinston.—D. C. Thigpen, was the heaviest loser in the recent \$100,000 fire at Beaufort, which destroyed a large part of the business district of the town. A hotel and store owned by Thigpen were burned, with a loss of \$50,000 and no insurance. Dr. G. W. Kennedy and others sustained losses ranging from \$250 to \$10,000.

Spencer.—It is said that a hundred or more employees of the Spencer shops who were cut-off more than a month ago when the roads were returned to private operation, have been called back to work.

Wadesboro.—G. K. Pennington, of this city, almost had a fatal accident when he drove his machine through the rear end of a garage and overturned it, striking the ground 15 feet below.

New Bern.—Superior Court Judge Owen H. Guleon announced his candidacy for associate justice of the state supreme court in the coming democratic primary.

Hickory.—Miss Fannie Rosebrough, an elderly woman, died here as a result of burns sustained early in March when her clothing caught from a stove before which she was sitting.

Burlington.—Business and professional men met at luncheon in the domestic science dining room at the city schools and effected a temporary organization of a Kiwanis club.

LETTER OUTLINES WILSON POSITION

WRITES TO GLASS ENDORSING DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM OF PARTY IN VIRGINIA

PLEASED WITH LEAGUE PLANK

President Deplores Agitation for "Indiscriminate Bonus for the Participants in Great War"

Washington.—President Wilson's conception of the campaign issues of 1920 was elucidated in a letter made public at the White House expressing the President's "full accord" with the sentiments contained in the platform recently adopted by the Virginia democratic party.

The league of nations plank which declared for ratification of the treaty of Versailles, "without reservations which would impair its essential integrity," was particularly commended by the President.

He also took pains to praise the platform's declaration on finance and reconstruction which included a general proposal to revise tax laws and deplored agitation for "an indiscriminate bonus" for soldiers of the great war.

The letter was addressed to Senator Glass, of Virginia, who drafted the State platform, and its publication from the White House generally was regarded as forecasting what the President and his supporters would expect to be written into the party's national platform at San Francisco.

The national platform was not mentioned directly by the President.

Methodist General Conference and North Presbyterians Disagree

Philadelphia.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States in session here voted unanimously to terminate its relations with the Interchurch World Movement.

Des Moines.—Approval of the plan of the Interchurch World Movement was expressed by the Methodist Episcopal general conference when it adopted, at its closing session, the report of a special committee to that effect.

Resolution Affecting Conditions in Ireland is Repeated to House

Washington.—A resolution "viewing with grave concern" conditions in Ireland and "expressing sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people for a government of their own choice" was reported out by the house foreign affairs committee. The vote was 11 to 7.

U. S. INCOME TAX EXEMPTS NOBODY

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Must Show True Figures. In figuring up his earnings for income tax purposes a person must take into consideration all items of taxable income, and each item itself must be accurate in amount. Guesses and estimates must be avoided, for the return is made under oath.

Everybody who had an income during 1919 must now determine whether his or her net income was sufficient in amount to require an Income Tax return. The best way to find out is to file a Form 1040A and follow the instructions printed on it. That form will serve as a reminder of every item of income; and if a return is due, it tells how to prepare and file it.

ARE VICTIMS OF TURK TREACHERY

American Relief Worker Tells of Slaughter of French Garrison.

HAD PLEDGED SAFE CONDUCT

Colonel Woodward Saw Wounded Men Killed and Frenchmen Shot After Surrendering at Evacuation of Urfa.

Alleppe, Syria.—The slaughter of the little French garrison which evacuated Urfa on a promise of safe conduct by the Turkish nationalist troops after the town had been besieged for 61 days, is described in the diary of General Woodward, accountant for the American Commission for Relief in the Near East, who was an eye witness of the massacre. He escaped and returned to Urfa after several hundred French soldiers had been killed or made prisoners by tribesmen.

The French were ambushed by the tribesmen in violation of an agreement made by Nemik Effendi, who came from Angora as the Turkish nationalist government's representative, the diary says, and promised the Frenchmen safe conduct if they would evacuate. At that time the French had only four days' rations left, and had eaten all their horses and mules, and evacuation was considered inevitable, as the garrison was greatly outnumbered by the enemy.

General Woodward says in his diary that he saw Turks killing the French wounded on the field, and that he and an officer of the gendarmerie saw prisoners killed by the Turks after they had surrendered.

"Namik Effendi agreed to protect the Christian population, provide a guard of gendarmes and a transport of 80 camels and 30 horses if the French would leave," the diary says. "The garrison evacuated at 1:30 o'clock in the morning.

"We were suddenly attacked from the rear and from both flanks while we were moving as a column spaced at 100 yards. The order was given to deploy, and this was carried out into the hills occupied by the enemy, who almost surrounded us.

"The attack lasted for two hours, the Turks having 2,000 irregular troops and one machine gun. They made a special target of our transport, doubtless for plunder. As the firing increased other tribes joined in the attack. Our rear guard was caught in a trap from which few escaped alive.

"With the transport destroyed, the rear guard cut off and our line of defense broken, we could only surrender, and the order was given to surrender with a white flag. I accompanied the garrison as a prisoner. We were continually fired upon as we approached the enemy, asking for his commander. We were told there was no commander, as the troops were irregular and finally we sent messengers to the Turkish officer and the firing ceased, but another party of Kurds arrived almost immediately and the firing was reopened. I asked the chief of the gendarmerie to return to Urfa with me, which we managed to do by a side trail.

"I saw Kurds killing the wounded and soldiers killed after they had surrendered. Emir Effendi, an officer of the gendarmerie, also witnessed this, and he had one man marched away as a prisoner. I could not find out what became of him.

"Almost Wiped Out. "Of the French detachment of 500 only 132 soldiers and one officer returned to Urfa. The remainder presumably were killed.

After the French evacuated Urfa the conditions there were reported greatly improved for the American relief workers, as supplies of water and fuel had been cut off and provisions were nearly exhausted.

The Turks held a general meeting of rejoicing over the departure of the French and declared in favor of "a government of the people, by the people and for the people." They declared they no longer recognized the Ottoman government, promised protection to Armenians, and decided not to disarm them. Miss Mary Caroline Holmes, who speaks the Turkish language, attended the meeting, and at her suggestion the Turks included an Armenian deputy in a delegation selected to go to Angora to report the situation in Urfa.

On April 21 a party of American relief workers, including Mrs. Richard Mansfield, was uneventfully escorted by the Turks from Urfa to Aleppo. Miss Margaret Weller of Bloomsburg, Pa., who remained at Urfa, was hit by a spent ball during the siege, but her injury was very slight.

North Carolina Aviator Reported Captured by Bolsheviks in Safe.

Warsaw.—Lieutenant Harmon C. Risson, of Wilmington, N. C., the pilot in the Koculski aerial squadron who previously had been reported as missing, is safe, according to word from the front.

Five National Conventions Have Been Held in Chicago Coliseum.

SLIGHT TENDENCY TO LOWER PRICES

THE UNDERLYING CONDITIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR H. C. L. REMAIN UNCHANGED.

WAGES FALL BEHIND ADVANCE

The Movement of Labor From Farm to City Continues—Various Demands for Higher Wages.

Washington.—Despite recent reductions in prices, little relief from the general reign of high prices is seen by the federal reserve board, in its analysis of May business conditions. The board expressed the view that there has been no change in the underlying conditions responsible for the high cost of living.

Asserting that while "store sales" and a tendency to lower prices bear witness to the presence of "disturbing factors" which suggest the advent of a relaxation in price levels, the board declares it cannot accept the situation as a whole for its face value. The explanation is added that there has been only a slight increase in production.

"Wages apparently have fallen behind the advance in prices and the statement continues: "The movement of labor from farm to city is continuing. Various demands for higher wages have been taken under advisement.

Horse-Whipping Brute Escape a Deserved Lashing in Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Col.—J. D. Johnson, of this city, escaped a lashing with a horsewhip because Police Court Magistrate Manning was unable to find any one with sufficient courage to administer the punishment.

Marshal Petain Tells of Grateful Feeling of Frenchmen for America.

Paris.—Marshal Petain, commander-in-chief of the French army, standing on the slopes of Mount Valerien, the last stronghold of the French during the siege of Paris in 1870, told 10,000 persons assembled in the little cemetery of Suresnes Sunday of the great war, and the sacrifices made by the sons of America in the cause of France on her soil during the great war. Women in black predominated in the assemblage.

Representative Kitchen of North Carolina Returns to His Duties.

Washington.—Representative Claude Kitchen received an ovation of the house for the first time in several weeks.

Floor Leader Mondell obtained unanimous consent to address the house for one minute, and said that he was allured by the reappearance on the floor of the house of the gentleman from North Carolina. We are delighted to have him once more with us.

Hiram Johnson Will Not Bolt His Party Should He Not Be Nominated.

Concord, N. C.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson will not bolt the republican party at Chicago if he is not chosen there, the republican presidential nominee there, he told an audience of several thousand persons here in the first of eight political speeches in North Carolina.

Senator Johnson devoted the remainder of his address to remedies for the high cost of living and denunciation of the league of nations.

Oregon Desires to Establish Amicable Relations with the U. S.

Mexico City.—Replying to a message of felicitation to himself and others, he said that he in the regime in Mexico, sent by members of the municipality of Los Angeles, General Alvaro Obregon expressed his thanks to the senders and declared that if he should be elected to the presidency, he would seek to bring about amicable relations between Mexico and all other countries, "especially those next to us."

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