

SOLAR ECLIPSE WITNESSED UNDER CLOUDLESS SKIES

Perfect Weather Permits Whole
Country to See Rare
Sight

SCIENTISTS ARE BUSY

Much Valuable Information Obtained
When Photographs and Records Are
Obtained of Eclipse, Which Is
Last One for Century

Sol and Luna held their long anticipated rendezvous Saturday.

Their trysting place was a Heaven curtained with dusk and fringed with risy clouds. The occasion was a total solar eclipse of such magnificence as happens seldom have seen.

Chaperones were Venus, Jupiter and Mercury and the time was 8 a. m., Eastern Standard, as astronomical rumor had whispered it would be.

Scientists Joyful

Ecstatic scientists on earth reported it the most perfectly executed the Heavens have portrayed since man began studying and recording such events, instead of hiding from them, in terror stricken prayers. Glimpses they peered through cavernous telescopes and cranked huge cameras, while millions of other carter beings stared through smoked glass, awed and silent.

One of the trysters—some said he and some said she—was five seconds late, reckoning by the astral calendar of scientists. But the meeting lost none of its zest or glamor thereby, for it was the first tryst of sun and moon in this segment of Heavens for 119 years, and it will be more than two centuries before they meet there again.

Weather Perfect

Weather conditions for observation were described as almost generally perfect throughout the country where most of the fixed observatories and laboratories were located.

Hundreds of telescopic records were made and as many photographs taken from land, sea and air. Scientists felt justified in declaring that a huge fund of information undoubtedly had been added to their store of general and specific knowledge about such mysteries as the content of the sun's corona, the composition of eclipse umbra and penumbra, the explanation of the "Jumping Jack Rabbit" of the moon's eclipse shadow, the deflection of light as related to the Einstein theory, the effect of eclipses upon earth's climate and tides and gravity, and its effect upon radio activity, its thermometers and its barometers.

Observatories at New Haven, Ithaca, Poughkeepsie and Buffalo, reported they had been notably successful in recording this eclipse, as were others of the thirteen fixed stations within the 100-mile path the moon laid down from Red Lake, Minn., to Nantucket Light.

Airplane Pictures

Astronomers ascending by airplane to great heights took what they expected would develop into perfect photographs of all phases of the phenomenon. They had, they said, made the first pictures ever obtained on the moon's 100-mile circular shadow as it bounded across the continent at lightning speed.

Other aviators aboard the dirigible Los Angeles, which had maneuvered in the sky all night prior to the eclipse, reported all observations and photography had been successful. More privately sponsored eclipse expeditions on land recorded every conceivable phase of the spectacle from the scientific standpoint.

There were whole regions, however, where vagrant clouds and overcast skies brought disappointment to scores of scientists and thousands of laymen. In some cases the sun rose to clear space, only to be obscured as

he mounted the path to conjunction with the moon. In others the prospect of a glimpse of the eclipse was never present, and the depressing significance of lowering twilight in daytime was the only visible evidence that a celestial drama was being enacted.

Many Missed It

Much of the country missed the eclipse altogether, Wisconsin and Michigan especially, and some parts of Canada and sections of New England.

Government airplanes from Camp Froiden in Ontario succeeded in topping the clouds and making a few photographs, but elaborate preparations taken by Canadian astronomers to record the spectacle from a temporary observatory at Long's Corners on the line of totality, were frustrated by overcast skies.

This station was believed, however, to have justified its labors, for, while its telescopes and cameras swung idle, the operators' accumulated much significant electric, magnetic, thermometric and barometric data.

First Appears

Sol appeared first to those to whom today's astral antics were disclosed. Rising out of the east and beaming his fullest in the golden effulgence of midwinter toggery, he moved slowly and majestically to the Heavenly rendezvous.

Luna may have been waiting there for him—behind a cloud perhaps. At any rate, her presence was not discernible to the human eye until her cold pale countenance was lined against the fiery background of the sun's.

Majestically and gradually, then, their entities merged, the moon casting over the path of her shadow on earth a shroud through which Sol's beams splashed faintly, for a while, and finally not at all.

Sudden Twilight

There came a sudden twilight; an awesome darkness galloped from west to east; a pearly halo surrounded a dotted rim suspended in the Heavens where sun and moon had met.

Moon's "Bale Beads" of molten topaz on a sparkling string flashed for a moment, to be followed by the pyrotechnics of helium and hydrogen gases, flaring and receding a million miles beyond sun's chromosphere, in the spectral performance called by astronomers the solar corona.

Beads and corona appeared at the left of the eclipse at first; later, in the declining phase of the spectacle, they re-appeared at the right side. After that the two astral bodies slowly disengaged themselves from the line of vision and drifted off on separate paths.

The meeting, the embrace and the short promenade they took together occupied two hours and 20 minutes of clock time. At 9:11 a. m., they eclipsed. At 10:20 they parted. The phenomenon, and especially the misplaced midnight descending like the crack of doom, awed and filled humans, birds, beasts and even fish with instinctive trepidation.

Animals Affected

Animals in zoological captivity set up a clamor. Monkeys chattered, deer stamped, lions roared, bewildered horses stopped in the streets.

Wild fowl, hardly settled upon their accustomed feeding grounds, hastily took flight again to nest, only to return to feed again as daylight overtook their homeward journey. Hens flew to roost, true to eclipse tradition, and cooed at the phenomenon's end.

Fish in aquaria were seen to gather in schools and seek the bottom of their tank, as they are wont to do at evening.

Perfect View

Many large cities, and above all New York, were favored with a perfect view of the eclipse. Ordinary activities were suspended; all available transportation to countryside points of advantage was crowded; skyscrapers and such like observation towers were covered almost to overflowing; men, women and children—old and young of high and low degree—paused to crane necks and whisper.

President Coolidge used a whole pane of smoked glass to view the magnificent sight from the White House gardens, where the penumbra

and part of the eclipse were visible. Mrs. Coolidge saw it through smoked glass, also.

Mayor Hylan, of New York, joined a throng in Central park to gaze through a bit of exposed camera film. The boulevards and drives and parks of all the city were crowded. Broadway's bright lights ran full blast, and street lights did, too, but there was little danger of traffic accidents, for traffic stood still, face upward.

The negro section of Harlem, forewarned by the newspaper against super-natural interpretation of the untimely nocturnity, talked nothing but "Clips" for the rest of the day.

Lower Johnston News

The road inspectors passed through this section last Wednesday.

Messrs. Thomas Rivenbark and Paul B. Williams of Wilmington called in this section Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Lee and Raleigh Lee of Raleigh visited Mrs. Morgan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee have moved to Dunn.

Mrs. M. Williams has put in a new line of goods and groceries under the management of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Groceries Johnson has a full line of groceries under the management of Mr. Atlas Johnson.

Mr. Atlas Johnson who has been suffering from blood poison on his right hand is able to be out again.

Messrs. Sam Williams and William Williams of Sampson passed through this section Wednesday.

Messrs. Bob Williams and Paul Troublefield of Wayne county passed through this section Monday and had the misfortune of getting their car skidding and going into a ditch eight miles east of Dunn. This seems to be an unusually unlucky place for large cars to get by as several have stuck in the mud there during the past few weeks.

Miss Mamie Leatherwood of Asheville visited Mrs. Hobert Lee Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bryant of Thomasville is visiting her sister Mrs. Jim Baker.

Mr. Harvey Hinson and Miss Nellie Williford were married last week.

Mr. Rosmal Smith and Miss Perlia Westbrook were married last week.

Mr. Raymond Johnson and Miss Mary Lee of Sampson were married last week.

Miss Elizabeth Morisey who attends school in Raleigh spent the week end here with her mother Mrs. J. K. Morisey.

DORMITORY BURNS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Several of Co-Eds Occupying the
Building Lose All Their
Effects

Chapel Hill, Jan. 24.—Russell Inn, one of the two dormitories for women at the University of North Carolina, was virtually destroyed by fire which was discovered about 11 o'clock this morning in a room in the attic occupied by Miss Miriam Sauls, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Jewel Sink, of Thomasville. It is believed the blaze started in the closet of this room and caught from the chimney.

The attic was burned away and the second and part of the first story were completely gutted. The frame and partitions of the lower floor remain but were badly damaged by water. The loss of the building which was owned by the University is estimated at \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

The building was a two story wood-structure with attic and had been used as temporary quarters for many of the women students for the last three years. It is on Pittsboro street and was formerly known as the Archer residence.

Flames were bursting from the room when the fire was discovered by one of the girls. Chief John Foister and members of the local fire department responded immediately and a call to Durham brought a hook and ladder company. Most of them were on class at the time.

While the firemen fought the flames the men students rushed into the burning building and began removing trunks, dressers, wardrobes and other things of most value.

Much of the furnishings and personal property belonging to the girls were saved, but several lost everything. They have found temporary quarters in homes of the town.

Mr. M. H. Stacy, Dean of Women, and Mrs. E. S. Johnson, social director of the dormitory, were on the scene immediately after the alarm was turned in and assisted in the rescue work. Mrs. Stacy praised the conduct of the girls during the fire. Their composure was remarkable. A number of them who lost part of their belongings are self help stu-

dents working their way through college.

It seemed to be a morning for fires in Chapel Hill. Two other alarms were sounded while the flames at the co-ed house were being fought. One was at the Delta Sigma Phi house on Rosemary street, but this turned out to be only a small blaze in the yard that had caught the porch. The other was the chimney of the home of A. C. Hibbard, professor of English, which was burned out.

MT. VERNON NEWS

Mr. H. A. Parker and family are visiting Mr. Parker's father in Roseboro.

Mr. W. E. Hobbs killed a hog last week weighing over five hundred. Hurrah for Mr. Hobbs.

Mr. Edgar Tutor's bungalow is completed on the Faison road and he expects to move into it soon.

Miss Lillian Moore teacher of Mt. Vernon school was called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Misses Lannie Bradshaw, Maize Hall and Mrs. Tyndall spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pope.

Mrs. Emma Hobbs was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. Sam Tyndall of Elizabeth section is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bradshaw.

Mr. Earnie Guinn spent the week end with his sister Mrs. H. A. Parker.

Misses Mattie Hobbs and Lannie Bradshaw spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tyndall.

Miss Ludie Bradshaw spent Wednesday night with Miss Rowena Tyndall.

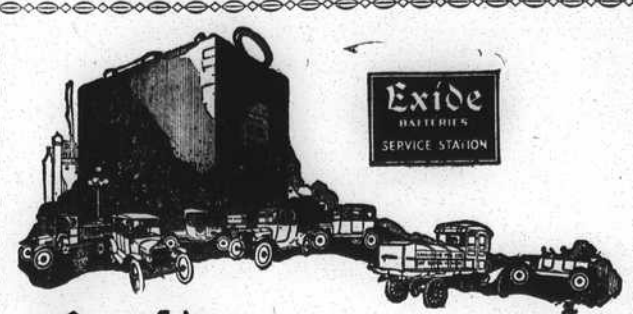
Messrs. W. E. Tyndall and H. L. Tutor have improved the looks of their homes by painting them.

Everybody in this section is glad to see the return of the sun after so much rainy weather.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

The county council will meet next Monday at 11 o'clock in the office of the home demonstration agent. Mrs.

R. R. Cusick, new home demonstration agent, is very anxious to have all members attend this meeting. Officers of the Woman's club through the county are invited.



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