

WIRE LINES TWICE HIT BY AURORA

*Northern Lights Disrupt
Telegraph Service Over
United States and Canada*

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (AP)—Aurora Borealis, after a spree which tied up thousands of miles of telegraph wires in the United States and Canada for two hours this morning, played a return engagement this afternoon and crippled wire service as far west as the Pacific Coast and south to North Carolina.

The leased wire network of the Associated Press was seriously affected and reports from the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies indicate that their service was more or less crippled.

Conditions improved after 8 o'clock this morning when the sun began to shine, but when clouds banked the sky Aurora came back stronger than ever and conditions are expected to be worse tonight.

Aurora Borealis, sometimes called Aurora Polaris or northern lights, is a natural phenomenon which has puzzled scientists for years and has been the bane of telegraph operators since the invention of telegraphy. Many theories have been advanced to account for its action but the simplest explanation as it affects telegraphy is that with the coming of the lights the wires are charged with a heavier current than is used to operate the system and the wires are rendered useless for the transmission of messages.

Unions Blamed for Band's Loss

AUCKLAND (N. Z.) Oct. 12. (AP)—Members of the Australian commonwealth band arriving today from Vancouver said they lost \$20,000 worth of contracts in the United States owing to refusal of the American Federation of Musicians to allow them to play.

They started their Canadian tour without hindrance, they said, but when Calgary was reached the ban was applied and the tour became a financial failure.

Portuguese Face Unrest in Africa

GIBRALTAR, Oct. 12. (AP)—General unrest in Angola, the Portuguese colony extending 1000 miles along the west coast of Africa, is reported here to have resulted in a request that Col. Vicente Ferreira, high commissioner of Portugal in Angola, be withdrawn.

WEDDING OF TUNNEY PARTNER ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (AP)—The marriage on the 1st inst., of Edward P. F. Egan, Rhodes scholar and sparring partner for Gene Tunney, to Miss Margaret Colgate, daughter of Sidney Colgate, Jersey City manufacturer, was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Colgate. The wedding took place at Saranac Lake.

PORTO RICO ASKS POLL RIGHTS

CORNING (Iowa) Oct. 12. (AP)—A memorial asking Congress to enact legislation permitting Porto Rico to elect a Governor in 1932 was received today from Porto Rican political leaders by Horace Mann Towne, present Governor of the island.

Alibi Mothers This Invention

CLEVELAND, Oct. 12. (AP)—For four years Motorcycle Patrolman Bauer has heard speeding motorists alibi "I wasn't going forty. You had to go forty to catch me."

Bauer decided to offset the argument. He and a friend invented a new kind of speedometer with two dials. On one dial the maximum speed is recorded, while on the other the exact speed traveled over a certain distance can be clocked automatically by pushing a button.

Oldest Triplets Have Birthday

PANA (Ill.) Oct. 12. (Exclusive)—Born in Clay Village, Shelby county, Ky., October 11, 1844, Jacob W. Fry of Bolivia, Henry Fry of Illiopolis, Ill., and Robert S. Fry of Fall River, Kan., celebrated their triplet anniversaries of eighty-three years.

The brothers say they are the oldest living triplets in the United States.