

TELEGRAPH LINES ARE TIED UP BY AURORA BOREALIS

Telegraph messages sent into and out of Chicago last night were seriously delayed by earth currents thrown out by the aurora borealis. The Western Union company had so much work piled up by the disturbance that some of its operators had to work twelve hour shifts, or longer.

The tie-up affected wires all over the country. At New York, San Francisco and Atlanta main trunk lines were only partly serviceable for several hours. Operators reported that the familiar "fading" or intermittent finding and loss of sound on the instruments held down their speed. The disturbance was said to be the worst in years.

Among those who experienced difficulty on account of the conditions was the weather bureau. Their messages from cities in many parts of the country were as much as an hour late. The aurora borealis, the phenomena of which are not well understood, clogs the telegraph circuits on an average about twice a year. The tieup of last night is said to have affected the European cables as well as the land wires.

SPANISH WAR VETS SELECT PONTIAC FOR 1929 MEETING

Mt. Vernon, Ill., July 7.—[Special.]—Pontiac was selected today as the 1929 meeting place of the United Spanish War Veterans at the close of their three day encampment and reunion here. Moline also sought the honor.

These officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Samuel M. Wright, commander; Michael F. Kelley of Chicago, senior vice commander; John A. Sutherland of Pontiac, junior vice commander; Ernest Ermel of Chicago, inspector; J. W. Clendenin of Monmouth, judge advocate; Maj. Andy Hall of Mt. Vernon, surgeon; Rev. H. W. Jameson of Cairo, chaplain; Dr. J. N. Goltra of Evanston, historian; C. W. Harkness of East St. Louis, patriotic instructor; Victor Srauek of Chicago, marshal.

The meeting endorsed Oscar E. Carlstrom for attorney general and Dean Charles M. Thompson of the state university to succeed Herbert Hoover as secretary of commerce. The attendance of 286 is said to have been exceeded but once in the 25 years' history of the organization.