

## NEW WORLD SEES MARVEL OF SKY

### Bright Sun Extinguished by Luna's Dead Mass.

### STARS TWINKLE IN MID-DAY

### Wonderfully Beautiful Solar Corona Marvelous and Weird Spectacle.

### SIGHT IS AWE-INSPIRING

### Multitudes Gather Along Line of Celestial Shadow That Crosses United States.

BY T. E. PAXTON.

BAKER, Or., June 8.—(Special)—When the moon this afternoon on schedule time darkened the face of the sun for a period of one minute and 53 seconds persons in the path of totality of the eclipse enjoyed or suffered all the many thrills and sensations which tradition connects with the heavenly spectacle. In the weird darkness of mid-afternoon, observers marveled, feared or experienced a combination of emotions indescribable, as the phenomenon affected them.

Despite knowledge that nature was merely doing the expected and looked-for, it was impossible to throw off a feeling that it was a solemn occasion, that the weird darkening of the sun was the working of a supernatural power and that the end of time had come. It was overpowering and awe-inspiring; it was an experience none privileged to pass through will ever forget.

**Birds Seek Their Nests.**

Expectant and eager only to see the spectacle, previous to the passing, people were excited and talkative. As the sun's light began to darken and birds sought their nests and chickens their roosts and the chill of twilight descended, the feeling changed, conversation ceased and all felt the influence of the impending demonstration of nature as something of grave portent, of mysterious meaning.

The nerves tightened and expectancy rose, yet, with all, there was feeling of awe as if disaster was at hand and as stars began to twinkle in mid-afternoon it was fearsome.

**Corona's Beauty Incomparable.**

Then as the face of the moon began almost completely to cover the sun's surface, the tense feeling seemed to relax. The wonderfully beautiful solar corona began to appear and as its pearly light radiated from behind the dark shadow of the moon, an overpowering feeling of witnessing a divine revelation took hold of one. Its beautiful tints and colors, radiating from the scintillating mass of light, was a marvelous spectacle and a sight which burned its details into the mind of an observer never to be forgotten and, to the ordinary person, almost indescribable.

For brief moments it remained, and (Concluded on Page 12, Column 1.)

## ECLIPSE DARK TO UNUSUAL DEGREE

### DIFFUSED LIGHT LESS THAN FREQUENTLY SEEN.

### Lick Observatory Receives Report of Complete Success of Observa- tion at Goldendale.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Cal., June 8.—A telegram to the Lick Observatory from Director W. W. Campbell, reports the entirely successful carrying out of the full programme planned for the station at Goldendale, Wash.

There had been threatening clouds up to near the time of totality, but an unexpected break in the clouds gave an absolutely clear sky at the critical time.

The eclipse was an unusually dark one, with less diffused light than has often been seen at totality. The type of the solar corona was intermediate, at this eclipse, between those observed respectively at the maximum and minimum of sun spot activity.

Notably fine groups of sun spots were visible on the surface of the sun wherever observations of any phase of the eclipse were made.

The first and last contacts were served at Mount Hamilton, where the eclipse was partial.

At the station at Goldendale the serving party including Astronomer Campbell, Curtis and Moore of the University of California, and several volunteer servers.

This is the eleventh total eclipse which 13 expeditions have been sent from Lick Observatory. Only two failures, those of the Japan, Labrador and Russia expeditions have been counteracted, all due to storms at the apex of totality.

## ALL BUT UNIFORM GRANT

### Woman Surgeon Gets Army Officer's Rank and Pay.

CAMP GRANT, Rockford, Ill., June 8.—Dr. Isabelle Gray, of St. Louis, said to be the first woman admitted to Army service with the status of an officer, reported for duty today to Division Surgeon James M. Phalen, and will be assigned as an anesthetist at the base hospital.

She has practiced medicine 14 years. She has the standing in the United States Army of a First Lieutenant, but under the special order of the War Department admitting women to the medical division, is not permitted to wear the insignia of the rank, though she draws the salary.

## NEW STAR IS DISCOVERED

### Astronomer Olivier Finds Bright Blue Heavenly Body.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—A new star, the brightest discovered in several centuries, was detected tonight at Leander McCormick observatory at the University of Virginia by C. T. Olivier, professor of astronomy. He described it in a telephone message to the Associated Press as a bright blue star of magnitude 0.5 degrees, located in the constellation Aquila, a size that makes it nearly the largest and brightest in the sky during the present months.

Its location is astronomically described as right ascension 18 hours and 14 minutes, declination plus 0 degrees and 42 minutes north.

## GERMAN POTATOES SCARCE

### Food Official of Berlin Says There Is No Rosy Future.

LONDON, June 7.—A dispatch to the Central News says that at a meeting held in Dresden the secretary of the war food department of Berlin declared there would not be enough potatoes to last until the next harvest, and that the outlook for meat and fats was worse than at the beginning of the year.

He added that he was unable to point to a rosy future for them.

## CITY IS ENVELOPED IN MELLOW LIGHT

### Strange Twilight Glow Spreads Over All.

## ECLIPSE IS RARE SPECTACLE

### Clouds Somewhat Interfere With View Here.

## THOUSANDS PEER AT SUN

### Portland's Share in Solar Event Scarcely Liberal, Awesome Rush of Night Lacking, Yet It Was No Disappointment.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

Neither Vulcan, the mythical planet which sweats at the gates of the sun, nor the corona, the enchanted light that leaps in aureole about the solar body, were visible to Portland gazers yesterday afternoon, though the city smutted its thousands of noses with smoked glass and gaped in wonder at the long-heralded eclipse.

Lower jaw drooping, and cheek by jowl, with necks that declined to admit their cricks, there they stood—that concourse of citizenry, in backyards and on high roofs—tightly absorbed in the lunar repast. Bite by bite, with the immutable laws of eternity pressing it on, the lady moon finished off the sun as neatly as a sorority girl cleans up a suicide.

From the astronomical view, the city's share in the solar event was scarcely liberal. It lacked the awesome rush of night from the Pacific, it was sans the waving, indescribable color-weave of the corona, and the flickering shadow-bands were a minus quantity. But it sufficed admirably for those people of Portland who stayed at home—though, it must be confessed, they met the spectacle with the levity of a Federal drydock for Portland planned. Section 2, page 16.

### Sun Peers Through Clouds.

Lafly clouds, of smoke or moisture, raced over the sky. Through them the sun peered redly—a highly inflamed, irascible party who didn't approve. Ten thousand fragments of clouded glass and as many used camera films and plates, more or less, had been trained upon him for an hour in the high hope that, maybe, the learned astronomers had flunked their predictions and the eclipse would arrive ahead of schedule.

And, then, in a matter-of-fact manner, at 2:35 the moon slipped in between, and the grudging sun had given its first bite to the fair one. Technically this period is known as first contact, but to the wandering fancy of the uninitiate it seemed as though some utterly remote and invisible diner had nibbled at a golden pie. The smoked glass gazers multiplied. The used-film brigade gathered recruits with a rush. The eclipse was on. But the crowds went their ways unperturbed along the streets, the streetcars clattered busily, and the city at large refused to admit that aught out of the ordinary was to be fore.

### Pale, Mellow Light Diffused.

Later it was different. Intermittently obscured by the swift cloud vapors, but reappearing with a dazzle that dimmed the eye and set the head whirling the sun gave evidence that the maximum period of obstruction was approaching.

Over the city there crept a pale mellow light, subdued and softened, such as heralds a Summer storm. Trees and buildings and the street crowds took on the unreality and vagueness of a (Concluded on Page 12, Column 1.)

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## ALL NORTHWEST TO PROTEST NEW RATE

### Producer and Shipper to Air Views.

## CONFERENCE CALLED JUNE 13

### Coast Penalized Because of Fair Treatment.

## ALL INDUSTRIES AFFECTED

### Meeting Will Determine Step Nec- essary to Protect Northwest Enterprises in Face of 25 Per Cent Rise.

For the purpose of considering the steps that may be advisable with reference to the 25 per cent increase in freight rates, the Oregon Public Service Commission has called a conference of producers and shippers to be held at room 253 Courthouse, Thursday, June 13, at which all persons interested are invited to be present.

It is the consensus of opinion of the Public Service Commissioners of Oregon, Washington and Idaho that united action should be taken in behalf of the industries, producers and manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest to endeavor to secure some amendments of the freight rates to be placed in effect June 25, under the order of the Railroad Administration. It is seen that a serious situation confronts many districts because the proportional rates as applied place a heavy burden upon the Pacific Coast territory.

### Rates Declared Unjust.

The effect of cumulative charges, where local freight charges must be combined with the through joint rates, and the increase of 25 per cent applied in each instance becomes a cumulative charge greater than the traffic can possibly bear. Frank J. Miller and H. H. Correy, Oregon Public Service Commissioners, attended a conference held at Tacoma, Friday, with the Washington commissioners to discuss phases of the new rates that will seriously affect industries and the public.

It was the sentiment of the men who have discussed the proposed increase in rates that the Pacific Coast should not be penalized because we have dealt liberally and candidly with the railroads in the past and have established and maintained rates that enabled our railroads to be in better physical condition than are the Eastern roads," said Mr. Miller last night at the Imperial Hotel.

### Pacific Coast Penalized.

"The effect now seems to be that owing to the adjustment of rates that had previously been made here we are penalized by having proportionately greater increase at this time. "In my investigations last year I found that the Eastern roads were in much worse condition than the Western roads, and asking for financial help. Their track, roadbed, equipment, power, buildings, everything of a physical character was not in as good condition as on our roads out here. "Judge Lovett, of the Union Pacific; Mr. Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific; Mr. Winchell and other heads of large systems said in their testimony when the hearing was given on the so-called '15 per cent increase' of rates that the roads had established a credit and laid by a sufficient surplus to tide them over any extraordinary condition and that they did not need the 15 per cent increase asked. "Time has justified their statement and the Western roads last year earned from 10 to 17 per cent on their capitalization, which proves that there is no necessity for an increase in rates (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

## CLOUDS AT DENVER DEFEAT OBSERVERS

### SCIENTISTS ASSEMBLED TO SEE ECLIPSE DISAPPOINTED.

### Study of Color Effects Resulting From Approaching Darkness Is Only Thing Accomplished.

DENVER, Colo., June 8.—Astronomers from the staff of the Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago and other observatories who gathered at the University of Denver Observatory today to make observations of the total eclipse of the sun, found that their elaborate preparations went for naught as a result of heavy clouds which covered the sky during the greater part of the eclipse.

The cloud bank arose shortly before the eclipse began and the sun did not break through until 50 minutes after the eclipse had passed totally.

The scientists swallowed their disappointment and, deserting their instruments, gathered in the observatory yard to observe the color effect on the clouds of the approaching darkness.

When the eclipse was total and a sepulchre-like pallor spread, deepening into such darkness that automobile headlights were turned on, a brilliant meteorical storm was visible in the mountains many miles to the southwest.

When the sun finally broke through the clouds at 6:05 P. M. only the upper left-hand corner of the sun was obscured by the moon, and telescopic photographs were taken.

Dean Herbert A. Howe, of Denver University, who directed the work here, said, however, that these observations were of little importance, as the principal data sought could be obtained by observations made only when the eclipse was total.

## GALLANT ACE IS WOUNDED

### Father Receives Word of Casualty to Douglas Campbell in France.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 8.—(Special)—Douglas Campbell, American ace, has been wounded in France. His injury is not serious. The news was received here today by his father, Professor William Wallace Campbell, head of the Lick Observatory party, which studied the eclipse from this point. The cablegram said:

"Your son, Douglas Campbell, slightly wounded. Everything all right. (Signed) 'MAR'."

Professor Campbell supposes, although he does not know, that Mar is an American officer.

"I am glad the boy is not badly hurt," was Professor Campbell's comment.

Douglas Campbell is a daring aviator. He has downed five German airplanes and has been decorated for bravery. He was 22 years old yesterday, June 7.

## CRATER LAKE ROAD DRYING

### Way Open for Autos as Far as Headquarters Camp.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 8.—(Special)—Word has been received from Assistant Superintendent H. E. Momyer that the Crater Lake National Park road on the Klamath Falls side is now open as far as the camp at headquarters for autos—a date much earlier than for several years past.

The headquarters camp is four miles below the rim of the lake. The road above is fast drying out and it is expected that autos can go to the engineers' camp, a short distance from the rim, by the end of the month.

## FOOD CONDITIONS ARE BAD

### Ambassador Francis Reported to Have Reached Petrograd.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The presence in Petrograd of Ambassador Francis was reported to the State Department today.

Other dispatches to the department said conditions in Petrograd were bad, especially as to food supplies.

## ALLIES CONTINUE TO SMASH ENEMY

### Americans and French Advan- cing Steadily.

## GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

### Teutons Bombard Line Heavily From Noyon to Montdidier, Presaging Onslaught.

## WOEVRE SECTOR WATCHED

### Huns Concentrating Troops in Region of St. Mihiel, as if Intending to Attack.

PARIS, June 8.—Heavy counter-attacks launched by the Germans around Chezy and Dammard, to the northwest of Chateau Thierry, broke down under the French guns, according to the War Office announcement tonight. The enemy suffered serious losses.

(By the Associated Press.)

In the battlefield of the Marne, where a week ago the Germans were hurrying their masses of troops against the western side of the wedge which they had driven into the allied lines in the battle that began on March 26, the Teutons are now standing virtually on the defensive in the Chateau Thierry sector.

American and French troops are participating in a reaction on the extreme tip of the salient and are making progress in this important region. The British are engaged on the other side of the wedge between the Marne and Rheims.

### Germans Forced Back.

While the operations take the nature of local attacks, they have had their effect in driving the Germans back from the points they reached on the crest of the wave that carried them far on the road to Paris.

The attacks, which began just to the northwest of Chateau Thierry, are spreading northward along the line and everywhere the allies report ground recovered from the enemy.

The rush of the American marines and the French on Thursday afternoon has not continued to gain ground as fast as it did at the inception of the movement, but it is still going on. In the meantime they have withstood two violent attacks by the Germans and have repulsed the enemy in decisive fashion.

### Boche Artillery Active.

There has been renewed activity on the part of the German artillery in several sectors of the front. Notable among the regions under bombardment is the line between Noyon and Montdidier.

It is along this line that a heavy enemy offensive has been expected by military experts since the momentum of the German advance from the Aisne has died away. When the Germans pushed west from St. Quentin late in March and early in April, the (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

PICTORIAL COMMENTS BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ON SOME RECENT NEWS EVENTS.

