

## ASTRONOMERS MADE A SLIGHT MISCALCULATION

### Some Say the Comet Will Not Strike the Earth Until Sometime Today--Others Say it Has Missed us Altogether--Either Way, it is of Little Consequence.

New York, N.Y., May 19.—The most careful computations of the world's greatest mathematical astronomers have gone wrong over the caudal appendage of Halley's Astral Vagrant and the calmor catalasum predicted for last night was not due to strike the earth until some time today. Despatches from the various trained observers throughout the world indicate that the comet passed between the sun and the earth on schedule time last night but that the tail which might be compared to the shadow of a planet or the moon eclipsing the sun did not brush the earth.

Bulletins from observatories say that the tail before daylight was sighted in the east indicating that the speed of the comet's head was so great that its tail swished out behind it in an elliptic match like the curve in the stream of water played from a horizontally moving nozzle. Therefore the tail did not hit the earth last night, at least not as it was expected, and the phenomenon was expected today. All predictions as to results apply the same, the public being given a rain check to a postponed exhibition.

#### TAIL VISIBLE.

Washington, May 19.—Prof. Asaph Hall of the naval observatory, said at 4 o'clock this morning that the earth would not pass through the tail of Halley's Comet until some time today.

From 8 o'clock this morning until dawn, said professor Hall, there was visible in the east extending from the northeast in a southerly direction, dim beam of a light of the comet's tail. As the moon descended westward the shaft athwart the heavens grew plainer and was easily visible to the naked eye.

Princeton, N.J., May 19.—At 3 o'clock this morning Dr. Henry Russell, Professor of Astronomy at Princeton University declared that contrary to general predictions the earth had not yet passed through the tail of Halley's Comet. He said that towards the east a distinct streak of light was visible quite similar to the milky way. He declared that the reason why the earth had not yet reached the comet's tail is that the tail is curved away from the earth and although the head of the comet has crossed the sun's disc by four hours the tail will probably not reach the earth until later in the day.

Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena Calif., May 19.—"Dr. Henry Russell is an authority whose views are entitled to consideration" said Dr. C. A. Fath, of the observatory corps here when informed early this morning of the Princeton astronomer's opinion that the earth had not yet passed through the comet's tail.

"I quite agree with him in regard to the curvature of the tail of the comet. Of more than that we are not absolutely certain at this time. Because of the strong moonlight which has prevailed all night we have been unable to detect anything."

#### NOTHING SPECIAL OBSERVED.

At 2 o'clock this morning, Pacific Coast, professor Fath made the following statement.

"The tail of Halley's Comet is this morning apparently in the same position in regard to the earth that it was at the same time yesterday morning. This would indicate that the earth has not yet passed through the denser portion of the tail. If we are in the tail at all, it is probably

but the edge. So far our observations have shown no special aurora lights nor have anything meteoric been observed."

Aliso, Calif., May 19.—Observations of the Government observatory here, sought to make just before sunset last evening were prevented by a heavy fog which overspread the sky. The early evening sky, watched through the clouds, showed no unusual phenomena or meteoric displays.

Disturbances of electric currents were noted at the Government wireless station.

#### MOONLIGHT SPOILED VIEW.

Yerkes Observatory, Williamstown, Wis., May 19.—Despite early promises of securing highly important data regarding Halley's comet here, some disappointment is felt over the outcome of the passage of the comet. A brilliant moon during the night proved to be a serious handicap to the scientists behind the batteries of cameras and telescopes trained on the sky. Early observations were impaired and work with the cameras cut off to a considerable extent by the moon. Despite this condition the expert astronomers at the observatory maintained their vigil until day light. When the moon set several of them were repaid to no little extent for their patience.

At this time certain observations were made that may be of importance in adding to scientific comet lore. There was compensation for the scientists, however, in a spectacular exhibition of aurora lights and in some meteoric phenomena. The scientists believed there existed no direct connection between the aurora borealis and the comet.

#### MAY NOT PASS THROUGH AT ALL.

New York, May 19.—"If the earth did not pass through the tail of Halley's comet last night and I see that some observers fortunately situated doubt that it did, I doubt we will pass through it at all," said Dr. Harold Jacoby Rutherford, professor of astronomy of Columbia University today. "From what I know of the comet's orbit," continued Dr. Jacoby, "if the curvatures of the tail was so pronounced as to miss us at the approximate time when we calculated it should connect with this planet, I do not think it will ever come in contact with on the voyage of its circuit around the sun. We may look for the comet now in the Eastern skies in the evening with the possibility of seeing a bit of it tonight, the probability of getting a good view of it tomorrow evening, and the practical certainty that by Saturday night providing clear atmospheric conditions prevail, it will be a brilliant spectacle in the west—after sunset." Prof. Jacoby did not think there was anything in the theory which has been advanced that the earth's repulsive force would tend to push a way the cometary appendage and that the curvature of the 6 tail noted by observers a few days ago, might have been increased so that the earth would miss the luminous haze altogether. "Whether we passed through the tail last night or in the early hours today no one here is likely to be able to say from personal knowledge," continued Dr. Jacoby. "It is altogether possible that we did. The only way we could know would be by the phenomena developed. It is generally agreed that no such phenomena was manifested here."

#### CHIEF FOSTER IN TOWN.

Mr. Albion R. Foster, chief of police on the Transcontinental Railway is here today to confer with Commissioner Farris. He reports matters rather quiet along the railway line at present. All foreigners coming into the province to work on the road are disarmed by Mr. Foster and his men and they have already accumulated a sufficient number of revolvers, bowie knives and other weapons to stock a good-sized arsenal. Mr. Foster is recognized as one of the most efficient officers in New Brunswick and he has done much to preserve order along the Transcontinental.

## DARING THEFT FROM A RAILWAY DEPOT

### Three Packages Containing \$33,000 Quietly Lifted While Agent's Attention was Given Elsewhere.

Oil City, Pa., May 19.—Three packages of money containing \$33,035.24, were stolen from the Pennsylvania depot here at 3.30 this morning, while John J. Truby, the station agent was loading baggage on to a Buffalo bound train. The money was being shipped by the Adams Express Company to Philadelphia.

The railroad detective investigating the robbery are of the opinion that the theft was the work of one man unaided, who knew that the money was in the depot, and just where it was located.

At 3.30 o'clock this morning a Buffalo bound Pennsylvania train pulled into the station and Truby stepped on the platform, closing the office door behind him. The door is self-locking. While about two hundred feet from the depot office Truby saw by the light of the platform lamps that the office door was not closed. Hurrying back he ran into his office and immediately discovered that the three packages of money were missing. Shouting loudly he attracted the attention of five policemen who were within a block of the place. A hurried search of the train and vicinity were made with no result.

## FIREMEN TO ATTEND THREE TOURNAMENTS

The members of the fire department, at a meeting held last night, decided to accept invitations to attend firemen's tournaments at Houlton, Me., Truro and Amherst. On July 4th, the firemen of this city will run an excursion to Houlton returning that night. The trip to Amherst will be during Old Home week, July 14th to 16th. The Truro tournament will be on August 25th and 26th.

It is expected that the attendance of local firemen at the Houlton celebration will be the largest of the three as the men will be away but one day. The department will take a band to the main town on this excursion. Fredericton, however, is so equipped that it will be impossible to take apparatus along.

There will be various competitions at all three tournaments. A committee was appointed last night to arrange for local entries in these.

On the evening of Dominion Day, July 1st, the firemen will hold a festival in Scully's grove. Another festival will be held later.

Mr. Philion Hervey arrived in town on Wednesday, with his wife and son and are the guests of Mrs. James Gibson.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC BUOYANT; OTHER STOCKS STRONG

New York, May 19.—Wall Street—Execution of the sprinkling of buying orders when the stock market opened moved prices upward. The advance was partly in sympathy with the higher range of quotations in London. Canadian Pacific gained 2 1/2 and Reading Southern Pacific, Washash pfd., Interboro-Metropolitan pfd., Amalgamated Copper and National lead large fractions.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members Montreal Stock Exchange)

	OPEN	NOON
Amalgamated	70	70 1/2
Atchison	109	109 1/2
Smelters	79 1/2	80
Brooklyn Transit	81	81 1/2
Canadian Pacific	194 1/2	194 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	135 1/2	135 1/2
Northern Pacific	131 1/2	132
Penna.	134 1/2	134 1/2
Reading	162 1/2	164
Soo	140	141
Southern Pac.	126	126 1/2
Union Pacific	182 1/2	182 1/2
U. S. Steel Com.	82 1/2	83 1/2
Nippissing	10 1/2	10 1/2
La Rose	4 1/2	4 1/2
Dominion Iron	66 1/2	67
Quebec Railway	45 1/2	45 1/2
Steel and Coal	67 1/2	67 1/2

#### BANK OF ENGLAND

London, May 19.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

## BRUTAL CONDUCT OF CHICAGO POLICE

### They Play the "Third Degree" to the Limit by Subjecting Unfortunate Prisoner to 52 Hours Continuous Torture.

Chicago, Ill., May 19.—Stephen Zack, 24 years old, who yesterday after 52 hours of almost continuous questioning, during which it is said he was not permitted to sleep, confessed to the murder of a policeman committed suicide today. The alleged slayer hanged himself with a handkerchief in his cell. The patrolman said to have been killed by Zack met death attempting to arrest robbers plundering a freight car. The ordeal to which Zack was subjected and the shooting of two men yesterday who did not halt at the command of detectives not in uniform, have aroused much comment as to the police methods in this city.

## N. B. TELEPHONE CO'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Brunswick Telephone Company will be held at the Offices on Carleton Street this evening at eight o'clock. The reports on the operations of the past year will be submitted and a board of directors chosen. Mr. S. H. White, of Sussex, is the president of the company, and Mr. H. P. Robinson, of St. John, the managing director.

A meeting of the board of directors is being held this afternoon. Among those in attendance are S.H. White, Sussex; J. M. Robinson, R.B. Emerson, H. P. Robinson, St. John; F. B. Black, A. W. Bennett, Sackville; F. W. Sumner, Moncton; Richard O'Leary, Richibucto; W. B. Snowball, Chatham; A. R. Slipp, M. P. P. Hon. F. P. Thompson, Fredericton.

## GRAND ORANGE LODGE TO HAVE NEW G. M.

Toronto, May 19.—It is again rumored that Dr. T. B. Sproule, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America will retire when Grand Lodge meets at Brantford next Wednesday and will be succeeded by his deputy, Lieut. Col. J. H. Scott K.C., Walkerton; Col. Sam Hughes M.P., and E. T. Essery K.C., past grand master of Ontario west are both mentioned for the deputy chair.

Mr. G. Holland Lounsbury representing the Lounsbury Company of Newcastle, is in the city.

## FUNERAL PREPARATIONS NEARING COMPLETION

### Kaiser Arrives This Morning and Creates Lively Interest--Anxiety to View the Lying in State of the Late Monarch Nearly Results in a Panic.

London, May 19.—Emperor William arrived in London at noon today. The imperial yacht Hohenzollern reached Sheerness last evening but His Majesty did not land until this morning when he proceeded to the capital.

At Victoria Station, the Emperor was welcomed by King George, His Majesty's eldest son, the Duke of Cornwall, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Henry of Prussia, and others of the royal family and diplomats. The greetings of the monarch were most affectionate. From his cousin, the Emperor turned to the young Duke of Cornwall and kissed him on both cheeks. As the Emperor and King George drove to Buckingham Palace, great crowds in the streets exhibited a lively interest in the German ruler. The men raised their hats and the women waved their handkerchiefs as the royal carriages passed. Arriving at the palace the Emperor was taken at once to the apartments of Queen Alexandra.

The last day of the lying in state of the body of King Edward brought

a repetition of yesterday's scenes on an even larger scale. The resolute band of a thousand or more persons mostly women, who had braved the storm throughout the night, was increased to a score of thousands before the sun rose above the roof tops and by noon the crowd awaiting admission to Westminster Hall stretched for miles to the westward of the House of Parliament.

Because of the enormous number of persons who were sure to be disappointed last night, it has been planned to keep the doors open until midnight instead of closing them at 10 o'clock as was the original intention. This plan, however, was frustrated by the action of those nearest the entrance who became unruly and fairly rushed the building. To avoid a panic the doors were hastily closed, and the police reserves summoned to assist in restoring order. It was an hour before this was accomplished. Soon afterwards rain fell heavily and all but about 1,000 persons returned to their homes.

## DORCHESTER GIRL BURNS TO DEATH

Dorchester, N. B., May 18.—Verna Brown, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Arthur Brown, guard at the penitentiary, was fatally burned at her home at noon today and died this evening.

Alone in the house at the time, she was cooking dinner, and in some manner her apron and clothes caught fire. She rushed from the house enveloped in flames, but before assistance reached her she was horribly burned. Dr. J. F. Teed was quickly in attendance, but nothing could be done for her.

The deceased was an exceptionally bright girl, standing very high in her classes at school.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HERE AND AT MARYSVILLE

The City Council, in committee this morning, decided to attend both the union memorial service at the Methodist Church tomorrow morning and the service at the Cathedral in the afternoon. The mayor, aldermen and city officials will meet at the City Hall a quarter of an hour before each service and will be taken to the churches in carriages.

The 71st Regt. Band will play both morning and afternoon. It will play the Orangemen from Orange Hall to the Methodist Church in the morning. In the afternoon it will play the Sons of England, R. C. R., and Victoria Association to Christ church Cathedral. The Fredericton Brass Band has been engaged to play the Free Masons to the Cathedral in the afternoon. Funeral marches will be played in all cases.

#### AT MARYSVILLE.

At Marysville there will be a union memorial service at the Methodist Church, beginning at 7.45. Rev. Mr. Berrie and Rev. Mr. Cann will take part. A united choir will sing.

#### ROBBERY REPORTED.

It was reported to the police yesterday that a tramp had stolen a sum of money from a house on Needham Street. A young girl who lives in the house says that while she was alone on the premises a man who looked like a tramp appeared and asked for her father. On being told no one was at home he demanded money, but got none from the girl. He then left, jumping over a fence and making toward the railway station. Later it was found that a sum of money that had been in clothing in the house was missing. Policeman Foss took a look around the back part of the city but failed to find any trace of the man.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, Carleton's able and popular M. P., is in the city today attending the Telephone Company's meeting.

## WESTMORLAND ORANGEMEN AND "GLORIOUS TWELFTH"

Moncton, N.B., May 19.—Westmorland county Orangemen will celebrate "the glorious twelfth" at Summerside this year. This was the decision arrived at by the county lodge in the quarterly session at Berrymills last night. P. E. Island Orangemen it is understood will have a provincial demonstration at Summerside and Orangemen from other sections of the mainland may take part. The county lodge passed a resolution on the death of King Edward and expressing loyalty to George V. The county officers decided to attend a memorial service to be held here on Friday afternoon under the auspices of the various city lodges. The next quarterly session of the county lodge will be held at Dorchester at the home of the county master, Roy B. H. Thomas.

Joshua Peters, manager of Record Foundry and Machine Co., who has been unwell for some time is reported critically ill.

The Dominion government has commenced extensive repairs to the public wharf.

Geoffrey Stead, resident engineer of Chatham has been here for the past few days supervising the work.

Moncton high school has arranged to hold its annual interclass sports on the 27th inst.

## AMHERST LOSES PROMINENT CITIZENS

Amherst, May 19.—(Special)—Death came suddenly to two of Amherst's best known citizens last night. David T. Chapman, head of the firm of Chapman Brothers, who died at his home here and R. W. Ambrose, traveller, who died very suddenly in Bridgewater.

Mr. Chapman had been identified with the business of Amherst for many years, coming from Dorchester, N. B. He was fifty-seven years of age. His wife, who was a daughter of the late Dr. Nathan Tupper, and niece of Sir Charles Tupper, died about six years ago.

Mr. Chapman was a prominent mason, member of the Royal Arcanum, vestryman of Christ Church, served at the council board for one term, was a member of the school board, and was the first president of the local board of trade.

At ten o'clock last night, word of the sudden death of R. W. Ambrose, commercial traveller, reached here from Bridgewater. Apoplexy caused death. For some years he had made Amherst his headquarters, representing the Imperial Oil Co., and other concerns. He was perhaps the best known traveller in the province.

He was a son of the late Rev. Mr. Ambrose for many years rector in Digby. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons and four daughters.

## STEAMER ARRESTED FOR DAMAGES

St. John, N. B.—(Special)—The steamer Manchester Port of the Manchester Line, arrested on a claim for \$7,000 damages for injury done to a city wharf by running against it, was released today on \$8,000 bonds being furnished.

Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton, is here to attend the annual meeting of the N. B. Telephone Company of which he is a director.