

COLLISION OF THE EARTH AND COMET'S TAIL TONIGHT

Earth is Due to go Whizzing Into the Gasy Path at Midnight and Scientists Are Anxious to See What Will Happen in the Sky.

TRIP ESTIMATED ONE TO SEVEN HOURS

Comet's Tail and Earth Will Clash Together at Combined Speed of 43 Miles Per Second But Collision Will be Harmless According to the Scientists.

FACTS ABOUT THE COMET. The tail is said to be 1,000,000 miles across at the point where the earth will pass through.

erved notice on their employers that under no circumstances will they work today, and at least one negro church here will hold an all-night service tonight.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The earth will enter the tail of Halley's comet about 11:20 o'clock tonight.

While scientists at various points on the earth today were estimating what various things the comet could do but wouldn't do to the earth, the unscientific of New York City were making guesses of various sorts, facetious in most cases, but there were thousands about town who were afraid to say they were afraid.

Over on the East side, especially among the older women, there was no doubt that there would be more peace of mind as soon as the earth and comet have said good-bye for seventy-five years.

While the comet's tail is so thin that it probably has only one molecule of gas to the cubic yard, which is nearer vacuum than can be obtained on earth.

Statements that should reassure the timid tonight when the earth and the comet are closest, were issued by Prof. Harold Jacoby, the Rutherford professor of astronomy at Columbia university.

As for even so much as a luminous display when the earth passes through the remnants of the comet's tail, said the astronomer, "I think that those who will look for such luminosity will be disappointed. There's nothing at all in the comet's tail worth worrying about."

Blacks Refuse to Work. HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., May 18.—Despite all efforts to assure the people that the passage of the earth through the comet's tail tonight would be entirely without danger, many are filled with alarm.

Lake Operators Warned. DETROIT, Mich., May 18.—The United States hydrographic office has warned wireless telegraph operators and vessel masters along the lake that wireless instruments and compasses may be affected by atmospheric conditions caused by Halley's comet.

FUNERAL INSTEAD OF WEDDING

Bridegroom Mistaken For Hold-up Man and Was Shot Dead in the Street By the Detectives.

IN DANGEROUS DISTRICT

Officers Called to Party to Halt, the Three Men Started to Run and the Officers Fired.

CHICAGO, May 18.—John Dobinski, a young coal miner from Divernon, Ill., who came to Chicago to be married, was mistaken for a holdup man and shot dead early today.

MORGAN'S MAN MAY BE CALLED

Perkins Will Probably Be Witness in That Perpetual Ballinger-Pinchot Investigation Matter.

A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER

Ballinger Visited Thompson and Recommended Western Engineer For Trip to Alaska.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—It is expected here that George W. Perkins of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. and a prominent figure in the Morgan-Guggenheim Alaska syndicate, will be called to the witness stand in the congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

CUDAHYS MAY BECOME UNITED

Four Children Will Probably Be the Means of Reconciliation of Pair.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 18.—That a reconciliation may soon be effected between John P. Cudahy and his wife through their four children is again reported among friends of the couple today.

DROWNED WHILE CROSSING RIVER

Eight People Beneath the Surface While Trying to Ford the Swollen Stream.

GILHAM, Ark., May 18.—Mrs. Wesley Wright and Mrs. Gena Heath and six children were drowned in the Gossatot river last night.

The Prize Fight. SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Fight promoter Jack Gleason admitted today that there is a possibility that the Jeffries-Johnson fight might not be held at Emeryville on the fourth of July.

ILASCO QUIET BUT THREATENING

Soldiers Are in Charge of the Town and No Great Violence Has Been Shown by the Strikers.

HISSING THE MILITIA

Guardsmen Were Fired Upon From Ambush and More Troops Have Been Asked for Duty.

HANNIBAL, Mo., May 18.—The firing by the strikers upon the sentinels guarding the magazines filled with high explosives, the putting of Ilasco under martial law, the arrest of a saloonkeeper who defied the edict of the military officers and kept his place open, and the call of Col. McDonald for additional troops are the startling features of the strike situation at the Atlas cement plant.

HUMANS BLOWN INTO ATOMS

Terrible Explosion Hurled Twenty to Thirty Men to Death, Tearing Them into Fragments.

BUT FEW ESCAPED

One Hundred at Work and Many Are Missing or Were Horribly Injured by the Crash.

CANTON, Ohio, May 18.—With a roar that was heard three miles away, a battery of seven boilers at the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company exploded, killing from twenty to thirty men and injuring about fifty.

RUSSIAN DROWN IN THE RIVER

Boat Struck Rock and Half of the Passengers Went Down to Death.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—By the capsizing of a boat today in the Neiper river near Alexandriavitch, forty-seven out of the ninety workmen on board were drowned. The boat struck a rock.

STRADA BRAVE IN GUN'S FACE

Will Not Surrender Bluefields to Madriz and the Venus Threatens to Bombard the Town.

U. S. WILL INTERFERE

Notice Given to Both Factions That No Fighting Will Be Tolerated on the Streets.

BLUEFIELDS, May 18.—It is expected that the final conflict of the war will soon be fought. The armies of the Estrada and Madriz factions engaged in a sharp battle yesterday at Rama and an attempt of the Madriz army to crush the opposing force and push on to Bluefields is now soon expected.

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STAND IN LINE ALL NIGHT LONG

Britishers Anxious to Take Last View of the Face of Dead Monarch.

LONDON, May 18.—Hundreds of those who had remained in the streets all night in order to be in line to view the body of the late king, began to bestir themselves at dawn.

CALLS ON KING SECOND TIME

Roosevelt and Wife Estorntained by King George for Half Hour.

LONDON, May 18.—For the second time in three days, Colonel Roosevelt today called on King George. Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied the colonel, it being her first presentation to the king. The audience lasted a half hour.

PIECE OF COMET FELL IN OFFICE

Red Hot Stone From Sky Crashed Through the Roof of a Kansas Fire Insurance Building.

IOWA AEROPLANE IS SUCCESSFUL

Cole's Triplane Hitched to Automobile Shows That it Will Be All Right With Motor Attached.

TOPEKA, Kans., May 18.—A small meteorite, from Halley's comet fell through the roof of the Shawnee building, corner of Seventh and Jackson streets.

The stone which was so hot that it could not be handled, fell within a few feet of the desk of James W. Going, manager of the Shawnee Fire Insurance company, which occupies the building.

CLERKS IN A PANIC

Narrowly Missed Landing on the Head of the Manager Who Received the Scare of His Life.

TOPEKA, Kans., May 18.—The forty clerks were thrown into a panic.

SHENANDOAH, Iowa, May 18.—M. Russell Cole gave his triplane a try-out on the Shenandoah fair grounds.

Having no motor, he attached his aeroplane to an auto by means of a rope, and encircled the racetrack at a twenty mile speed, at all times having his machine under perfect control.

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CINCINNATI, May 18.—At the election of the General Federation of Women's clubs executive officers were chosen as follows: President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of Missouri.

THE WEATHER.

Weather Forecast. (Until 7 p. m. Thursday.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Thursday; warmer Thursday.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and probably Thursday; warmer west portion tonight.

RIVER BULLETIN.

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