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Dramatic Scene Between Emperor of Germany and King George V.

MANY THOUSANDS WAITING FOR FUNERAL

Preparations For the Impressive Ceremony of Today

London, May 19.—This afternoon Emperor William took occasion to supply a private tribute to the memory of his uncle, the late Monarch. Accompanied by King George and their suites, he went to Westminster Hall where thousands of all classes were passing the bier. The Emperor approached the casket and remained before it for some minutes. He personally placed upon the casket a magnificent wreath. The Emperor then kneit by the catafalque, and for a few moments was engaged in prayer. Upon rising to his feet, his Majesty turned to King George who knelt with his cousin before the bier and held ont both hands which the other grasped. Both monarchs were visibly affected.

Masses of Flowers

Windsor, Eng., May 19.—The lawn adjoining St. George's chapel, a few yards from the tomb, where the burial of King Edward will be, tomorrow, presented today, the appearance of a huge flower garden, so great was the wealth of wreaths received from all parts of the world.

Truck loads of floral offerings arrived at the castle throughout the day. Tributes in every shape from a cross of orchids measuring fourteen by seven feet, sent by the Sultan of Zanzibar, to a tiny bunch of wild flowers from some workman's home, covered the place in wonderful profusion of color. The tribute of President Taft was a wreath of palm leaves and orchids entwined with an American flag of silk. Theodore Roosevelt sent a wreath of white orchids. There were also wreaths from the American embassy and Mrs. Reid, wife of the ambassador.

Nine Crowned Heads at Funeral

Nine crowned heads of Europe, and several heirs to thrones, sat down in Buckingham Palace tonight at a dinner, which King George gave to all his eminent guests assembled in London for the funeral of King Edward tomorrow. After the dinner the members of all the suites were introduced to the king. It is noteworthy that though the presence of so many rulers and princes must necessarily throw a great sense of responsibility on the authorities and the police, all move about quite nicely and no word is heard in the press or the public places of any apprehension of unfoward incidents.

London is Very Full of People

London today filled rapidly with people from the provinces and foreigners. The whole line of the funeral route has been from early morning until late at night, a surging mass of people. The seat stand business has been greatly overdone and seats for which $25 and $30 were asked a few days ago are now being hawked for from $5 to $10.

Thirty Thousand Soldiers in Arms

Thirty thousand soldiers from Aldershot and other military stations, are camping in the parks tonight. The weather is hot and thunderstorms are not improbable. Many thousands of people will pass the night in the street, in order to secure points of vantage from which to view the cortege. All London is garbed in mourning. In the royal train, which will carry the body tomorrow from London to Windsor, will travel King George and Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, and eight other sovereigns and the next relatives. Special trains will convey the high officials, the foreign representatives and special envoys. The little town of Windsor has assumed a purple hue. From the station to the entrance to the castle every building is covered with a mourning pall of royal purple.

Throughout the day hundreds of people came to Windsor from London and the surrounding districts, carrying floral memorials to the dead king. The cloisters of the chapel are already filled with flowers, and scores of extra racks have been erected on which to place the others. On the lawns there is another great mass of flowers, little bunches of daisies or buttercups from the village children lying side by side with great wreaths of orchids and roses sent by officials and the governments of the world.

Among the callers at Buckingham Palace today were the King of Denmark, the King of Greece, Prince Henry of Brussels, the Lord Chief Justice of England, and Theodore Roosevelt. The funeral services will be conducted to St. Georges chapel at Windsor where Edward VII. will be temporarily sepulchered among the tombs of his fathers.

Position of Colonies

London, May 19.—Lord Strathcona and Sir George Reid, high commissioner for Australia, will be in the ninth carriage tomorrow, following that of former President Roosevelt of the United States, who is the special ambassador from that country at the King's funeral, and M. Pichon, the minister of foreign affairs for France.

Sir George Reid said last night that arrangements are in every sense entirely satisfactory, as it will show a proper conception of the place held by Canada and Australia in the empire, of whose area they represent seven-twelfths.

Arrangements made by His Majesty will give the utmost gratification to our people, said Sir George, and are such as might be expected from King George, who has such a perfect personal acquaintance with every part of the empire.

Visitors from overseas have been allotted some places in the enclosure in Hyde park to witness the progress of the funeral.

Winnipeg Wreath in Windsor.

London, May 19.—The Winnipeg wreath, comprising laurels, harrisy, lilies and white heather, has arrived at Windsor.

Winnipeg's Memorial Services.

Winnipeg, May 19.—All Winnipeg will join the empire in mourning for the death of King Edward tomorrow afternoon, when at the moment the remains of the illustrious ruler are be-

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MEMORIAL SERVICES IN CALGARY TODAY

Union Services at Sherman's Auditorium—Services Also at Cathedral and St. Mary's Church.

Special memorial services will be held this morning at 11 a. m.

Sherman's Rink.

Pro-Cathedral of the Redeemer.

St. Mary's church.

The first named will be a union service, at which leading members of the different Calgary churches will take part.

The members of the 15th Light Horse, also ex-members and the veterans of other corps will parade at the Drill hall at 10 a. m. for the purpose of attending the services to be held at the Pro-Cathedral or the union services at Sherman's Rink. It has not been decided as yet which service the military will attend.

The South African Veterans' association will meet at the Drill hall at 9.30 a. m., and will march to the Pro-Cathedral to attend the services to be held there. Members of the R. N. W. M. P. will join in this parade.

The public school cadets will parade at the Drill hall at 9.50 and then march to the Pro-Cathedral.

The Rifles' band will head the parade of the 15th Light Horse.

Another parade organized by the Sons of England will meet outside the Burns block on Centre street at 10.15 This parade will consist of members of the Sons of England society. All ex-army and navy men and all old soldiers, of whom there are a large number in the city. After the parade is formed the body of men will march to the Pro-Cathedral to attend services.

At five o'clock this morning the entire system of the C. P. R. will stop for three minutes. That is the very moment the body of the late King will be lowered into its last resting place. Every locomotive in use on the large system will come to a standstill, all instruments in the telegraph offices will cease calling, and on all sidings and yards the work will cease entirely.

HOW GRAFT WAS WORKED BY SUGAR COMPANY

Defrauded Government of Nine Pounds in Every 997 Pounds

THE SCALES YIELDED TO PRESSURE OF A SPRING

The Scales Were Brought Into Court and the Fraud Revealed

New York, May 19.—There was wheeled into the criminal branch of the United States Circuit court late this afternoon a huge scale, an exact duplicate of the scales used on the docks of the American Sugar Refining company in Brooklyn, and while the twelve jurors bent forward tensely, a weight of 997 pounds was placed thereon. Then a steel wire was thrust in a hole drilled in the stanchion, and the result was noted. The scales, though accurate, registered only 988 pounds, nine pounds short. This was the government's first practical demonstration before the jury of how the sugar trust is alleged to have cheated the treasury department out of thousands of dollars in duty. Proving this the prosecution hopes to convict Chas. R. Heike, secretary, and four former employees of the company.

Albert Lambert, a machinery expert in the employ of the post office department, acted as demonstrator of the model scale. Concluding his test, Lambert took the witness stand, and told how he his examined all sixteen scales of the company on the docks, how he found holes in all the stanchions, and how each yielded to the pressure of a steel spring just as he had shown the jury.

The trick, as he demonstrated, could be worked with no outward indication, the beam of the scale moved apparently free, but always when the wire was inserted there was the shrinkage in weight.

A. B. C. GRAIN ROUTE ENGAGING ATTENTION

Four Track System Being Planned Now For the Tehuantepec Railway Across Mexico.

"The movement in Canadian grain to Europe via Vancouver and Central America is engaging the attention of British engineers, backed by large financial interests," says Graham Conway, British engineer, who spent several years in Mexico, and who passed through Calgary en-route to the east. "So much Western Canada grain now takes the Tehuantepec railway route across the isthmus that Pearson's company, London, England, the largest contractors in the world, who control this railway, are planning to make this a four track system. The present line shows practically no grade and in consequence may be cheaply operated. The object of providing four tracks is to provide for competition with the Panama canal. Pearson's claim they will instal terminal facilities which will allow them to deliver grain across the isthmus quicker than ships can be locked through the Panama canal. This appears feasible as the railroad is a thousand miles north of the canal. Upon the completion of the canal Western Canada's grain will have competing routes via the isthmus allowing minimum freight rates to Europe.

Small Sentence for Big Offense

Woodstock, N.B., May 19.—Before Police Magistrate Dibba this afternoon Roy Craig, C.P.R. fireman, charged by Trainmaster Williams with being intoxicated while on duty on April 23 and 24 on a special freight train from Perth to Woodstock, pleaded guilty. Last Thursday William A. Johnston, the engineer on the same train, pleaded guilty to the same charge. The magistrate said that as this was the first case of its kind before him in thirty years he would give a light sentence, a fine of $50 and costs or three months in jail.

PREMIER SWORE TO MANY THINGS

Bold Attempt to Bring Mr. Cushing Into the Case

PREMIER'S MEMORY IS SOMETIMES FAULTY

Premier Completes His Evidence—Adjourned Until Monday

Edmonton, Alta., May 19.—Premier Rutherford made an allusion to the Hawes episode during his testimony before the royal commission this afternoon that caused the crowd in the court room to expect something interesting, but the commissioners ruled that evidence in regard to the matter would not be relevant, and refused to take advantage of the voluntary offer of the witness to go on with the story.

When Bennett was pressing him to ascertain what he knew in regard to the Athabasca syndicate, the premier said the existence of such an organization was forcibly brought to his attention by Mr. Henwood, but that was as far as he got, because the commission did not care to hear more. Mr. Henwood is the solicitor who represented Alfred Hawes through Solicitor Dawson of Toronto in the $350,000 damage suit brought by Hawes against Cornwall.

When the session was over Mr. Henwood, who had been present, buttonholed the premier, apparently not very much pleased with the statement he had made on the witness stand. Mr. Henwood thought the statement might be construed as a reflection on him, and told the premier he would rather that he had been allowed to go on and tell the whole story than leave the subject in the shape he did.

Neither Mr. Henwood nor the premier would make an explanation to a reporter, but Mr. Biggar, who was Cornwall's solicitor in the matter, made a statement that makes it clear.

"There was no cause for opening up the matter again," he said. "All there is to it is when the matter was placed in Mr. Henwood's hands by Mr. Davidson, Mr. Henwood was instructed to see the premier and tell him Hawes would accept $250,000 damages. Mr. Henwood did see the premier, but it was with perfectly honest and legitimate intentions."

Premier Rutherford Finished

Premier Rutherford finished his testimony this afternoon. Attorney General Cross will probably be next on the stand, but the investigation will not be resumed until Monday morning.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, who is in the city, denies that he was at the meeting between the premier, W. R. Clarke and others held in the Alberta hotel at Calgary in July, 1908, as alleged by the premier in his testimony yesterday. It was at this meeting that Clarke seems to have believed that he obtained sufficient assurance from the government to warrant him in going ahead with surveys and preliminary financial arrangements.

Mr. Cushing's Connection

Mr. Cushing's connection with the transaction took up a considerable portion of the investigation this afternoon.

"Were or were not the documents signed at the cabinet meeting October 7th shown to Mr. Cushing?" asked Mr. Bennett.

"I don't see how he could help seeing them or hearing them read," replied the witness.

"Were the documents discussed?"

"Yes, but there was absolutely no dissension. Mr. Cushing made no complaint or protest. He remained in the cabinet, of course, for several months after that."

"Did he express any dissatisfaction up to the time of his resignation?"

"None that I can recollect."

"In November or December didn't he ask to see the contract?"

"Yes."

"But he didn't?"

"I don't think the copies were ready."

"Don't you remember that in January he expressed his dissatisfaction strongly?"

"No."

"When did he so express himself?"

"Not at any time."

"What did he resign for?"

"I guess there was some question in his mind as to that."

"Didn't he express in the newspapers his reasons?"

"Yes, in the newspapers he said he was not present at the cabinet meeting of October 7, but he was all right. But prior to this resignation he never expressed any dissatisfaction. I was astonished at his resignation and the reason for it."

"Don't you think your memory is playing you false?"

"Not at all, I was astonished. If he contemplated resigning he should not have waited until four days after the legislature met. He came into my office the morning of the same day he resigned and told me about it, but that was the first I heard it from him. On one occasion after October 7 Mr. Cushing mentioned the matter of resignation to me, but for an entirely different reason."

Didn't Remember at All

"Don't you remember Cushing going to you and saying he had heard certain things about the contract, about which he wanted information?"

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Objects to Reciprocity

Montreal, May 18.—The Chambre de Commerce came out today strongly against reciprocity with the United States, passing a resolution asking the government to pay no heed to the movement across the border. The resolution claimed that reciprocity would endanger the British preference and Canadian industries.

Aged Minister is Dead

London, Ont., May 19.—Dr. J. J. Teasdale, former president of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Methodist conference is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Letteney, here. He was seven years stationed in Halifax, three in St. John and also in Yarmouth and Fredericton. Five years ago he retired and came to London, but has been very ill since Christmas.

AN EMPIRE'S LOSS

THREE MINUTES OF SILENCE IN CANADA

There Will Be a Hush All Over Canada When Body is Lowered In Grave.

Ottawa, May 19.—At the momen King Edward's body is lowered into the grave at Windsor tomorrow (1:30 eastern time), it is proposed here on a signal from the whistles of the big manufacturing establishments to stop all industry and street car traffic in the city for three minutes. It is suggested by the governor general that this be emulated throughout Canada. All flags are to be lowered at sunset, 7:31 p. m., thus ending half masting in Canada.

DR. LINCOLN APPOINTED MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

Recommendation of Medical Board Accepted by Hospital Board

At a meeting of the Hospital Board last night the recommendation of the Medical Board that Dr. W. A. Lincoln be appointed medical superintendent of the Calgary General Hospital was accepted.

The superintendent's duties will be

DR. W. A. LINCOLN—Who has just been appointed medical superintendent of the Calgary General hospital.

the supervising of the whole work conducted at the hospital. It will necessitate Dr. Lincoln giving his whole time to the work, and he will occupy quarters at the new building.

Dr. Lincoln has been in Calgary but a few years, but during that period has worked up a large practice, and is considered one of the best practitioners in Calgary. He will commence his duties on June 20.

CALGARY PRESBYTERY IN SESSION YESTERDAY

Matters of Routine Transacted By the Members

The Presbytery of Calgary met on Thursday afternoon in Knox church. The resignation of Rev. T. A. Forbes, of Canmore, was accepted, and the clerk instructed to grant him a Presbyterial certificate and a letter to the Presbytery of Minnedosa expressing the high regard the Presbytery entertains of Mr. Forbes, and their high estimation of his services in a difficult field.

The Rev. C. A. Mitchell, Hillhurst, Calgary, was appointed interior moderator of the Canmore field and will preach at Canmore June 5th and declare the pulpit vacant.

WHITE SLAVE DETECTIVE WAS A COLLEGE WOMAN

Tells How She Succeeded in Getting Evidence

New York, May 19.—The identity of one of the two women detectives who for months have been trailing suspected "White slave" dealers, was made known today at the trial of Belle Moore, a mulatto, charged with having sold two girls as "White slaves." District Attorney Whitman has concealed the identity of both women, and it was not until one of them took the witness stand that her name was known. She is Mrs. Frances M. Foster, formerly of Boston, and a graduate of Radcliffe college. She is a woman of 35 years, tall and rather heavy, wearing thick glasses. Mrs. Foster said that she had previously been engaged in Boston in the investigation of conditions surrounding the children of the city, and that the present case was her first "White slave" assignment. She was known as Frankie Fuller, she said, in her dealings with Belle Moore.

She testified that she asked Belle Moore to get two young girls for her to take to Seattle. Belle Moore promised to get the girls, she said. She told of various meetings with the defendant leading up to the time when, she said, Belle Moore finally found the girls.

ROOT WILL TELL ROOSEVELT HOW IT IS ALL GOING

Friend of Ex-President and President on Way to Europe

Washington, D.C., May 19.—United States Senator Root, who left Washington this afternoon for New York, preparatory to sailing for Europe on Saturday, spent an hour with President Taft at the White House. Senator Root declared that his visit was one of farewell purely, and had nothing to do with legislation. An interesting feature of Senator Root's trip abroad, where he goes as one of the American commissioners, in the Newfoundland fisheries dispute at The Hague, is the fact that he in all probability will meet Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and have a long talk with him on matters in the United States generally, regarding the Taft administration. Senator Root is on intimate terms with both the president and Mr. Roosevelt, and it is likely that his views will have great weight with the former president.

INCREASE IN BUSINESS SHOWN BY BANK REPORTS

The April Bank Statement Was a Very Favorable One

Ottawa, May 19.—The April bank statement indicates a steady increase of business activity and general prosperity. While deposits on demand, that is current deposits, are less by $815,990 than at the end of March, standing at $245,746,180 on April 30th, the savings deposits amounted to on that date to $321,427,072, an increase of $6,154,995 during the month. Branches of Canadian banks in other countries report over $9,000,000 decrease in deposits. The money on call and short loan on stocks and bonds in Canada on April 30th was $59,621,328, a shrinkage of $324,407, while similar loans abroad have been reduced by nearly $8,000,000. The amount of current loans in Canada show that the banks have increased their accommodation to the business public since the March statement by $13,097,187, the amount thus returned on April 30th being $633,297,238. On the other hand, the banks have decreased their current loans by over two millions. Half a million more bank notes were put in circulation, and the banks increased their reserves by $276,464 during the month.

Jews Active in Montreal

Winnipeg, Man., May 19.—The 4,000 Jews living in Montreal are taking step to have their nationality represented not only in the city council but in the provincial legislature and the house of commons. In the two wards of St. Louis and St. Lawrence, the chief concentration of Jews is taking place, and it is there that the agitation for representation is taking place. There are 15,000 Jews in St. Louis and 8,000 in St. Lawrence. In 1901 there were only 16,000 Jews in the whole of Canada.

THE PAINTERS' STRIKE T THING OF THE PAST

The Employers and Employees Have Arrived at a Settlement

BOTH PARTIES GAVE IN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT

And Now They Are Both Satisfied and Will Rush Their Work

The painters' strike was settled yesterday at noon, and by five o'clock a binding agreement had been signed up by both the Master Painters' association and the union.

The settlement results in a partial victory for the union. The men demanded a minimum of 50 cents an hour and received 45 cents. They were previously getting 40 cents. They also won out on the point of a half holiday every Saturday afternoon with time and a half for any work after 12 o'clock on that day.

The association won a victory of the hour per day proposition. The union demanded an 8 hour day, but they will work 9 hours.

On the matter of union men taking contracts and competing against the Master Painters' association, there is a clause inserted in the agreement that the constitution of the union on this point shall be adhered to in regard to members taking contracts, which means that they shall become honorary members of the union only while they contract, not having a vote in the union affairs.

The men will go back to work on Monday, May 23, on the understanding that if the union wish to alter the agreement or should the association do so, they are compelled to give notice by February prior to the expiration of the yearly agreement.

The Master Painters are satisfied with the terms of the settlement, as are the members of the union, and the painting trade will be conducted in Calgary for a year at least without any interruption.

The terms of the agreement are as follows:

1—A day's work to consist of nine hours, commencing at 7.30 a. m. and ending at 5.30 p. m., and 12 noon on Saturday.

2—The minimum rate of wages to be 45 cents per hour.

3—That every contractor be allowed one apprentice to every four journeymen painters, and that the said apprentice to be under the age of twenty-one years at the time of apprenticeship.

4—That workmen be paid time and a half from 5.30 p. m. until 12 p. m., from 12 p. m. Saturday noon until 12 p. m., after that double time. Also Sundays and Dominion holidays double time.

5—The wages to be paid Saturday at 12 noon fortnightly.

6—The Master Painters and general contractors sending men outside the city to work shall pay railway fare and travelling fare one trip each way, also any extra expenses that would be incurred in the way of board and lodging.

7—Workmen to be on the job or at the shop prepared to begin work at the hour of starting.

8—This agreement shall come into effect on the 19th of May, 1910, and shall continue to be in force for one year, until notice has been given in February prior to the expiration of any such yearly agreement.

9—That men wishing to again work for their former employers shall see such employers some time between settlement and Monday, May 23rd, and make arrangements as to finishing any work they have on hand.

10—The union bylaws pertaining to members contracting shall be strictly enforced.

Signed for the union by William Kennedy and T. J. McDougall, and for the Master Painters' association by S. B. Ramsay and John Jones.

Erie Agrees With the Men

New York, May 19.—It was officially stated at the offices of the Erie railroad this afternoon that the company and its conductors and trainmen had agreed on a basis for wages, and the details were being worked out

WHERE IS TAIL OF THE COMET?

It Did Not Meet the Earth at Scheduled Time

WE HAVE NOT PASSED THROUGH IT AT ALL

The Astronomers Are Somewhat Puzzled About Its Strange Conduct

Williams Bay, Wis., May 19—Following closely on the wholly unexpected astronomical condition that prevailed early today, when the tail of Halley's comet was plainly seen in the east, astronomers at Yerkes' observatory today were further bewildered by a startling apparition across the face of the sun at noon. A broad spectrum of light, extending across and a considerable distance to the east side of the sun, challenged the attention of the excited observers. Prof. F. B. Frost, who first sighted the phenomenon, declared he had never before witnessed its like. Prof. E. E. Barnard said the same. Hoping to obtain an accurate check on the strange spectrum, Prof. Frost telephoned to observers within a radius of 100 miles of Williams Bay, calling attention to the peculiar occurrence. The apparition lasted less than half an hour. The spectrum at once became a topic of conversation, mastering interest and conjecture. Enormous sun spots seen Wednesday afternoon and the brilliant displays of northern lights last night had been passed by the astronomers as having absolutely no direct connection with the comet.

"Although I cannot advance an opinion at this time," said Prof. Frost, "I can see no other cause but the comet for the appearance of the spectrum. The passage of the earth through the tail of the comet, delayed a day in its schedule, is believed to be taking place tonight, although early observations did not give positive proof of this.

Halley's Comet Visible.

Cambridge, Mass., May 19.—The following despatch was received at the Harvard observatory today from Prof. W. W. Campbell of Lick observatory:

"Halley's comet was visible in the eastern sky this morning, its tail being at least 140 degrees in length and as far behind the radius vector. The earth will probably not pass through it."

Faint Glow in Northeast.

New Haven, Conn., May 19.—The tail of the comet was seen from Yale observatory after the moon set this morning. It was a faint glow, developed to 60 degrees in the northeast sky.

Dr. King of the observatory says that the earth had not passed through the tail, although he believes the comet made its transit of the sun at the time fixed.

He believes that the earth has not passed through the tail.

In the Same Old Place.

St. Thomas, D.W.I., May 19.—Halley's comet was visible in its usual eastern position this morning.

Its dimensions appeared four feet greater than a week ago. The head had not risen above the horizon. There was no unusual phenomena observed last night.

Different Theory of Comets

Manila, May 19.—Father Algue, an astronomer, believes that the long-cherished scientific theory of a solid composition forming the nucleus of comets is now disproved. Exhaustive observations made from 3.30 to 11.30 a.m. today, in perfect conditions at the Jesuit observatory at Manila, Baguio and Antipolo, failed to reveal a trace of solid matter.

Where is the Comet?

New Haven, Conn., May 19.—It was stated at the Yale observatory that the comet passed the sun on schedule time last night and that the tail, which owing to its curvature was not seen until 2.15 this morning, was 120 degrees long and eight degrees broad at the horns. The comet was not visible tonight.

Didn't Touch the Earth.

Rome, May 19.—Professor Elia Millezevich, director of the astronomy observatory of the college of Rome, announced at an early hour this morning that he had observed the passage of the tail of Halley's comet last night. He declared that it did not touch the earth.

Did Not Pass Through

Princeton, N. J., May 19.—At three 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.

Moon Was Very Bright

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, 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.

Sun Close to the Tail

Mount Wilson, Cal., May 19.—It was announced at the observatory today that Halley's comet passed the sun on schedule time last evening and the sun rose this morning ahead of the nucleus of the wanderer. The earth is close to the tail and is likely to enter it any moment according to an official statement.

May Not Pass Through

New York, May 19.—"If the earth did not pass through the tail of Halley's comet last night, and I see some observers fortunately situated doubt that it did, I doubt that we will pass through it at all," Dr. Harold John Rutherford, professor of Columbia University, today said.

"From what I know of the comet's orbit," continued Dr. Rutherford, "the curvature of the tail was so pronounced as to miss us at the approximate time when we calculated it should

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