

IT IS RECORDED.

Classified Chronology of the Year of Our Lord 1889.

DISASTERS DIRE AND DREADFUL.

Flood and Fire and Wind and Steam Conspire Against the Human Race—The Deaths of a Twelvemonth—The Political World—Notable Sporting Events. What Has Happened Across the Seas. The Miscellaneous Record.

The most striking feature of the chronology of the year 1889 is the record of disasters by flood and fire; the most interesting feature of that of 1888 was the record of politics; that of 1887, deaths of eminent persons; 1886, strikes. The list of financial crimes for 1889 is rather more lengthy than usual, and most of the important matter that may be properly classified under this head will be found in the columns that follow. No attempt has been made to record the great mass of crimes against human life or mortality; such as are put down are given space only because of some exceptional interest manifested by the public therein at the time of transpiration.

Old Mortality's hand has not been idle by any means, but the number of deaths of eminent persons recorded is rather below the average.

In politics the chief matters of interest have been the appointments incident upon the change of the administration of the United States government.

In America there has been comparatively little to record in the history of labor agitation, most of the important strikes having been in England and on the European continent.

All matters of general interest in North America not properly found under the headings, "Fires and Disasters," "The Hand of Death," "Sporting Events of Note," "Labor Troubles" and "Human Nature's Dark Side" will be found under the heading, "Miscellaneous Matters."

FIRES AND DISASTERS.

JANUARY.

- 1. Richardson Drug Co. store, St. Louis, burned; loss, \$200,000.
2. Fire in Buffalo, N. Y.; \$1,000,000 loss; 1 fireman killed and 17 injured; 9 acres burned over.
3. 14 persons killed near Greenwald, Belgium, by the collapse of a railroad bridge.
4. Steamer Nereid and British ship Killochan collided off Dunagene; both sunk; 25 lives lost.
5. Steamer Glencoe collided with bark Largo Bay off Beachy Head and sunk; 52 lives lost.
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8. Tornado in Alabama caused loss of much property and 6 or 8 lives.
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19. Violent storms on the Chesapeake bay and along the Atlantic coast.
20. French torpedo boat foundered off Cherbourg; 45 lost.
21. Report of loss of Haytian steamer Conserva, with crew of 20 men.
22. Spanish steamer Mindanao collided with steamer Visayas and sunk; 30 drowned.
23. Excursion steamer Oceanou founded in Lake Chapala, Mexico; more than 50 lost.
24. Ostend packet Countess of Flanders sunk in British channel by Belgian mail steamer Princess Henriette; 15 drowned.
25. Prairie fire destroyed \$2,000,000 of property in Minnesota and Dakota.
26. \$1,000,000 fire at Savannah, Ga.
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37. Drowning of 45 persons by flood in Bohemia reported.
38. Conflagration at Podhajce, Galicia; many lives lost.
39. Great rainfall in the Middle Atlantic region, particularly in Pennsylvania, the two Virginias and the District of Columbia. Johnston, Pa., and several other towns destroyed by the breaking of a dam; several thousand lives lost and millions of dollars damage done.
40. Belief offered from all sources for Johnstown sufferers. Great damage reported at Williamsport, Washington, the Genesee valley, N. Y., Petersburg, Va., etc. Violence reported at Johnston, N. C. Much damage also reported to shipping and in Canada.
41. Great fire in Seattle, Wash.; loss, \$7,000,000.
42. Tornado in Lewis and Jefferson counties, N. Y. Great loss to crops caused by high water in Indiana.
43. Disastrous storm; damage done to life and property in New York, Brooklyn and Newark, N. J.; three churches burned by lightning. Holyoke, Mass., mills ruined by the bursting of the canal locks.
44. 45 houses burned in Grinnell, Ia., which was

entirely destroyed by a tornado some years ago.
76 killed in railway Sunday school excursion accident near Arrah, Ireland.
40 persons buried in the ruins of a market in the City of Mexico; 8 dead.
17. 15 acres burned over in Montreal.
22. Business center of Vancouver, Wash., destroyed by fire.
24. 25 houses burned at Johnston, Pa.
25. 6,000 lives reported lost by flood in provinces of Chingping and Ping Yuen, China. Washout and accident on Norfolk and Western railroad near Maxton, Va.; 12 killed.
3. Fire-damp explosion at St. Etienne, France; 185 killed.
4. 40 people drowned by the overflow of the river Indus.
Disastrous cloudburst near Amsterdam, N. Y.; Johnston, N. Y., suffered severely.
22. T. M. Brown, a railroad president of Denver, Colo., drowned in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.
23. 18 persons reported drowned in the West Virginia floods.
28. Severe winds in Chicago; 7 killed by falling buildings.
29. 30. Damaging storms in Delaware, Maryland, the Ohio valley, the lake region and on the Atlantic coast; dams near Plainfield, N. J., carried away; loss of life and property sustained.
30. Earthquake destroyed Kionosu, Japan.
31. Destructive floods in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
32. Spokane Falls, Wash., destroyed by fire; loss \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000.
14. 15. Great damage by storms in the west; several hundred people rendered homeless by floods in Lincoln, Neb.; great storm on the Atlantic coast.
19. Land slides and floods in province of Kii, Japan; 12,500 killed.
20. \$7,000,000 fire at Port Costa, Cal., destroying elevator and three ships.
27. 129 persons buried by earthquakes at Kuenzork, on the Russian frontier.
28. Forest fires in Montana. Two towns destroyed.
29. 60 miners killed by an explosion in a Scotland colliery.
30. 125 persons killed and 300 injured and large amount of property destroyed at Antwerp, Belgium, by explosion of cartridges; loss, \$5,000,000.
31. Great damage along the New Jersey coast by high seas. Many lives lost and great damage sustained by shipping; 40 lives lost at Delaware Breakwater alone.
12. Destructive fire in Louisville, Ky.; 6 firemen killed.
19. Landslide in Quebec killed several people and destroyed a number of houses; 25 bodies recovered.
27. Railroad accident at Palatine Bridge, N. Y., on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R.; 5 killed.
28. Railroad accident in Italy; 50 killed.
29. Cyclone did much damage on the Campeachy coast; 34 vessels wrecked.
10 killed and 50 injured in a railroad accident near Stuttgart, Germany.
3. Steamboat Corona blown up on the Mississippi river; 39 killed.
6. Severe hurricanes in Sardinia killed many people and destroyed much property.
7. Bates house in Indianapolis burned.
8. Residence of Clem Studebaker at South Bend, Ind., burned; loss, \$300,000.
12. Dr. Talmage's Brooklyn Tabernacle destroyed by fire.
15. 6 killed and 2 injured by an accident on an inclined railroad at Cincinnati, O.
16. 50 miners killed by an explosion in an English colliery.
23. Survivors of the wrecked steamer Earnmore blown down at Niagara Falls.
19. Railroad accident at Elmwood, Mich.; Lieut. Gov. McDonald of Michigan killed.
21. 7 sailors drowned in Massachusetts bay during storm.
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POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES.

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- 1. Congress reconvened after the holidays.
2. West Virginia supreme court granted a motion to prevent the legislature from declaring a vote that elects Groff, Republican, on the face of the returns.
3. Deadlock broken in house, Mr. Weaver having made an agreement with the Democrats.
4. E. O. Wolcott elected to the United States senate by the legislature of Colorado; Anthony Higgins by that of Delaware, and Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Frye, of Maine, re-elected.
5. Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, re-elected.
6. Senators McMahon, of New Jersey, Cullom, of Illinois, Hanson, of North Carolina, and Coke, of Texas, re-elected.
7. In the senate the substitute for the Mills bill passed by a party vote.
8. W. D. Washburn elected to United States senate by the Minnesota legislature; Senators Plumb, of Kansas, and Dolph, of Oregon, re-elected by the legislature of the United States senate.
9. Senator Berry re-elected from Arkansas.
10. British extradition treaty rejected by the senate.
11. President Cleveland submitted to congress Bismarck's proposal to renew the Samoan conference and the protocols in the case.
12. Civil Service Commissioner A. P. Edgerly removed by President Cleveland.
13. Harrison and Morton officially declared elected president and vice president of the United States.
14. House voted to eliminate New Mexico from the territorial bill and to admit the two Dakotas, Washington and Montana.
15. Gilman Marston appointed United States senator from New Hampshire.
16. Commercial treaty between Japan and the United States signed.
17. Senator Kenna re-elected from West Virginia.
18. President Cleveland approved the bill creating four new states.
19. President Harrison inaugurated.
20. T. W. Palmer, of Michigan, named United States minister to Spain; J. F. Swift to Japan; J. D. Washburn, consul general to Switzerland.
21. West Virginia supreme court decided that the failure of the legislature to declare result of late election rendered office vacant and entitled Governor Wilson to the place till the result be legally declared.
22. Prohibition defeated in New Hampshire.
23. Ex-Governor Porter, of Indiana, appointed United States minister to Italy; J. A. Egan, of Illinois, minister to Denmark; A. C. Mellette, governor of Dakota.
24. Louis Wolsey made governor of Arizona.
25. J. S. Clarkson made first assistant postmaster general.
26. J. A. Kasson, W. W. Phelps and George H. Burt, nominated commissioners to the Samoan conference at Berlin.
27. Senator Chase of Rhode Island resigned.
28. W. W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, named for minister to Norway and Sweden; Samuel R. Thayer, of Minnesota, minister to the Netherlands; Charles E. Mitchell, of Connecticut, commissioner of patents, and J. W. Mason, of West Virginia, commissioner of internal revenue.
29. Whitehall Field nominated United States minister to France; Julius Goldsmith, of Wisconsin, consul to Vienna. Nomination of Ed-

ward Schuyler to be assistant secretary of state withdrawn.
30. F. D. Grant named minister to Austria; John C. New made consul general to London.
31. Miles Seymour nominated for governor of Washington Territory.
32. James Tanner nominated commissioner of petroleum.
33. Frederick E. Warren made governor of Wyoming and Benjamin F. White governor of Montana.
34. R. T. Lincoln named minister to England, Murat Halstead to Germany, Allen Thorndike Rice to Russia, George B. Loring to Portugal, Patrick Egan to Chili and Thomas Ryan to Mexico.
35. Senate rejected Murat Halstead for minister to Germany.
36. Robert Adams, Jr., of Pennsylvania, nominated minister to Brazil; L. B. Mizeener, of California, to the Central American states; William L. Scruggs, of Georgia, to Venezuela; W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, to Korea, and George L. Shoup to be governor of Idaho.
37. John Talbot, of New Hampshire, made minister to Colombia, and D. H. Terrell, of Texas, to Belgium.
38. John M. Huston, of Indiana, made treasurer of the United States.
39. United States senate adjourned.
40. Cornelius Van Cott made postmaster at New York and Joel D. Ehrhart collector of customs.
41. Nathan F. Dixon elected to the United States senate, in place of Jonathan Claess, of Rhode Island, resigned.
42. Lyman E. Knapp, of Vermont, appointed governor of Alaska.
43. William P. Heppner, of Iowa, made solicitor of the United States treasury.
44. E. C. Lacey, of Michigan, made comptroller of the currency.
45. Robert P. Porter, of New York, appointed superintendent of the census.
46. Prohibition defeated in Massachusetts.
47. Frank W. Palmer, of Illinois, appointed public printer; Theodore Roosevelt and Arthur S. Thompson, of South Carolina, civil service commissioners; Arthur L. Thomas governor of Utah.
48. Elections in both Dakotas won by Republicans.
49. Solomon Clark, of Oregon, made minister to Turkey; Clark E. Carr, of Illinois, to Denmark; Henry W. Severance, of California, consul general at Honolulu; John Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, consul at Birmingham; Thomas H. Shearman, of District of Columbia, at Liverpool.
50. S. B. Holliday, of Pennsylvania, made commissioner of customs.
51. Beverly Tucker and Lew Wallace appointed special envoys to Hayti; appointments afterwards withdrawn.
52. Col. Kelton appointed adjutant general of the United States army.
53. Thomas J. Morgan, of Rhode Island, appointed commissioner of Indian affairs.
54. Calvin S. Rice elected chairman of the national Democratic committee.
55. Prohibition defeated in Pennsylvania.
56. William E. Chandler elected United States senator from New Hampshire.
57. Rhode Island repealed prohibition.
58. John L. Stevens, of Maine, appointed minister to the Hawaiian Islands; George Mooney, of Tennessee, to Paraguay and Uruguay; J. M. Crawford, of Ohio, to be consul general at St. Petersburg.
59. W. W. Phelps, of New Jersey, appointed minister to Germany.
60. Frederick Douglass appointed minister to Hayti.
61. Capt. Meredith made chief of the bureau of the engraving and printing.
62. A. L. Snowden, of Pennsylvania, made minister to Romania, Servia and Greece; W. H. Edwards, of Ohio, consul general to Berlin; A. O. Bourn, of Rhode Island, to Rome; Eugene Schuyler, of New York, consul general to Cairo.
63. H. A. Taylor, of Wisconsin, made commissioner of railroads, and T. C. Mendenhall, Indiana, superintendent of coast survey.
64. J. B. G. Plékin, of Louisiana, appointed minister to the Argentine Confederation.
65. Professor William T. Harris appointed commissioner of education.
66. W. G. Veazey, of Vermont, appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission.
67. Thomas H. Anderson, of Ohio, appointed United States minister to the United States of Bolivia.
68. Pension Commissioner Tanner resigned, resignation accepted.
69. A. A. Greff, of Omaha, appointed commissioner of the general land office.
70. Elections in North and South Dakota and Montana. The Republicans carried the first two named. In the last named the result was very close. Prohibition won in North Dakota.
71. Prohibition defeated in Connecticut.
72. Gen. Green B. Raum appointed United States commissioner of pensions.
73. Commodore Ramsay appointed chief of the bureau of hydrography.
74. John Field appointed postmaster at Philadelphia.
75. Postmaster General Wanamaker made public an order fixing government telegraph rates for the current official year.
76. State entrusting board of Montana gave the state to the Republicans, save in the case of the governor; senate tie; house small Republican majority.
77. Elections held in the various states for state officers.
78. Gilbert A. Pierce elected United States senator from North Dakota.
79. First session of the Fifty-first congress begun; Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, made speaker of the house; Rev. Mr. Milburn, the blind preacher, Democratic candidate, elected chaplain of the house.
80. David J. Brewer appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.
81. Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, re-elected president pro tem.
82. Speaker Reed appointed Mr. McKinley chairman of ways and means committee; Mr. Cannon of appropriations and Judge Kelley of manufactures.
83. In California, Owen Brown, only survivor of the famous raid at Harper's Ferry, aged 74.
84. In New York, Helen D. Gould, wife of Jay Gould, aged 51.
85. Rev. Dr. Alexander T. McGill, of Princeton, aged 62.
86. In Munich, Di Murska, prima donna, aged 45; her daughter, broken hearted, poisoned herself.
87. In New York, Jane J. Jouliny Biglow, wife of John Biglow, aged 62.
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