

THE EVENTS OF A YEAR.

A Condensed Diary of the Past Twelve Months.

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF 1896.

Full List of Disasters by Land and Sea, Social, Philanthropic and Religious Events, the Obituary Roll and Index of Everything Worth Noting.

The following record of the leading events of the year 1896 has been carefully compiled for immediate or future reference:

JANUARY.

1. Fire: \$225,000 damage at the residence of Hon. P. P. Mast, Springfield, O. 7 buildings destroyed at Coffeyville, Kan.; loss, \$105,000.
Obituary: Dr. George Marx, famous entomologist in Washington; aged 55.
Obituary: David H. Craig, the first general manager of the Associated Press, at Asbury Park.

FEBRUARY.

1. Fire: The Toronto Globe building and others burned during a blizzard; loss, over \$1,000,000; several firemen killed.
Obituary: Rev. Dr. King, famous for aid given to escaping slaves in Clifton, Ont.; aged 82.
Obituary: Gen. Philip Sidney Post, a distinguished Union veteran and a congressman from Illinois, in Washington; aged 82.
Political: Uprising in Hawaii in the interests of the deposed queen.

MARCH.

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APRIL.

1. Fire: The business portion of the city of St. Louis destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.
Obituary: David M. Stone, former editor of the Journal of Commerce, in New York city; aged 78.
Disaster: 5 workmen killed and 5 injured by boiler explosion at Woburn, Mass.
8. Henry Hammon, noted abolitionist, at Danielsonville, Conn.; aged 81. Rev. Barton H. Cartwright, a pioneer Methodist of the west, at Oregon, Illa.; aged 85. Jack Wallace, once the wealthiest landholder in Atlanta, died at Sherman, Tex.; aged 85.
Obituary: John A. Harris, a Confederate veteran, at Louisa, near Louisville.
Disaster: 3 five story buildings fell in Wheeling, burying 10 men in the ruins; 6 deaths; property loss, \$200,000; among the victims

17. Criminal: Mudge Yorks (Margaret Lryde), actress, murdered in Philadelphia by James B. Gentry.
18. Fire: Business places burned at Hamilton, N. Y.; loss, \$200,000.
Obituary: Eliza D. Hamill, one of Chicago's oldest residents; aged 85.
Conventions: The annual convention of Superintendents' National association convened in Cleveland. The fourth congress of the Daughters of the Revolution opened in Washington.
20. Obituary: Frederick Douglass at Washington; aged 78.
Obituary: Ex-Gov. Benjamin F. Prescott of New Hampshire at Epping, N. H.; aged 82.
Convention: The ninth annual convention of the Newspaper Publishers' association met in New York.
22. Fire: Several cottages and boarding houses burned at Hot Springs.
23. Personal: Gen. Matt W. Ransom, senator from North Carolina, appointed minister to Mexico.
24. Obituary: Gen. Joseph B. Carr, a prominent Union veteran, in Troy, N. Y.; aged 67.
Criminal: Capt. Howgate, accused of embezzlement and forgery, acquitted.
25. Conventions: The National Dairy association met in an early session at Washington. The third annual session of butts and cheese makers began at Rockford, Illa. and cheese makers began at Rockford, Illa.
26. Obituary: Ex-Judge Richard O'Gorman, once a prominent Fenian, in New York city; aged 74.

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11. Crime: A Wells-Fargo express wagon robbed of \$15,000 in Colorado; the messenger slain; loss, \$200,000.
12. Fire: Warehouse burned at Benicoid, Colo.; loss, \$150,000.
13. Fire: At Plattburg, Mo., the courthouses and all the buildings on one side of the river were destroyed by fire; loss about \$200,000.
Obituary: James W. Scott, editor and publisher of the Chicago Times-Herald, in New York city; aged 70.
Obituary: Prof. James Dwight Dana of Yale, New Haven; aged 82.
15. Obituary: Dr. John P. Blackmar, prominent prohibitionist, at Springfield, Mass.
Earthquake: Heavy shocks in Italy and Australia.
16. Obituary: Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, prominent Republican leader, at Brookline, Mass.
17. Obituary: R. C. Wickliffe, ex-governor of Louisiana, at Shelbyville, Ky.
Obituary: The artist, in New York city; aged 65.
The fifth international convention of the Young Women's Christian association opened in Pittsburgh.
19. Obituary: Charles K. Knox, the well known New York artist; aged 77.
20. Sporting: Eddie Bald lowered his riding record a second in California by riding a mile in 2:04.
21. Fire: Fire in the school of arts at Chalons-sur-Marne, France, destroyed exhibition models and machines valued at 1,000,000 francs.
Obituary: Paul Fenimore Cooper, son of the novelist, in Albany; aged 70.
22. Obituary: Albert Young, "grand patriarch of the Roman people of the continent," died at Ross Park, opposite St. Louis; he was 64 years old.
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2. Fire: Cameron, W. Va. almost wholly destroyed by fire; a relief train from Wheeling wrecked and 8 men killed.
Obituary: William Steinhart, a pioneer merchant of California in San Francisco; aged 62.
3. Obituary: Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, LL. D., late of the Indiana State university, at Riverside, Cal.; aged 81.
4. Obituary: Theophilus Adam Wylie, emeritus professor of ancient languages in the University of Indiana, at Bloomington, Ind.; aged 85.
Miscellaneous: Christian Endeavor annual convention opened in Boston. Destructive storms and tornadoes in Minnesota and Oklahoma.
10. Obituary: Henry Prouse Cooper, formerly a well known New York tailor, in New York; aged 80.
Obituary: Senor Zorilla, noted Spanish republican leader, at Madrid; aged 61.
Obituary: Dr. A. Miner, D. D., minister and pastor emeritus of the Second Universalist church and a prominent prohibitionist in Boston; aged 81.
Disaster: A 50 horsepower engine exploded at West River, Mass., wrecking a 3 story building; people killed and 7 injured.
Personal: Harriet Beecher Stowe celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday at Hartford.
15. Fire: At Bridgeport, Ct., fire destroyed wholesale drug store, hotel, 2 banks and several retail establishments; loss, \$100,000.
16. Fire: An incendiary fire destroyed a church, 2 newspaper offices and several stores; loss, \$225,000.
17. The World's Woman's Christian conference opened in London.
18. Obituary: W. H. Sheffield, head of the great drug firm, in New York city; aged 59.
19. Fire: Power house and cars of the street railway in Seattle, Wash., burned; loss, \$300,000.
20. Obituary: Henry B. Houston, "father of the transportation interests in Pennsylvania," in Philadelphia; aged 75.
Emperor William laid the keystone of the Kaiser Wilhelm (Kiel) canal.
22. The solder bicycle courier Matthey ended his 184 days' ride from New York to Chicago.
23. Miscellaneous: Lord Rosebery and his ministry resigned. Columbia won the triangular boat race at Poughkeepsie over Cornell and Pennsylvania.
Obituary: Thomas Henry Huxley, the scientist, at Eastbourne, England; aged 70 years.
Obituary: M. D. Boruck, a pioneer editor of California, in San Francisco; aged 61.
Obituary: David A. Daboll, an evangelist, in Delaware; aged 61.
27. Fire: San Francisco swept by the largest fire known there in over 50 years.
28. Sporting: Yale defeated Harvard by 6 1/2 goals at New London, Conn.
29. Personal: Prof. Thomas H. Huxley, the scientist, at Eastbourne, England; aged 70.
Ex-President Peixoto of Brazil, near Rio Janeiro; aged 66.
Daniel Cady Eaton, professor of botany at Yale, in New Haven; aged 61.
Gen. Green Clay Smith, a Union veteran, at Washington; aged 68.

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Obituary: Frank M. Pixley, a veteran journalist, at San Francisco.
2. Fire: 2 factories, 14 dwellings and other premises burned in Philadelphia; loss, \$300,000.
Obituary: Lucien Napoleon Bonaparte Wynn, French explorer and engineer, in Paris.
Obituary: Dr. William Dean, noted Baptist missionary among the orientals, at San Diego, Cal.; aged 85.
Conventions: The first national convention of commercial lawyers opened in Detroit. The seventeenth conference of the American Library association began in Denver. The National Association of New Dealers met in Brooklyn.
14. Obituary: Baron Christian Bernard von Tauchnitz, the European publisher, at Leipzig; aged 79.
Thomas Howden, famous artist, at Norristown, Pa.
American Pharmaceutical association opened at Denver.
15. Obituary: P. F. Roethermel, painter of the "Battle of Gettysburg" and other celebrated pictures, at Linfield, Pa.
Gen. John D. Gordon, famous Confederate cavalryman, at Abingdon; aged 75.
16. Obituary: Gen. Samuel Bell Maxey, a Confederate veteran and ex-U. S. senator from Texas, at Eureka Springs, Ark.; aged 79.
17. thirtieth annual reunion of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers opened at Pittsburgh.
18. Obituary: Ex-Justice William Strong of the U. S. supreme court, at Lake Minnetonka, N. Y.; aged 87.
Leonard W. Volk, the sculptor, at Oscoda, Wis.; aged 66.
Disaster: 7 people drowned at Ocean City, Md., from an overworked skiff.
19. Disaster: Boiler explosion and fire destroyed the Gurney hotel, Denver; 25 deaths.
Fire: The Union steamboat dock and warehouse and other property burned in Milwaukee; loss, \$300,000.
Obituary: Ex-Gov. Luzon B. Morris of Connecticut, at New Haven; aged 68.
25. Fire: 26 buildings burned; loss, \$125,000.
Obituary: H. O. Houghton, head of the Boston publishing house, at North Andover, Mass.; aged 78.
26. Obituary: Patrick Gavan Duffy, formerly police justice and known as the "little judge," at Toms River, N. J.
27. Obituary: Gen. Ely S. Parker, an Indian who served on Grant's staff, at Fairfield, Conn.
SEPTEMBER.

1. Obituary: Marshal McDonald, U. S. commissioner of fish and fisheries, in Washington.
Miscellaneous: Sedan day, twenty-fifth anniversary of the French surrender celebrated throughout Germany. Earthquake shock in the eastern states.
2. Disaster: A 100 ton steam locomotive dashed into a crowd of people on the Coney Island railroad; 70 people injured.
3. Fire: Phoenix Flour mills burned in Evansville, Ind.; loss, \$110,000.
4. Fire: Boston and Albany wharf and freight sheds in Boston destroyed by fire; loss, \$500,000.
Obituary: Sven Lovén, distinguished Swedish naturalist, aged 87.
William Henry Hurbiton, the American journalist, at Cambridge, Italy; aged 68.
Gen. A. V. Kautz, U. S. A., retired, in Seattle, Wash.; aged 67.
5. Obituary: Peter Stiers, a locomotive engineer who had been on the rail 46 years, at Bethlehem, Pa.; aged 73.
6. Obituary: Henry Tenney, "father of the West telegraph," near Rhinebeck, N. Y.; aged 81.
Disaster: 35 miners entombed by fire in the Osceola mine at Houghton, Mich.; 30 deaths.
Sporting: The American yacht Defender won the first race against Valkyrie III by 30 minutes and 49 seconds.
8. Fire: Bowler's brewery burned at Amsterdam, N. Y.; loss, \$300,000.
9. The G. A. R. met in annual encampment at New York.
10. Obituary: Harrison Millard, popular song writer, in New York city; aged 65.
Sporting: Valkyrie III fouled the American yacht Defender and won by 47 seconds.
11. Obituary: Henry Lindenmeyer, well known paper dealer of New York, in that city; aged 60.
Disaster: 5 killed and many injured in a head end collision on the Great Northern near Melby, Minn.
Obituary: Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hall, prominent Episcopal divine, in Brooklyn; aged 75.
Sporting: Lord Dunraven withdrew the English yacht Valkyrie III, giving the race for the America's cup to the Defender.
14. Obituary: Prof. Sigismund Lasar, prominent instructor and composer, in Brooklyn; aged 75.
The Mora indemnity of \$1,419,000 paid by Spain.
17. Fire: The business portion of Dodge, Neb., destroyed by fire; loss, \$150,000.
18. Fire: A \$750,000 blaze in the business portion of Indianapolis. 1 death and a property loss of \$75,000 in a fire at Oshkosh, Wis.
Obituary: Marian Sefton, one of the oldest actresses in America, dwelling at Navesink Highlands, N. J.; born in England in 1810.
Miscellaneous: A storm destroyed several lives and \$150,000 worth of property in Michigan. The Atlanta exhibition formally opened.
19. Fire: 6 lumber dry kilns burned at Washington, N. C.; loss, \$130,000.
Obituary: Charles Le Clercq, well known actor, in New York city; aged 72.
Alex H. Ritchie, formerly well known as an artist and engraver, in New Haven; aged 75.
Disaster: The Spanish cruiser Sanchez Barcatalugi run down and sunk in the harbor of Havana; 3 officers and 33 sailors drowned.
20. Fire: At Green Bay, Wis., \$125,000 lost by fire.
21. Obituary: Prof. Abraham Victor Rydberg, Swedish author, at Stockholm.
22. Fire: Lumber yards and mills burned at Fond du Lac, Wis.; loss, \$250,000.
23. Fire: Paper mill and dwelling burned at Newburg, N. Y.; loss, \$125,000.
24. Convention: The Catholic Young Men's National union convention in St. Louis.
25. Obituary: Hon. E. W. Bull, a prominent agriculturist, originator of the Concord grape, in Concord, Mass.; aged 89.
26. Obituary: Prof. Louis Pallens of Dartmouth, noted scholar in French and German, at Hanover; aged 67.
27. French army entered the capital of Madagascar.
28. Fire: At Superior, Minn., the elevator of the Dalsey Flour mill burned. A \$185,000 factory fire at Woonsocket, R. I.
OCTOBER.

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Obituary: Charles E. Brown, the first male schoolteacher in Chicago, died at Glenese, Illa.
2. Fire: At Cambridge, O., fire destroyed Linden hotel, Taylor block, city; aged 47.
Obituary: Gen. Orlando M. Poe, U. S. engineers, at Detroit; aged 62.
Personal: Maj. Gen. Miles ordered to command the army in place of Lieut. Gen. Schofield, retired.
3. Obituary: Harry Wright, veteran baseball manager, died at Atlantic City.
4. Obituary: Prof. Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen of Columbia college, well known as an author and critic, in New York city; aged 47.
5. Obituary: Prof. Henry Maurice Willkomm, distinguished German botanist.
Sporting: Yale athletes defeated Cambridge at Manhattan field, winning 8 out of 11 events and the international collegiate championship.
6. Obituary: George I. Tysen, president of the American News company, at Riverside, Conn.
Miss Ada Cavendish, the actress, died in London.
William Westmore Story, distinguished American sculptor and poet, at Vallombrosa, Italy; aged 78.
7. Obituary: Gen. William Mahone, a prominent Confederate veteran and ex-U. S. senator from Virginia, at Washington; aged 69.
8. Disaster: 90 people injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad near Pittsburgh.
9. Obituary: Dr. Albert E. Foote, distinguished mineralogist, expired suddenly while at the Atlanta exposition.
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