Past Year in Review

Chronological Record of Most Important Happenings at Home and Abroad During 1904

Russo-Japanese War

Feb. 4—Diplomatic relations severed by action of Japan.

MARSHAL OYAMA.

8—Japan wins first naval engagement....Issues official statement setting forth position....Sec'y Hay sends note inviting France, England and Germany to join U. S. in preserving China's integrity.
16—Russians capture Newchwang....Russian cruiser Boyarin blown up, 157 of crew lost....600 Russians frozen to death crossing Lake Baikal.
17—Japan agrees to Hay note.
18—Russia issues proclamation declaring she was unprepared for war. Charges Japan with treachery.
19—5,000 Russians drowned by breaking trough ice on Lake Baikal.
23—In preliminary Yalu river battles 2,500 Russians are killed.
22—Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers taken by Japs.
29—Russian torpedo boat sunk, Port Arthur.
Mar. 1—Japan denies Russia's charges, saying Russia forced war.
7—Two Jap cruisers sunk off Vladivostok.
11—Russia and Japan each lose torpedo boat in Port Arthur battle.
15—China sends mission to Alexieff to declare neutrality.
18—Russians cross Yalu on Manchurian raid....Japs cross Yalu; take Fentaumchengo....Japanese defeat Cossacks near Anju.....American and British flags hauled down by Russians at Newchwang, violating treaty rights.
30—Japanese almost succeed in blocking Port Arthur harbor.
Apr. 12—Russian battleship Petropavlovsk sunk off Port Arthur; 800 of crew drowned, including Vice Admiral Makaroff and Vassili Verestchagin.
14—Skrydloff succeeds Makaroff, in command of Black sea fleet.
15—Russian torpedo boat destroyer Brezatrasni destroyed....Popedia badly damaged.
19—Alexieff relieved by Skrydloff.
22—During the placing of mines in Port Arthur harbor, Lieut. Pell and 20 men are killed.
25—Attempt by kings of England and Denmark to end war fails.
29—Vladivostok squadron sinks 4 Japanese transports.
29—Russian submarine boat sunk by Japanese, 600 lives lost.
May 1—Japs rout Russians in Yalu river battle. Jap losses, 900; Russian over 2,000.
2—Russia loses in battle of Kiulencheng 2,000 men and 40 officers....73 Japanese officers and men killed and drowned in sinking of transport by Russians.
3—Attempt by Togo to bottle Port Arthur fails.
4—Port Arthur bottled.
5—Togo's fleet bombards Port Arthur for two days....Viceroy Alexieff escapes from Port Arthur, fearing siege.
12—Dalny blown up by Russians.
13—Japanese torpedo boat destroyed off Dalny.
15—Chinese hostilities against Russia begun....Japs lose two warships off Port Arthur.
16—Japanese dispatch boat Miyako sunk.
17—Russians evacuate Newchwang....Russian cruiser sunk by Japanese fleet off Katsumoto.
20—Japanese routed in advance on Mukden.
24—Antu destroyed by Russians....Togo sinks Russian battleship in assault on Port Arthur.
26—Kinchou and Nanshan taken by Japs. Japanese loss, 744; Russian, 850.
29—Dalny captured by Japs.
Jun. 3—Russian gunboat Otliak sunk.
8—Russians take Siamatsza....Japanese attack on Port Arthur repulsed.
10—Japs take Siuyen.
12—Two Jap battalions slain in ambush.
14—Two Jap transports sunk; 1,000 die.
18—Japanese transport Idzumi sunk.

GEN. KUROPATKIN.

22—Russians lose 1,200 in battle near Kinchou.
22—Admiral and 750 Russians drowned in battle.
29—Kaiping taken by Japan.
30—Russian regiment annihilated near Port Arthur.
Jul. 12—Port Arthur attack repulsed; 30,000 killed, wounded.
14—Yinkow occupied by Japs....Japs take Kiaotiung and Liaoyang.
21—Lieut. Count Keller killed. Yamse pass
26—Russians defeated in 14-hour battle at Taitchekiao.
Aug. 14—Vladivostok fleet nearly annihilated....17 Jap killed and wounded; Russian loss, 17,000.
16—Surrender of Port Arthur demanded by Japanese.
26—Big twelve-day battle near Liaoyang results in great Jap victory.
Sep. 22—Ta pass taken by Japs.
23—Czar virtually deposes Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief by giving Gripenberg a second army.
24—Jap tunnel into Port Arthur completed.
Oct. 5—Peace congress asks for end of war.
9—Russians take Mukden and Bentziaputze....Jap gunboat Heiyen wrecked at Pigeon bay, 157 drowned.
19—Great battle of Shakhe river ends in overwhelming Jap victory.
21—Number of Russians killed in battle of Shakhe river, 12,000; wounded, 55,868.
23—Russian Baltic fleet fires on fleet of English vessels in North Sea, killing a captain and mate, wounding a score and sinking ship.
24—Great Britain demands explanation of Russia for North sea incident.
25—Oyama reports casualties in Shakhe river battle to be 15,879....Alexieff appoints Kuropatkin commander-in-chief of all land forces....Czar expresses regret at action of Baltic fleet.
27—Japanese capture village of Jerdagan after long fight.
29—Danger of war between Russia and England averted by agreement to leave dispute to The Hague commission.
Nov. 2—Week's attack on Port Arthur results in great damage to fort....Departure of Russian Baltic fleet from Vigo, Spain, causes war scare in England.
6—10,000 Japs killed and wounded at Port Arthur in last 3 months.
16—Japan offers through England to end war. Offer spurned by Russia....Mine explosion at Port Arthur kills 700 Russians....Gen. Stoessel asks armistice.
18—Kuroki reported killed by shell. Report declared false.
19—Russian destroyer Rastoropny blown up by own officers.
21—Japanese ships capture German vessel trying to run Port Arthur blockade.
22—Gen. Kuroki reported killed.
30—Japanese capture 203-Meter Hill at Port Arthur, losing 15,000 men....Russian cruiser Saiyen sunk by mine.
Dec. 7—Russian battleship Peresviet sunk by Japanese shells in Port Arthur harbor.
8—Reported that all Russian battleships and cruisers are sunk or destroyed.
9—Czar recalls Baltic fleet from far east.
14—Russian battleship Sevastopol, last of Port Arthur fleet, torpedoed.
16—Seven Russians escape from Port Arthur with dispatches for czar.
18—Japs torpedo Russian battleship Sevastopol, losing two torpedo boats.
26—Reports say Gen. Krondechenko, Port Arthur, is killed and Stoessel badly injured.

Business Failures

Jan. 14—Auburn (Ind.) Farmers' bank.
16—Mt. Ayr (Ia.) Citizens' bank; $450,000.
22—Cleveland (O.) Produce Exchange bank and branches at Belford, Hudson and Defiance.
25—Elkhart (Ind.) Nat. bank.
30—New York, A. B. Baxter & Co., cotton brokers; $2,000,000.
Feb. 2—New Orleans, Kirby Lumber Co. and Houston Oil Co....Clarksburg (W. Va.) Traders' Nat. bank.
9—McGruder (Tex.) Citizens' Nat. bank.
10—New York Equitable Nat. bank....Bank of Dunn, N. C.
11—Syracuse (N. Y.) Exchange Nat. bank; $500,000.
15—Pella (Ia.) Savings bank.
23—Opelika (Ala.) bank; $150,000....Taunton (Mass.) bank; $600,000.
Mar. 2—Le Sueur (Minn.) bank; $95,000.
11—Garden Grove and Cohi (Ia.) banks.
18—Daniel Sully, New York cotton king; $17,000,000.
21—Lonaconing (Md.) Savings bank.
22—Riverside (Cal.) bank....E. O. Miller, banker, Providence, Ia....National bank of Holdenville, Ind. T., suspends operations.
31—Union Trust, Boston; $1,600,000....Federal Trust, Cleveland; $1,000,000.
Apr. 4—Capital Nat. bank, Guthrie, Okla.; $1,032,000....W. B. Mack, New York.
5—Citizens' bank, McLeod, Okla....Akron (O.) Savings bank....Chicago Women's Business club.
6—Wanzer & Co., Chicago grain merchants.....Dow City (Ia.) Exchange bank....Buck Grove (Ia.) bank.
18—McCoy's bank, Heusselaer, Ind.
May 12—Farmers' State bank, Nardin, Okla.
21—First national bank of Cape May, N. J., closed by special order.
Jul. 27—First Nat. bank, Saratoga, N. Y....Grinnel (Ia.) First Nat. bank.
28—Mauston (Wis.) bank.
Oct. 11—Bank of Plainfield, Wis., closed by state commissioner.
Nov. 11—Federal Stock and Grain Co., Boston, assigns, liabilities $150,000.
17—Because of run, Berlin, Wis., bank closes.
22—Janney Co., Ottumwa, Ia., goes to receiver.
25—Davenport, Wash., national bank declared insolvent.
28—Gen. Coxey, of Mount Vernon, O., bankrupt. Liabilities, $287,000.
Dec. 8—C. H. Slack & Co., prominent Chicago grocers. Liabilities, $167,000; assets, $100,000.
20—First national bank, Conneaut, and Marine bank, Conneaut Harbor, O., suspend.
22—Dedham savings bank, Dedham, Ia., closed.

Foreign

Jan. 12—Persia recognizes independence of Panama.
13—Treaty signed with China opening Mukden and Antungin, Manchuria, to world's commerce.
Feb. 4—Yaqui Indians hold up stage near Las Cruces, Mex., killing 6.
5—San Domingo insurgents fire on U. S. launch, kill engineer.
18—Report given out of death of dowager empress of China....Lieut. MacRae and six privates killed in patrolling island of Samar.
17—Dr. Amador elected first pres. of Panama....Port of Wiju opened by Korean government to world's commerce.
18—20,000 Albians rout 2,500 Turks at Babafbost, 800 Turks killed....Port Arthur lifes on and detains British steamer.
21—14 killed, 29 injured, in Paris celluloid factory.
26—French-Spanish arbitration treaty signed.
29—12 die in St. Felicien, Quebec, fire.
Mar. 6—Field Marshal Waldersee, Germany, dies.
15—Paderewski, noted pianist, expelled from Russia because of remark to czar.
16—27 die in Madagascar magazine explosion.
20—Dublin harbor, 22 drowned.
27—Tornado kills 20 and causes much damage on island of Mauritius.
Apr. 4—Earthquake kills 28, injures 40 and destroys 1,500 homes in Macedonia.
8—French-English treaty signed giving various rights.
9—Isabella, queen of Spain, dies.
12—Premier Maura, Spain, attacked in Barcelona.
13—British torpedo boat destroyer grounded and wrecked.
20—109 miners buried by avalanche near Fragelato, Italy.
24—18 Polish revolutionists hanged at Warsaw.
27—43 Africans killed in fall of 2,000 feet in Johannesburg mine.
28—20 die in cave-in of Seville mine.
May 12—In attack on Kiawang colony in British North Borneo, 120 massacred by rebels.
18—Chinese imperial edict opens 5 ports.... Attempt made to assassinate czar of Russia.
20—Second anniversary of Cuba's independence.
22—France recalls ambassador from vatican.
23—Moros band slaughters 53 Filipinos.
Jun. 15—Armenian villages destroyed, 3,000 killed.
16—Count Bobrikoff of Finland assassinated.
19—Swedish revolutionists at Helsingfors, Finland, attack governor's office, killing 18.
23—Nearly 50 killed in Moravian and Hungarian hailstorms.
24—Perdicaris and Varley released by Bandit Raisuli....30 perish in train wreck in Spain.
30—Former Sultan Murad V. of Turkey dies in prison.
Jul. 1—Diaz elected pres. of Mexico.
6—7,000 Thibetans slain in battle with British.
12—31 drowned off New South Wales.
14—Paul Kruger dies at Clarens, Switzerland.
18—200 die from cholera at Teheran, Russia.
19—Germany demands explanation of Russia for seizure of mail steamers.
21—English steamer Mallacca captured by Russians is released.
24—German steamer Scandia, captured by Russian volunteer fleet, released. Fleet ordered to desist....British steamer Knight Commander sunk by Russians.
28—M. von Plehve, Russian minister of foreign affairs, assassinated.
Aug. 9—Turks massacre Armenians and wipe out 3 villages.
11—British subject in Moroccan prison.
12—Son and heir born to czar of Russia.
14—20 drown off coast of Ireland.
23—Czar makes large gifts to Finlanders.
24—Czar's heir christened with great pomp.
26—Assassin of Von Plehve sentenced to death.
30—Massacre of Americans by Chinese boxers threatened....70 drowned at Lodz, Poland....9 die in Richmond (Que.) train wreck.
Sep. 4—Von Plehve's assassin escapes.
15—Queen Helena, Italy, gives birth to heir.
18—Germans massacre 50 Jews at Sasnovitch.
21—Peter crowned king of Servia.
Oct. 1—Sir Harcourt dies at Oxford, England.
4—Bartholdi, French sculptor, dies in Paris.
7—British ship Sishan taken by Japs.
25—Dutch capture Baobalace in Achi after sharp battle.
27—Extradition treaty between Belgium and Cuba concluded.
Nov. 3—Liberals sweep Canada, sustaining Sir Wilfrid Laurier.
4—Fierce riot in French deputy chamber following assault on Gen. Andre....Hundred drowned, French steamer Gironde sinks off Algerian coast.
14—Henry, "Father of French Constitution," dies in Paris, aged 92.
15—Gen. Andre, French war minister, resigns.
25—Swiss confederation signs arbitration treaties with United States, Great Britain and Italy.
Dec. 1—Diaz inaugurated president of Mexico for seventh time.
20—Storm on north coast of Portugal kills 37.
21—AdmiralOmmanney, "father of British navy," dies at Portsmouth, Eng.
26—Czar rejects zemstvos' appeal for constitution.

Casualties

Jan. 2—As result of fire in Iroquois theater, Chicago, in which 601 persons perished, every theater in city is closed.
5—Near Willard, Kan., 17 in Rock Island railroad wreck.
8—In Straits of Juan de Fuca, 52 drowned by sinking of steamer Clallan.
11—Hicks Lake, Mich., 6 by boiler explosion.
13—St. Louis, 8 by falling down elevator shaft....Pratt City, Ala., 5 in burning jail.
18—James City, N. C., 7 by boiler explosion.
20—Johnstown, Pa., 14 in steam pipe explosion.
21—Rouse, Col., 6 in mine cave-in.
22—Off Long Island, 8 in wreck of schooner Augustus Hunt.
25—Cheswick, Pa., 180 by explosion in mine.
26—Victor, Col., 15 by falling of cage in mine.
30—Mahony City, Pa., 5 by boiler explosion.
Feb. 1—Council Bluffs, Ia., 5 in burning home.
5—Trenton, Pa., 6 burned to death.
9—Sand Point, Ont., 14 in railway collision.
17—Family of 6 in Croton (N. Y.) fire.
19—20 in Jackson (Utah) explosion.
22—Ehrenfeld, Pa., 5 in locomotive explosion.
24—Kankakee (Ill.) sugar refinery, 5 in explosion.
25—Dyersville (Ia.) railway wreck, 5.
Mar. 2—20 in collapse of New York building.
6—6 in collapse of Yellow Creek bridge in Ohio.
8—Kewanee, Miss., 9 in collision.
9—In Chicago railway collision, 3.
10—Near Harrisburg, Pa., 4 unidentified in burning box car.
13—Fermanco Waiters and 3 children by burning near Garfield, Ark.
28—Near Brownsville, Pa., 4 in dynamite explosion.
29—Near Chicago, in Lake Calumet, 4 by drowning.
31—Priceburg, Pa., 11 in explosion.
Apr. 3—Albia, Ia., 3 in explosion at Citizen's national bank....At Locust, Ind., 3 in collision of Vandalia freight trains.
8—Near Council Bluffs, Ia., 3 by drowning in Lake Manawa....3 in gas explosion in Washington, D. C.....4 children in same family in burning of school at Sebastopol, Pa.
10—Santa Barbara, Cal., 5 in derailing of street car.
12—Point Sable, Lake Michigan, 8 in grounding of tug.
13—On battleship Missouri, 32 by explosion during target practice.
17—Indianapolis, Ind., 7 as result of fire panic in St. Vincent's hospital.
21—Winona, Minn., 4 tramps, ground to pieces by train.
29—Lansing, Mich., 4 in hotel fire.
May 1—Council Bluffs, Ia., 4 tramps in burning box car.
4—Newport, Ind., 4 in blowing up of Northwestern Powder company's mill.
6—Locust Gap, Pa., 5 miners as result of burning of colliery.
11—Herrin, Ill., 9 in powder explosion.
20—Findlay (O.) explosion; 12.
25—10 miners suffocated by gas in Williamstown, Pa.
30—Near Warwick, Tenn., 6 in dynamite explosion....Salida, Col., 5 drowned in collapse of Arkansas river bridge.
Jun. 2—Near Norwalk, O., 6 in railroad wreck.
6—Independence, Col., 13 by dynamite.
7—In Arkansas river, I. T., 6 drowned.
11—Chicago, 4 in sewer explosion.
13—Glenwood (Ill.) picnic train wrecked, 19. Blame on engineer.
15—1,020 persons perished by burning, crushing and drowning on excursion steamer Slocum in East river, New York.
20—Teal lake, Mich., 4 drowned.
20—Near Ehrenfeld, Pa., 4 in locomotive boiler explosion.
July 3—Steamer Norge sunk in North Atlantic, nearly 700 perishing....25 in Litchfield, Ill., train wreck.
4—Muskegon, Mich., 4 drowned in capsizing of sailboat.
8—Near Stockton, Canada, 7 in dynamite explosion....Thebes, Ill., 7 on Mississippi bridge.
10—In New Jersey excursion train wreck, 17.
15—Pittsburg, Kan., 4 drowned.
Aug. 5—In Mississippi at Alton, Ill., 8 drowned.
8—Train wreck at Pueblo, Col., 160.
11—Gold Hill, N. C., 8 in flooded mine.
14—In Potomac river, 10.
15—Steamer Penguin on African coast is wrecked; 25 die.
Sep. 2—Yellow Creek, W. Va., 7 in oil explosion.
3—St. Louis, Mo., 7 in train wreck....5 in nitro-glycerin explosion near Sandusky, O....5 in capsizing launch on Lake Erie.
5—Near Brycelin, Minn., 3 in boiler explosion.
6—Pendleton, Mo., in train wreck, 8.
11—Delaware river in steamer crash, 8.
21—Melrose, Mass., 10 in dynamite explosion.
22—Near Grove, I. T., 6 in collapse of scaffold on bridge.
23—Pleasant Ridge, O., 9 girls in collapse of school.
24—Near Newmarket, Tenn., 58 in collision on Southern railway.
Oct. 3—Cartersville, Ky., 4 crushed under 100 tons of earth.
6—New York, 4 in plunge of auto over embankment.
9—8 suffocated in St. Clair river (Mich.) tunnel....5 drowned in Pensacola bay, Fla.
10—Near Warrensburg, Mo., 29 in railroad collision.
11—Steamer Wentworth sunk off Cape Cod; 12 drowned.
18—During fiscal year 3,757 killed and 51,343 died in railroad wrecks.
20—Tipton, Mo., 3 in rear end collision of trains.
Nov. 2—In mine at Nanticoke, Pa., 10 in fall of cage to bottom of shaft....9 in collapse of reservoir at Winston, N. C.
13—Near Green River, Wyo., 11 in head-on collision of passenger and freight trains.
18—Grand Crossing, Ill., 4 in gas explosion.
20—Brooklyn, N. Y., 12 in burning tenement.
Dec. 8—Burnett, Wash., 14 miners in explosion of fire damp.
18—Steamer Glen Island destroyed by fire in Long Island sound, 9 die.
19—At mouth of Big Sandy river, Ky., 12 from wood alcohol poisoning....7 in falling walls at Minneapolis, Minn.
22—In mine near Bolivar, Pa., 7 suffocated.
26—In wrecks at Maud's Station and Charleston, Ill., ten.
28—Walville, Wash., 4 in boiler explosion of sawmill.

Lynchings

Jan. 7—Buena Vista, Ark., negro attempted assault on white girl.
14—Butch Riley (negro), near Tallulah, Miss.; murder....Elmore Moseley (negro), in Sussex county, Va., after being acquitted of crime....Jumbo Clark (negro), at White Springs, Fla.; assault.
15—"General" Lee (negro), in Dorchester county, S. C., attempted assault.
Feb. 3—John Winters (negro), at Doddsville, Miss., for murder.
7—Luther Holbert and wife (negroes), burned at stake at Doddsville, Miss., for murder of James Eastland....Two Cleveland (Miss.) negroes for murder....Richmond Dixon (negro) taken from jail by Springfield (O.) mob.
20—Fayette Sawyer and Burke Harris, negroes, charged with murder, at Cleveland, Miss.
21—Montgomery (Tex.) negro for robbery.
25—13 negroes during week's race war at St. Charles, Ark.
Jun. 1—A. Thompson (negro), at Arlington, Ga.; murder.
4—T. M. Myers (negro), near Crooks Covial, Idaho.
15—J. Woods (negro), near La Grange, Ga.
26—S. Durham (negro), at Europa, Miss.
Jul. 1—John Jones (negro), near Cartersville, Ga.
13—Negro, for assault on white man at Clayton, La.
Aug. 16—2 negroes during race war at Statesboro, Ga.
22—Negro assailant of girl shot to death and body burned at Cedartown, Ga.
29—Negro "trusty" at Laramie, Wyo.
30—J. Bumpass (negro), for assault near Hickman, Ky.
Sep. 1—Negro for assault near Crossett, Ark.
6—Bradley, Brunson, Fla.; negro murderer.
Oct. 2—J. Morrison (white), Kershaw, S. C.; assault.

Government and Politics

Jan. 4—Wm. H. Taft (O.) nominated for sec'y of war and Luke Wright (Tenn.) for gen. gov. of Philippines....Pres. sends congress special message on Panama resolution.
5—Gov. Garvin (R. I.) inaugurated for second term.
7—Gov. Bates (Mass.) inaugurated second term....Sec'y Hay informs Gen. Reyes, Colombian envoy, that Panama question will not be reopened.

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8—U. S. Sen. Dietrich acquitted at Omaha, Neb., of bribery.
9—Gen. Chaffee becomes chief of staff U. S. A., succeeding Young.
11—Gov. Herrick (O.) inaugurated.
12—Ex-Cong. Driggs convicted in New York of accepting money for contract while in congress. Sentenced to one day in jail and fine of $10,000....U. S. Sen. Hanna reelected.
13—Gov. Edwin Warfield (Md.) inaugurated.
19—U. S. Sens. A. J. McLaurin and H. D. Money (Miss.) reelected....Gov. Vardaman (Miss.) inaugurated.
23—U. S. Sen. Burton indicted in St. Louis for accepting bribe.
27—U. S. Sen. John W. Daniel (Va.) reelected.
29—Ex-Mayor Ames, Minneapolis, convicted of accepting bribes.
Feb. 1—Taft takes oath of office....Gov. Wright and Vice Gov. Ide inaugurated at Manila.
4—American occupation of Cuba ended by withdrawal of troops.
5—Isidor Raynor (Md., dem.) elected to U. S. senate.
16—W. C. Forbes, Boston, takes Taft's office of civ. gov. of Philippines....George A. Caster elected from 3d Pennsylvania district to occupy vacancy of Henry Burk, deceased.
23—Panama canal treaty ratified by senate.
Mar. 2—Maryland house of delegates passes bill providing separate cars for negroes on railroad trains.
14—Northern Securities company declared unlawful.
23—Buck, Hanna's successor, takes oath.
24—Charges filed against Judge Swayne.
28—U. S. Sen. Burton (Kan.) convicted of bribery.
Apr. 12—McCall committee clears members of house of Bristow charges.
15—Panama canal bill passed in senate.
18—Chinese exclusion bill passed in senate.
19—House passes statehood bill creating states of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.
22—Extradition treaty with Cuba completed.
27—Title to Panama canal given to U. S. on payment of $40,000,000.
28—Second session 58th congress adjourned.
May 5—Don Obaldia appointed minister from Panama to United States.
16—U. S. supreme court orders Turner, alleged anarchist, deported.
Jun. 7—D. J. Murphy elected secretary of Panama commission.
8—Atty. Gen. Knox selected for Quay's place.
22—Republicans nominate Fairbanks and Roosevelt at convention in Chicago.
29—Tenth national prohibition convention held at Indianapolis, Ind.
30—Prohibitionists nominate Swallow and Carroll at Indianapolis.
Jul. 1—Treaty between U. S. and Cuba ratified.
5—Populists nominate Watson and Tibbles at Springfield, Ill.
9—Democrats nominate Parker and Davis at St. Louis.
27—Roosevelt notified of nomination....Thos. Taggart (Ind.) elected democratic chairman.
Aug. 3—Fairbanks notified.
5—Justice White, New York supreme court, calls 8-hour law unconstitutional.
10—Parker notified.
19—Davis notified.
Sep. 6—Cuban senate ratifies extradition treaty....Vermont gives republican plurality.
28—Gov. Bates (Mass) and Judge Phelps apologized to Great Britain for filing diplomat Gurney for auto speeding.
Oct. 5—La Follette faction wins decision in Wisconsin fight.
Nov. 1—Arbitration treaty between United States and France signed in Washington.
7—U. S. Supreme court upholds Wisconsin anti-trust law.
8—Roosevelt and Fairbanks, republican nominees for president and vice-president defeat Parker and Davis, democratic nominees by over two million plurality. Entire country participates in republican landslide.
9—Great Britain accepts Roosevelt's invitation to peace conference.
22—American-German arbitration treaty signed in Washington.
23—American-Portugal arbitration treaty signed in Washington.
Dec. 6—President's message read in both houses.
12—Arbitration treaty between United States and Great Britain signed.
13—House of representatives passes resolution for impeachment of Judge Swayne for "high crimes and misdemeanors."
14—Arbitration between Italy and United States signed.
27—Minnesota by big vote abolishes grand jury system.
28—Japanese government agrees to negotiate arbitration treaty with United States.

Sporting

Jan. 12—Joe Gans successfully defends title to lightweight championship against Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, at Detroit....Harry Ford, automobilist, covers mile in 0:39 2-5, at Detroit.
26—Steamer Deutschland makes trip from New York to Gibraltar in 5 days, 23 hours.
28—Barney Oldfield wins American auto championship at Ormond, Fla. Time, 46 2-5.
29—W. K. Vanderbilt breaks auto record for 50, 20 and 10 miles; 40:49 4-5, 17:02 and 7:29 4-5, respectively.
Feb. 1—Abe Attel knocks out Harry Forbes in fight for featherweight championship at St. Louis.
12—Krauss and Spies, Washington, D. C., win 2-men team bowling champion-ship.
13—National bowling championship won by Martin Kern, St. Louis.
26—H. Elliot, Denver, sets new bowling mark, 712.
27—Young Corbett knocks out Sullivan in 11th round.
Mar. 25—Jimmie Britt whips Young Corbett.
28—G. F. Slosson breaks world's billiard 18-inch balk line record; runs 291.
Apr. 14—National and American League baseball seasons opened.
May 2—Elwood wins Kentucky Derby.
Jun. 5—Oregon first in target practice....Michigan wins conference meet.
18—Highball wins American Derby; time, 2:33.
28—Syracuse wins intercollegiate 8-oared race.
Jul. 1—Yale wins 8-oared race from Harvard.
10—Wm. Anderson captures national golf championship on Glen View (Ill.) links.
24—Yale-Harvard defeat Oxford-Cambridge in athletic meet. Score, 6 to 2.
Aug. 22—Karl Kiser breaks world's auto record. Mile in 0:54.
26—Jeffries whips Munroe in 2 rounds at Frisco.
30—T. Hicks wins St. Louis marathon race.
Sep. 24—Omaha wins Western League pennant.
Oct. 10—Boston wins American League pennant....New York wins National League pennant.
14—Miss Bishop, Bridgeport, Conn., wins national golf championship at Philadelphia.
21—Prince Direct and Morning Star driven to pole at Memphis, Tenn., go half-mile in 1:00¾, breaking record.
24—Maj. Delmar circles mile track at Memphis in 2:01¾, breaking record for unpaced trotters.
26—Dan Patch at Memphis paced mile in 1:56, fastest ever paced by harness horse.
Nov. 11—Lou Dillon sets world's record (2:01) for unpaced mile.
12—Michigan defeats Chicago at Ann Arbor, 22 to 12, capturing football championship of west.
17—Dan Patch breaks world's record for paced mile on ½-mile track at Oklahoma City, Okla. Time 2:02.
Dec. 20—James Britt defeats Battling Nelson in 20 rounds in 'Frisco.

Fires

Jan. 8—Plsek (N. D.) business section destroyed.
20—Shelby (O.) Steel Tube Co.'s plant; $3,000,000.
28—Progresso, Mex., $2,000,000 blaze.
31—Hollandale, Tenn., destroyed.
Feb. 3—Grand Chain, Ill., nearly entire business section.
4—Lake Valley, Ark., almost totally destroyed.
8—Baltimore, Md., almost 75 blocks devastated, including post office, courthouse, banks and newspaper offices. One dead, 50 injured. Loss, $125,000,000.
10—Oswego, N. Y., three buildings of corn products; $1,000,000.
16—Business section Greenup, Ill., destroyed.
25—Conneaut Harbor (O.) business section wiped out.
26—Business section Nicholson, Pa., destroyed....Capitol, Madison, Wis., destroyed.
Mar. 2—Oklahoma prairie; loss, $500,000; three dead....Large portion of Rock Mount, N. C., swept away.
7—Lyceum and Auditorium theaters in Elmira, N. Y., destroyed.
Apr. 19—Toronto, Can., flame swept; loss, $13,000,000.
20—Marramec, Okla., wiped out.
May 10—Entire business portion of La Follette, Tenn., destroyed.
26—Yazoo, Miss., almost wiped out; loss, $1,000,000.
29—Jersey City, N. J., $1,000,000 on piers.
Jun. 3—Peoria (Ill.) distillery. Loss, $1,000,000; 15 killed.
5—Danville, Va. Loss, $600,000.
13—Cromwell, Ky., almost destroyed....Half business section Spooner, Wis., wiped out.
16—Entire business section Norton, Va., destroyed.
21—Part of business section Macomb City, Miss., destroyed.
24—Almost entire business section Union Grove, Wis., destroyed.
27—Main portion Sisson, Cal., destroyed.
Jul. 5—Pier and elevator, Boston. Loss, $1,250,000.
11—Walworth, Wis., 3 die....Robison, Ia., 2 children perish.
15—Nearly entire village of Kimball, Mich.....Duluth, Minn., Omaha docks and warehouses swept away, loss $4,000,000.
18—Rhinelander, Wis., over half destroyed.
Aug. 8—2 die at Glidden, Ia....Buffalo (N. Y.) business building destroyed, causing $400,000 loss.
28—100 die at Binang, Luzon. Loss, $200,000.
Sep. 2—Business portion Gem, Idaho, swept.
4—14 die in New York tenement.
9—$1,000,000 loss at Progresso, Mex.
12—Business section Idaho Falls, Idaho, wiped out.
17—6 lives lost in New York tenement.
21—Oakley, Kan., destroyed.
Oct. 7—St. Joseph, Mo., 4 die in hotel fire.
Nov. 4—West side of Marion, Mich., destroyed, causing $200,000 loss.
10—Entire business district, Dublin, Miss., wiped out.
Dec. 13—Business district Minneapolis nearly destroyed, 2 killed, loss $820,000.
22—Sioux City, Ia., 25 buildings destroyed, fireman killed, loss $2,000,000.

Crimes

Feb. 8—E. S. Blydenburg, Eldora, Ia., sentenced to life imprisonment for killing wife.
16—J. Cluck, Rockville, Mo., kills rival and self for hand of sweetheart.
18—F. G. Senter, Denver, Col., kills wife and self.
19—W. Laning kills Emma Buegiar and self at Ripon, Wis.
22—S. Mauck, Sioux City, Ia., kills daughter and self.
24—F. Lewandowski, Chicago, killed wife and self.
28—J. B. Huddy, Jackson, Mich., kills wife and self....A. W. Pressel and wife, Huntington, Ind., commit suicide in Chicago.
Mar. 6—Mrs. Stanson, Elgin, Ill., kills husband, son and self.
14—Wm. Gunsauer killed Mrs. Anna Palmer (colored) and self, at Leavenworth, Kan....McDonald indicted for Sarah Schafer's murder at Bedford, Ind.
22—C. Kirschoffler, Brooklyn, kills wife, son and self.
24—Geo. Keller, Georgetown, O., kills Isa Matthews and self.
Apr. 6—W. P. Saylor killed Mrs. Hoggemeyer, his paramour, and self, at Meyersdale, Pa.
15—Louis Pesant, murderer of Mrs. Mary Spilka, hanged in Chicago.
21—Bank at Clay City, Ind., robbed of $6,000 by safe blowers.
22—Frank Rose, wife murderer, shot to death at Salt Lake City, Utah.
28—H. E. Osgood, Hiram, Me., kills wife and self.
May 1—Wm. Sheffield, wife and two daughters murdered near Vallant, I. T.
2—Mayor McLane, Baltimore, committed suicide.
Jun. 6—J. M. Posch, Roselle, N. J., kills 4 children and self.
23—R. Smith, Ludington, Mich., kills wife, baby and self.
Jul. 12—S. Riggs, Clinton, Ia., kills wife and self.
14—Frederick Nelson, near St. Cloud, Minn., killed wife and self.
15—E. T. Washburn, board of trade man, N. Y., kills wife, daughter and self.
24—J. Merigan, Chicago, kills wife, throws acid in face of sister-in-law and commits suicide.
26—Mrs. Anna Kolodzik, Chicago, killed three children and self by asphyxiation.
29—H. Hodges, wife and three children killed at Statesboro, Ga., in burning of home by negroes.
Aug. 1—Illinois Central train held up outside Chicago.
2—Negro publicly burned at Cedartown, Ga.
29—C. Benreway, Madison, Wis., kills wife and self.
Sept. 7—Joseph Regnet, Irving Park, Ill., killed wife and self.
28—7 Buffalo aldermen indicted on bribery charges.
Oct. 2—Chas. Gelrell, Obrien's Landing, Mo., kills 5.
9—Freeland (Ind.) bank destroyed by dynamite; $20,000 taken.
24—Frank Loos, Elgin, Ill., kills wife and self.
27—Mrs. Rae Krauss, Hartford City, Ind., confesses murder of stepdaughter, receiving life sentence.
28—Wm. Peddicord, near Perry, Ia., killed wife and self.
Nov. 4—Wm. Muthart, near Munger, Mich., killed sweetheart and self.
18—Adolph Hummel, Hamilton, O., killed son and self.
20—Wm. Bate, Chicago chauffeur, murdered in auto near Lemont, Ill., by unknown.
23—Frank Sayler killed Henry Henderson and uncle, Geo. Henderson, at Philadelphia.
Dec. 4—Dr. Tucker, Des Moines, Ia., killed domestic and self because of wife's jealousy.
6—W. Banes, Rochester, Ind., killed wife, her employer and self. Jealousy the cause.
8—Trenton, S. C., B. B. Hughes, wife and two daughters murdered by unknown persons.
11—Bandits rob Peoria, Ill., national bank of $2,000.
12—Post office at Reinbeck, Ia., robbed of $2,500....Mrs. Chadwick indicted on forgery charge at Cleveland, O.
14—Robbers locted Rice Station, Minn., bank securing $17,000.
26—Huntington, W. Va., Lucian and Ira Inness killed as result of quarrel with Wm. Ackins.
28—Chicago, cracksmen blow Garden City brewery safe, securing $2,500.

Industrial

Jan. 26—John Mitchell reelected pres. of United Mine Workers at Indianapolis convention.

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Feb. 7—4 men shot to death at Coal Creek, Tenn., in fight between union and nonunion miners.
Mar. 7—More than 2,000 laborers employed on building in construction in New York go out on strike.
14—Peter S. Paul elected president of national Window Glass Workers' association.
22—Martial law declared in Trinidad mining section in Colorado, because of war between union and nonunion miners.
31—13,000 Iowa miners vote to walk out and all strike.
Apr. 18—Coal operators and miners sign 2-year agreement at Des Moines, Ia.
24—18 Minneapolis flour mills shut down, throwing thousands out of work.
May 2—Louisiana Purchase exposition formally opened at St. Louis. Attendance 187,793.
2—12,000 Santa Fe railroad employes strike.
5—10,000 Chicago teamsters made idle by lockout.
12—Lake strike declared in Chicago threatens disaster; 100,000 men idle.
24—900 hardware handlers strike in Chicago.
Jun. 1—Hanging Rock, O., declared under martial law because of threatening attitude of striking miners.
10—Colorado strikes since Jan., 1903, cost $23,036,000.
14—Tie-up on great lakes ended by conference in Cleveland.
21—50,000 New York clothing trades men strike.
Jul. 12—50,000 meat packers all over U. S. strike.
26—Truce in meat strike.
22—Strike of meat packers again resumed.
25—30,000 cotton millers strike at Fall River, Mass.....Sympathetic strike in Chicago packing houses, involving all allied trades.
26—Military rule in Teller county, Col., called off.
Aug. 3—5,000 strike rioters clash with Chicago police in long battle.
18—Fierce food riot of meat strikers in Chicago.
21—Cripple Creek (Col.) mob deports many miners.
Sep. 4—Packing house strike called off, strikers losing fight.
6—New England cotton millers resume work.
26—Pennsylvania miners win checkweighman fight.
Oct. 21—Hoisting engineers numbering 800 strike in Illinois mines rendering 50,000 idle.
Nov. 4—Illinois mines resume operations.
7—Illinois hoisting engineers lose strike, working at reduced wage.
27—Gompers unanimously chosen president American Federation.
Dec. 1—St. Louis world's fair closed. Total attendance, 18,741,073.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 18—Drastic theater fire ordinance passed by city council permanently closes several Chicago playhouses.
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