

EVENTS IN 1909

Record of the Year From January to December

HISTORY DAY BY DAY

Notable Happenings Throughout the World.

NAMES ON THE DEATH ROLL

Discovery of the North Pole—Items of Miscellaneous Interest—Destruction by Accidents, Shipwreck, Storm and Flood—Sporting Events. A Chronological Review.

The record breaking year 1909, which saw the discovery of the north pole, was comparatively free from great disasters so far as the United States is concerned. Outside of the Cherry mine horror, the sinking of the steamship Republic and the usual fires and floods, nature dealt leniently with this country, but in the world at large added the earthquake in Persia, the flood at Monterey, Mexico, and some minor catastrophes to her book of death.

By far the greatest event of the last twelve months was the discovery of the north pole. On Sept. 1 Dr. Frederick A. Cook came out of the north and announced that he had reached the goal on April 21, 1909. Six days later Commander Robert E. Peary emerged with the news that he had made the discovery on April 6, 1909. Peary's papers were approved by the National Geographic society, but doubt was expressed as to Cook's claims. Several months before the coming of Peary and Cook Lieutenant Shackleton returned to tell of a dash to within 111 miles of the south pole.

Other important events of the year were the inauguration of President Taft; the departure of Theodore Roosevelt on a hunting trip in Africa, the passage of the Payne-Adrich tariff bill, the 13,000 mile tour of Mr. Taft over the country, the most romantic feature of which was the meeting with President Diaz on the borders of Mexico; the return to Hampton Roads of the sixteen American battleships after their cruise around the world and the decision of the United States circuit court dissolving the Standard Oil trust. In foreign lands the occurrences of chief historic interest were the deposing of Abdul Hamid II, the triumph of progressive government in Turkey and a new ruler in Belgium.

The year saw the flying age fairly ushered in, the notable aeronautic feats having been the crossing of the English channel, the triumph of Count Zeppelin with his dirigible, in which he made various long flights and once carried twenty-seven passengers, and the flights of the Wright brothers, including the rounding of the statue of Liberty and Grant's tomb at New York and the high ascension of 1,000 feet in Germany.

As a memorial year 1909 eclipsed all others owing to the galaxy of great men born 100 years before. Centenaries widely observed included Lincoln, Darwin, Tennyson, Poe, Gladstone, Fitzgerald, Holmes, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Samuel Johnson (two hundredth) and John Calvin (four hundredth). The one hundredth anniversary of the death of Thomas Paine was also observed. In addition, several great celebrations were held, including the Hudson-Fulton in New York, the centenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain and the Portola festival at San Francisco.

The year's deaths were notable, including in the world of letters such names as Algernon Charles Swinburne, Edward Everett Hale, George Meredith, F. Marion Crawford and Richard Watson Gilder; in public life, Ethan Allen Hitchcock, David A. De Armond, Governor John A. Johnson, Justice Peckham of the United States supreme court and Prince Ito of Japan; in army and navy circles, Admirals Rojestvensky and Cervera and Generals Henry C. Corbin and O. O. Howard, U. S. A.; in finance, Edward H. Harriman and Henry H. Rogers; in journalism, Theodore Barth and Colonel A. K. McClure; in the drama, Coquelin and Modjeska; in scientific research, Cesare Lombroso and Professor Simon Newcomb, and in the ranks of royalty Leopold II. of Belgium.

JANUARY.

6. Fire: The Illinois club, with its gallery of fine paintings, destroyed in Chicago; loss \$35,000.

8. Political: President Roosevelt's message on the secret service rejected by the house of representatives.

10. Accident: 25 miners killed by gas explosion in Lector's colliery at Ziegler, Ill.

11. Accident: Explosion in the Lick Branch mine, Bluefield, W. Va., caused the death of 100 miners.

14. Accident: Firedamp explosion in the Auto coal mine at Vesperin, Hungary, caused the death of 290 men.

Obituary: Admiral Rojestvensky, commander of the Russian Baltic fleet when annihilated by Togo's ships, May, 1905; in the loss of Japan, in St. Petersburg; aged 55.

16. Railroad Accident: 21 killed and many injured in a collision on the Denver and Rio Grande near Dotsero, Colo.

17. Fire: In Boston 24 autos in storage destroyed.

18. Fire: At North Chelmsford, Mass., loss of nearly \$500,000 by fire in the woolen mills.

19. Polar Research: Lieut. E. H. Shackleton, R. N., reached latitude 82.5, about 111 miles from the south pole.

Poe Centenary: The 100th anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe celebrated.

10. Cuba: Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez proclaimed president of the republic.

Political: Secretary of State Elihu Root elected United States senator by the New York legislature.

11. Accident: Explosion, followed by fire, in temporary crib of a tunnel under Lake Michigan off Chicago; about 70 workmen lost their lives.

12. Fire: At Galveston, names on the wharves caused loss of \$500,000.

Shipwreck: On Nantucket White Star Republic rammed and sunk by Italian liner Florida; 8 deaths and remarkable rescue of over 2,000 imperiled passengers.

Earthquake: 60 villages destroyed and 5,000 to 6,000 lives lost in the province of Larissa, Persia.

21. Obituary: Benoit Constant Coquelin, noted French actor, in Paris; aged 57.

22. Cuba: The reins of government turned over to President Gomez by the American governor general, Macdon.

23. Fire: At Paul, loss of \$300,000 by fire in a department store.

Personal: President Elect Taft arrived at Colon, Panama.

24. Earthquake: Severe shocks in Spain.

25. Obituary: Miss Martha Finley, author of the "Elsie Books," at Elkton, Md.; aged 81.

FEBRUARY.

1. Personal: President Elect William H. Taft formally opened the Pacific end of the Panama canal.

Shipwreck: British steamer Clan Ranald shot off the coast of Australia; the captain and 45 sailors drowned.

Obituary: John Gilmer Speed, journalist and author, at Mendham, N. J.; aged 56.

2. The Cruising Fleet: The battleships sailed from Gibraltar, homeward bound.

3. Obituary: Catullus Mendes, noted French poet, in Paris.

Personal: King Edward VII. received in Berlin the first visit of a British king to the German capital in 185 years.

Political: France and Germany signed a Morocco pact.

12. Lincoln Centenary: The 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln celebrated.

15. Fire Disaster: Between 200 and 300 persons burned to death and scores injured in a fire which destroyed the Flies theater in Acapulco, Mexico.

17. Obituary: Geronimo, noted Apache chief and leader, died a prisoner of war at Fort Sill.

18. Obituary: Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the czar of Russia, in St. Petersburg; aged 62. Rear Admiral Charles S. Cotton, U. S. N., retired, at Nice, France; aged 70.

Convention: National congress of mothers opened in New Orleans.

23. Disaster at Sea: The Hamburg-South America liner Presidente Rosa burned off the coast of England; loss (owners' report) 20 lives. (Press report, 205 of the passengers and crew.)

24. Obituary: Carroll D. Wright, soldier, statistician and educator, at Worcester, Mass.; aged 59.

25. The Cruising Fleet: The battleships reached Hampton Roads.

26. Storm: 13 killed and many injured by a tornado which swept over eastern Arkansas.

27. Obituary: Rev. Theodore Cuyler, noted minister and author, in Brooklyn; aged 87.

28. Sporting: American bowling congress opened in Pittsburg.

MARCH.

1. Obituary: E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, well known turfman, at Arcadia, Cal.; aged 51.

2. Sporting: Ora Morningstar won the championship of the world at 13.2 ball line billiards, defeating George F. Sloss, the 181 champion, in New York city; final score, 600 to 214.

3. Personal: The inauguration of William Howard Taft as 27th president of the United States. The 60th congress ended.

Storm: Fierce windstorm and rain in the Atlantic states.

4. Panama Scandal: The publishers and editor of the New York World indicted by the federal grand jury in New York city.

6. Political: President Taft nominated his cabinet as follows: Philander C. Bradley, secretary of state; Franklin MacVeigh, the treasury; Jacob H. Dickinson, war; George von L. Meyer, navy; Richard A. Ballinger, interior; James Wilson, agriculture; Charles Nagel, commerce and labor; Frank H. Spearman, postmaster general; George W.ickersham, attorney general.

Obituary: John H. Startz, pioneer in river and harbor transportation, in New York city; aged 84.

8. Storm Disaster: 29 killed and 74 injured in a tornado at Brinkley, Ark.

10. Obituary: Maj. E. L. G. Zalkin, U. S. A., retired, noted inventor and engineer, in New York city; aged 60.

Standard Oil: Railway rebate case decided in favor of Standard Oil in Chicago.

Storm: 100 houses wrecked by a cyclone at Cuthbert, Ga.; 6 deaths.

12. Black Hand: Lieutenant Petroski, noted Italian detective in New York, noted assassin at Palermo, Italy.

13. Political: Special session of the first congress opened. Joseph G. Cannon elected speaker of the house.

Weston's Walk: Edward Payson Weston started from New York on a walk to San Francisco.

16. Obituary: Elinor Mae Cartney Lane, author of "Nancy Starr" and other novels, at Lynchburg, Va.

17. Tartar: Bill framed by the Republican party and the women's committee introduced in the house by Sen. E. Payne, chairman of the committee.

18. The Cooper Trial: Col. Duncan B. Cooper and his son Robin found guilty of the murder of ex-Senator Carmack in Nashville and sentenced to 20 years.

19. Aeronautics: Count Zeppelin's dirigible airship created a world's record by carrying 27 persons 120 miles.

20. Personal: Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president, sailed from New York for Naples on the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg.

Obituary: Col. William Lamb, soldier, editor and lawyer, hero of the Confederate defense of Fort Fisher in 1865, at Norfolk, Va.; aged 73.

Personal: Admiral Lord Charles Beresford of the British navy retired after 50 years' service.

Convention: Southern child labor congress met in New Orleans.

Political: Agreement reached between Austria and Serbia, effecting peace in the Balkans.

21. Convention: The 12th annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met in Baltimore.

APRIL.

1. Cuba: The last troops of the United States army left the island.

2. Fire: At Fort Worth, Tex., 10 blocks destroyed, entailing a loss of \$5,000,000; 9 deaths.

Sporting: Oxford won the 68th annual variety race on the Thames, beating Cambridge 3 lengths. Henri St. Yves of France won the international apparatus race for professionals in New York.

Obituary: Vice Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet at Santiago in 1898, at Puerto Real, Spain; aged 63.

3. Polar Research: Commander R. E. Peary, U. S. N., reached the north pole.

4. Storm Disaster: 18 deaths in a hurricane which swept the middle west from Mississippi to Pennsylvania.

5. Obituary: Helens Modjeska, Polish actress, at Bay City, Cal.; aged 53.

6. Personal: Gen. Marion Crawford, novelist, at Soreno, Italy; aged 55. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, 33rd secretary of the interior, in Washington; aged 74.

Obituary: Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and essayist, at Putney, England; aged 72.

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12. Turkey: Turkish garrison in Constantinople mutinied and expelled the Young Turks ministry.

13. Fire: At Rochester, N. Y., 3 churches, 40 dwellings and business block destroyed; loss nearly \$500,000.

Obituary: Ex-United States Senator M. C. Butler of South Carolina at Columbia, S. C.; aged 72.

14. Political: Ultimatum of Young Turks to parliament.

15. Convention: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met in Washington.

16. Storm Disaster: 7 persons killed and property valued at \$1,000,000 ruined by a windstorm at Cleveland.

17. Obituary: Ex-United States Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada, in Washington; aged 82.

18. Turkey: Young Turks gained control in Constantinople, making Sultan Abdul Hamid prisoner in his palace.

19. Obituary: Charles Warren Stoddard, author and educator, in Monterey, Cal.; aged 75.

20. Convention: 6th congress of the International Women's Suffrage alliance opened in London.

21. Abdul Hamid II. of Turkey formally deposed by the Constitutional party (Young Turks) and his brother, Mehmed Reschid, chosen successor.

Obituary: Heinrich Conried, impresario, former director of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in Meral, Cal.; aged 60.

22. Obituary: Ex-Governor Frederick Holbrook of Vermont, at Brattleboro; aged 81. Olive Logan, former actress, author and lecturer, near Sutton, Surrey; aged 70.

23. Convention: 10th meeting of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution opened in Baltimore.

Turkey: 250 leaders of the mutiny of Young Turks in Constantinople executed for conspiracy.

Fire: In Chicago \$1,000,000 loss by the burning of Elevator B of the Illinois Central.

Personal: Daughter born to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.

Storm Disaster: Over 200 dead and millions in property destroyed by tornadoes which swept the south, including Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

MAY.

2. Convention: National peace congress opened in Chicago.

3. Judicial: The "commonly clause" of the Hepburn act declared constitutional by the United States supreme court.

4. Sporting: St. Yves won the international derby in New York, covering 2 1/2 miles and 58 yards in 2 hours, 44 minutes and 5 seconds.

5. Obituary: Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "Beulah," "St. Elmo," "Yash" and other popular novels of southern life, in New York; aged 74.

6. Political: Mohammed V. of Turkey invested with the sword of sovereignty at Constantinople.

7. Boat Disaster: 21 deaths by the sinking of a ferry launch on the Ohio river near Pittsburg.

12. Quarry Accident: 1,000 pounds of dynamite exploded at South Bethlehem, near Albany, N. Y., causing the loss of 20 lives.

13. Sporting: King James won the Metropolitan handicap at Belmont park, New York.

17. Personal: Gen. Stossel and Admiral Nebogatoff, Russian officers, who were captured during the English channel in the late war, pardoned by the czar.

18. Financial: Tracy & Co., New York brokers and bankers, went into bankruptcy owing \$1,000,000.

Obituary: George Meredith, the English novelist, in London; aged 74.

Personal: Dr. Charles William Elliot retired from the presidency of Harvard after 40 years in that office.

Fire: Loss of \$1,500,000 by the destruction of a manufacturing block at Akron, O.

Convention: National good roads congress met in Baltimore.

Obituary: Henry H. Rogers, financier and director of the Standard Oil company, in New York; aged 82.

Personal: Abbott Lawrence Lowell assumed the presidency of Harvard university.

19. Maj. Israel C. Greene, captor of John Brown at Harper's ferry in 1859, at Mitchell, S. D.; aged 85.

Sporting: King Edward's Minor won the English Derby.

20. Storm Disaster: 22 persons killed and 40 injured in Oklahoma by tornadoes. Many lives lost in a cyclone which swept over western Minnesota and North Dakota.

21. Tornado: Over 30 persons killed and upward of 100 injured in a windstorm at Zephyr, Tex.

22. Fire: At Fort Costa, Cal., loss of \$1,000,000 by the burning of the Nevada grain docks.

JUNE.

1. World's Fair: The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition opened at Seattle.

2. Obituary: Theodore Barth, noted German editor, publisher and authority on American affairs, at Baden-Baden; aged 60.

3. Sporting: King James won the Brooklyn handicap at Gravesend.

4. Ballroom race start at Indianapolis for distance and endurance between a Chinaman and 200 rioters summarily tried, convicted and shot at Barcelona, Spain.

5. Personal: The Russian Emperor Nicholas received as a guest by King Edward VII. at Windsor.

6. Political: Congress adjourned. The Payne tariff bill finally passed by the senate.

7. Aeronautics: Paulhan, French aviator, made new height record for aeroplanes, varying from 300 to 400 feet, at Douai, France.

Tennyson Centenary: The 100th anniversary of the birth of Alfred Tennyson celebrated.

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9. Conventions: National irrigation congress met at Spokane, Wash. Annual G. A. R. encampment at Salt Lake City.

10. Fire: Monticello, N. Y., a popular summer resort nearly destroyed by fire; loss \$2,000,000.

11. Morocco: A captive Spanish balloon used with fatal effect to direct fire upon a Moorish camp at Meilla.

12. Personal: Samuel R. Van Zandt elected chairman in chief of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City.

13. Accident: 9 killed and 50 hurt in a head-on collision on the Denver and Rio Grande near Colorado Springs, Colo.

14. Earthquake: Over 200 buildings destroyed and many lives lost in central Japan.

15. Convention: The international congress opened in Denver.

Obituary: Lawrence Escher, an artist known for his etchings, at Lawrence Park, N. Y.; aged 61.

16. Polar Research: Walter Wellman succeeded in his dirigible balloon at Spitzbergen, bound for the north pole west.

Americans, drowned by the swamping of a rowboat on Lake Killarney.

Shipping Accident: Gas explosion caused the death of 17 miners at Wehrum, Pa.

24. Obituary: Sarah Orne Jewett, writer of stories depicting New England life, at South Berwick, Me.; aged 60.

Sporting: Fitzherbert won the Suburban handicap at Sheepshead Bay, New York.

Fire: Fort William Henry hotel, noted hostelry on Lake George, destroyed; loss about \$200,000.

5. Sporting: Grand Prix over the Longchamps course, near Paris.

6. Convention: American Library association met at Bretton Woods, N. H.

7. Obituary: Carrie Burnham Kilgore, pioneer woman legislator, at Swarthmore, Pa.; aged 72.

JULY.

1. Earthquake: Severe shocks at Reggio and Messina, scene of the devastation last December.

Convention: 61st annual meeting of the National Woman Suffrage association opened at Seattle.

2. Sporting: Harvard won the varsity race over Yale, New York, by 24.

3. Sporting: Cornell won the varsity eight oared race at Poughkeepsie.

4. Champlain Celebration: Ceremonies in honor of the discovery of Lake Champlain, 1693, began on the Vermont shores of the lake.

5. Convention: The American Institute of Instruction met at Castine, Me.

Sporting: The champion polo cup, which has been held in England 23 years, won back by the Meadowbrook (N. Y.) team.

7. Flood: High water swept down the Missouri valley, causing the loss of 11 lives and great damage to property.

Conventions: Anti-vivisection congress opened in London. International convention of the Christian Endeavor society met in St. Paul. The Epworth league met at Seattle.

8. Fire: The senate passed its amended tariff bill by a vote of 65 to 24.

Sporting: The Belgian crew won the Grand Challenge cup at Henley, England, defeating the Cambridge crew.

9. Political: Riottous Bolivians attacked the Argentine legation at La Paz in protest against Argentina's decision in the Peruvian boundary dispute.

Obituary: Gen. Gallifet, distinguished French soldier, in Paris; aged 73.

10. Personal: Noted English statesman, in London; aged 81.

11. Obituary: Prof. Simon Newcomb, noted astronomer, mathematician and traveler, in Washington; aged 74.

Convention: Grand lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star, in New York.

12. Shipwreck: In Lake Superior, off Whitefish Point light, steamers J. B. Cowie and L. M. Scott collided, causing the death of 14 sailors on the Cowie and the sinking of the Scott.

13. Obituary: Frederick Plintner, civil war veteran and noted military writer and statistician, at Albany, N. Y.; aged 73. Louis Loeb, American artist and illustrator, at Canterbury, N. H.; aged 61.

14. Personal: Prince von Bulow, chancellor of the German empire, retired from office, succeeded by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

15. Personal: British submarine C 11 sunk in collision with the steamship Eddystone off Halsborough Lightship; 13 of the crew drowned.

Political: Royal troops of Persia defeated by the Nationalists at Teheran.

Sporting: Peary arrived in San Francisco, having accomplished a total distance of 3,855 miles in about 105 days, beginning at New York March 15.

16. Earthquake: In southern Greece 300 lives lost.

17. Political: Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, died at Varese, Lombardy; aged 61.

Storm: In New York city 16 persons lives lost, over 70 injured by sudden windstorms.

Obituary: Rosa Nouchette Cary, popular English novelist, in London.

Hurricane: 21 persons killed in a gulf storm which struck the Texas coast at Galveston and vicinity.

Political: Diplomatic relations severed between Bolivia and the Argentine Republic upon the initiation of Argentina.

Obituary: Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, daughter of President Zachary Taylor and mistress of the White House during his term, at Winchester, Va.; aged 85.

Aeronautics: Louis Bleriot, French aeronaut, crossed over the English channel from Calais to Dover in an aeroplane, covering the distance of 21 miles in about 40 minutes.

Political: Anti-Diaz riot at Guadalupe, Mexico, resulting in wounding the town. Anti-Moroccan war riot in Barcelona.

Aeronautics: Orville Wright made a new aeroplane record by remaining in flight 1 hour, 1 minute and 30 seconds with one engine at Fort Myer, Va.

Convention: World conference of the Y. M. C. A. at Barmen-Eberfeld, Germany.

20. Earthquake: Acapulco and Chilpancingo, Mexico, badly shaken and damaged.

Aeronautics: Orville Wright made the speed required by the government for army aeroplanes at Fort Myer, flying 400 miles in 42 1/2 minutes in an hour in a 10 mile flight.

21. Fire: 20,000 houses destroyed in Osaka, Japan.

Earthquake: Mexico City badly shaken.

Miscellaneous: The Chinese vice consul, Leong Wing, was killed by a Chinaman, 200 rioters summarily tried, convicted and shot at Barcelona, Spain.

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ing with an accident after traveling 88 miles which indefinitely postponed the trip.

13. Culmination of a forest fire which destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of fir and tamarack timber along Lake Coeur d'Alene, Wash.

14. Aeronautics: Opening of the aeroplane races at Rheims, France.

15. Fire: Loss of \$1,000,000 by flames in the business district of Decatur, Ill.

16. Accident: 8 killed, many injured in a strikers' riot at the Froese Steel Car company's plant at Schoenfeld, Pa.

Obituary: Rev. Thomas Ducey, pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic church, in New York city, widely known for his denunciations of municipal corruption; aged 66.

17. Aeronautics: Glenn H. Curtiss, American aviator, made a speed record at Rheims by covering 61.4 miles in 8 minutes 28.2 seconds.

18. Shipwreck: The Nicola Castania foundered off the Isle of Pines, carrying down 2 passengers and 27 officers and sailors.

19. Shipwreck: The North German Lloyd steamer Schieslan collided with the Argentine excursion steamer Colombia in Montevideo harbor and sunk her with a loss of over 150 passengers.

20. Aeronautics: Paulhan, French aviator, broke all records for length of unbroken flight, including Wilbur Wright's, by remaining in the air 2 hours, 53 minutes and 24 seconds at Rheims.

21. Obituary: George Manville Fenn, English novelist of the old school, in London; aged 78.

Aeronautics: Henry Farman, English aviator, set new record for heavier than air machines by covering 111.72 miles in 3 hours, 4 minutes and 56.9 seconds, at Rheims.

22. Aeronautics: Glenn H. Curtiss won the international aviator cup at Rheims by traveling at the rate of 46 miles an hour and covering 12.2 miles in 15 minutes 53.5 seconds.

Morocco: The Spaniards at Melilla destroyed 100 Moors by exploding a mine under their camp.

23. Flood: High water at Monterey, Mexico, caused the loss of upward of 10,000 lives and destroyed property valued at \$20,000,000.

24. Holmes Centenary: The 100th anniversary of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes celebrated.

25. Convention: Sixth international trades union congress opened in Paris.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Personal: Dr. Frederick A. Cook announced the discovery by him of the north pole on April 21, 1909.

2. Personal: Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry, commander of the Atlantic fleet on the Pacific cruise and homeward voyage placed on the retired list of the navy.

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