1900 CHRONOLOGICAL 1900

An Orderly and Concise Review of Important Happenings of the Past Year

DEVELOPMENTS OF THE CHINESE CRISIS

Business Failures, Startling Disasters, Crimes and Lynchings—Foreign Events, Including a Brief Account of the Boer War—Necrology, Politics, Sports, Etc.

THE CHINESE CRISIS.

(The Boxers, or "Society of the Righteous Fist," were a formidable organization in China fully a year before the recent uprising at Peking. Missionaries and other "foreign devils," and native Christians as well, were murdered, and churches and missions of all denominations destroyed. By April and May last hardly a day passed without rumors from China of repeated atrocities. These finally led to protestations of the powers, and the Boxer uprising became a matter of international political importance.

* * *

May 28—Boxers reported marching toward Peking burning bridges en route.
Jun 1—Marines guard legations at Peking ....At Taku 23 foreign warships gather.
4—Many mission stations reported destroyed; Minister Conger wires Peking government inactive....Russia offers to put down Boxer uprising.
5—Admiral Kempff lands U. S. marines at Taku, and engages Boxers.
8—Pres. McKinley's cabinet decides to protect foreigners in China, but to avoid entangling alliance with powers....China refuses use of railroad to Peking to foreign troops.
9—China protests against presence of foreign troops....City of Tung-Chow burned, and 20 missionaries killed.
10—Foreigners in Peking compelled to seek refuge in legations, which are surrounded by armed Boxers.
13—Allies marching to Peking defeated; 62 killed, 312 wounded.
14—Japanese legation burned and chancellor killed.
16—Von Ketteler, German minister, murdered.
17—Chinese forts at Taku ordered to surrender to allies, open fire on allied fleet.... Oregon ordered to Taku.
19—U. S. troops (1,200) landed at Taku.
21—American consulate at Tientsin destroyed.
22—Allies repulsed at Tientsin after 5 days' bombardment.
25—Gen. Chaffee selected to command American troops in China.
27—Seymour's expedition returns to Tientsin.
29—Battle of Tientsin; 7,000 Chinese slain.
Jul. 1—Prince Tuan reported in full control at Peking.
6—In Peking 5,000 native Chinese Christians massacred.
16—Col. Liscum, of 9th U. S. infantry, and Capt. Davis, of U. S. marines, with many of their men, killed in battle at Tientsin, in which allies were repulsed by Chinese.
17—Chinese routed and Tientsin captured after fierce battle.
21—Undated message from Conger says "quick relief only can prevent general massacre."
30—Wave of massacre sweeps through central and southern provinces.
Aug. 2—Allies begin march on Peking.
5—Allies defeat Chinese at Pei Tsang, losing 1,200 killed and wounded.
9—German Field Marshal Count von Waldersee appointed commander-in-chief of allies.
15—Peking captured after hard fight, and legationers relieved. Empress dowager and Emperor Kwang-Hsu flee to Hsian Fu.
23—Army of 10,000 Chinese routed near Tientsin.
24—Military administration, consisting of a representation of each of allied powers, established at Peking.
Sep. 8—Orders cabled to Gen. Chaffee to prepare his forces for withdrawal from Peking.
19—Li Hung Chang, Prince Ching and Sheng appointed to negotiate peace.
25—Gen. Chaffee's forces ordered to Manila, leaving only legation guard of 1,400.
30—Russia withdraws troops to Tientsin, showing accord with American policy.
Oct. 8—Emperor and dowager remove to Singan Fu, alleging scarcity of food in Shansi.
18—China's peace commissioners send peace proposals to envoys of powers, admitting liability for indemnity.
20—Germany and England form alliance to maintain China's territorial integrity and keep ports open.
25—Minister Conger authorized to begin peace negotiations.
Nov. 1—Prince Tuan flees to Mongolia.
2—Five officials of Pao-ting-fu sentenced to death for outrages on missionaries.
12—Envoys in Peking agree on preliminary conditions to peace negotiations, demanding execution of 11 guilty high officials.
16—Prince Tuan banished by imperial decree; 8 other princes punished.
Dec. 3—Over 200 Christians massacred in Shansi.
5—Envoys at Peking sign new protocol.... Li Hung Chang reports execution of 80 Boxers....Russian report estimates massacre of native Christians thus far at 250,000.
10—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching found to be without credentials from Chinese emperor.
24—Minister Conger signs international agreement with explanatory statement of exact position of U. S. government.
25—Chinese viceroy has 1,500 reformers massacred in Pechili.
26—Massacre of 21 Catholics by Boxers reported.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Jan. 3—Wabasha, Minn., People's bank.
6—Rahway, N. J., Union county bank.... New York, Hulbert H. Warner, patent medicine manf.; $2,319,027.
9—Plankinton, S. D., State bank.
17—Chicago, Francis P. Owings, real estate; $5,364,977.
Feb. 7—New Bedford, Mass., Henry E. Holcomb, manf.; $1,351,438....Boston, Miner, Beal & Co., clothing firm, $450,000.
26—United States milling combine (flour trust); $15,000,000.
Mar. 3—Port Jervis (N. Y.) Nat. bank resumes; had suspended payment in December.
5—L. F. Seiberling, formerly manufacturer at Akron, O., files bankruptcy petition; $800,000, assets, $30.
19—John Kehoe, builder of New York, files bankruptcy petition; $1,520,085; no assets.
22—D. Appleton & Co., New York, publishers; $3,000,000.
26—Rutland, Vt., Merchants' Nat. bank.... Keene, N. H., Five Cent savings bank for $1,449,058; and Guarantee savings bank for $718,873.
Apr. 3—Cambridge (Neb.) State bank; $40,000.
12—Yates Center, Kan., Citizens' state bank.
27—Adolph Landauer, dry goods dealer of Milwaukee; $391,945.31.
May 11—Frank L. Fuller's private banks at Rockford and Cedar Springs, Mich.
21—Pentwater, Mich., Nelson & Co.'s bank.
26—Price, McCormick & Co., of New York, cotton brokers and shippers; $13,000,000.
28—Seymour, Johnson & Co., stock and cotton brokers of New York; $500,000.
Jun. 5—W. C. Shields' bank at Mulberry Grove, Ill.
15—McNair & Alexander, cattlemen at Ashland, Kan.; $542,000.
Aug. 13—Henry J. O'Neill, the "barley king," files petition in bankruptcy; $500,000.... Kingfisher (Col.) bank; $61,000.
17—Somerset (Ky.) Nat. bank.
Sep. 6—Lamont (Ill.) state bank; $12,000.
7—Fifth Avenue Savings & Loan Ass'n., of McKeesport, Pa.; $500,000.
18—Hatch & Foote, New York brokers; $3,000,000.
19—South Danvers Nat. bank, at Peabody, Mass.
Nov. 17—German Nat. bank, at Newport, Ky.
Dec. 12—Bank at Brillion, Wis.
13—Order of Chosen Friends, large fraternal insurance association.
21—American nat. bank of Baltimore, Md.
25—Isaac Robinson, at Baltimore, Md., manufacturer; $800,000.

CASUALTIES.

Jan. 2—Schooner Puritan wrecked on Cabot island, N. F.; 8 of crew lost.
21—Los Angeles, Cal., 11 entombed by cave-in.
25—Near Wilkesbarre, Pa., 5 in railroad wreck.
Feb. 5—Schooner Mary C. Ward capsized near Newbern, N. C.; 5 drowned.
8—Escanaba, Mich., 9 in railway wreck.
12—Near Stoney Creek, Va., 7 in burning house.
19—Roanoke Marshes, Va., 6 by capsizing of schooner.
Mar. 4—New York, 6 in burning building.
6—Near Fire Creek, Va., 34 by mine explosion.
12—Newark, N. J., 14 in tenement house fire
Apr. 7—Claremont, Va., 5 in burning home.
23—Near Jackson, Miss., 7 in flood.
27—At Waco and Blackshear, Tex., 10 by cloudbursts....At Ottawa and Hull, Can., 7 in fire.
May 1—Near Schofield, Utah, 250 by explosion in mine of Pleasant Valley Coal Co.
12—Philadelphia, 7 by railroad collision in tunnel....Tom's Creek, Va., 6 by explosion in mine.
17—San Francisco, 6 deaths to date from bubonic plague.
22—In Cumnock coal mines, N. C., 30 by explosion.
30—Near Montgomery, W. Va., 12 from eating poisoned provisions.
Jun. 2—Near Hamilton, O., 5 in railroad wreck.
7—Near Stockbridge, Wis., 8 by fall of heavy timbers.
9—Glouster, O., 8 by gas in mine.
13—Cammal, Pa., 6 on a logging railroad.
15—Near Port Philip, B. C., 23 by shipwreck.
23—Near McDonough, Ga., 41 by railway wreck caused by a washout....Beaver county, O. T., 5 by cyclone.
24—Depere, Wis., 6 by railroad wreck.... Thatcher, A. T., 5 in burning home.
30—Hoboken, N. J., about 175 by fire on docks of North German Lloyd Co....Norfolk, Va., 19 negroes by sinking of barge.
Jul. 2—Chicago, 5 by intense heat.
3—Hoboken, N. J., 8 in tenement fire....Off Behring sea coast sloop Seattle capsized; 7 drowned.
4—Fourth of July celebrations throughout country killed 59 and injured 2,767 people ....Near Tacoma, Wash., 36 by plunging of car into deep chasm....Parkersburg, W. Va., 6 by oil tank explosion.
9—Near Calico Rock, Ark., D. J. Fink and family (9 persons) by eating toadstools.
16—Coleman, Tex., 15 in cloudburst.
18—New York city, 70 by excessive heat.
23—Near Akron, O., 11 by capsizing of skiff.
26—Thirty-Mile rapids, Alaska, 40 by overturning of steamer.
Aug. 6—Aurich, Ark., 5 in railroad wreck.
10—Chicago, 47 deaths, 131 prostrations and 6 driven insane, the record of a week of excessive heat.
12—Slatington, Pa., 15; train crashed into omnibus....New York, 9 in storm.
15—Chicago, 5 in burning house....Pierson, Mich., 7 in railroad collision....Nome, Alaska, 15 by shipwreck.
21—Kensico, N. Y., 7 by rear-end collision.
Sep. 8—Galveston, Tex., about 5,000 lost in flood; 75 other Texas towns report loss of 114 lives.
12—Mound City, Ill., 9 in railroad wreck.... Lake Erie barge John B. Lyons foundered; 14 drowned.
16—Eau Claire, Wis., 6 by capsizing of boat.
19—Off Chatham, Mass., 18 in gale.
24—Morristown, Minn., 8 in cyclone.
Oct. 7—Near Biwabik, Minn., 9 in cyclone.
15—Sells, Ark., 6 by dynamite explosion.
17—New York, 8 in tenement house fire.
21—Lodi, Tex., 6 in tornado.
29—New York, 18 by chemical explosion and resulting fire in drug house....De Hart, Mont., 7 in railroad wreck.
Nov. 4—Berrysberg, W. Va., 13 by dynamite explosion.
16—Near Polk, Pa., 6 in railroad wreck.
18—Oswayo, Pa., 6 in burning hotel.
20—In western Tennessee and northern Mississippi, about 80 by cyclone....In Wisconsin 20 days' hunting season results in 12 men killed and 12 wounded.
29—San Francisco, 13 by falling in of roof over glass furnaces....U. S. cruiser Yosemite lost in typhoon in Philippines; 5 seamen drowned.
Dec. 3—Chicago, 6 by boiler explosion in railroad power house.
6—Fishing boat Cora S. McKay given up for lost with crew of 30 residents of Provincetown, Mass.
7—During past season on great lakes 110 lives said to have been lost.
3—Off Erie, Pa., tow barge Charles Foster foundered; 8 lost.
15—Cannonball, N. D., 6 by gasoline explosion.

CRIMES.

Jan. 2—Jas. L. Moore, aged 65, kills wife, aged 22, at Manes, Mo., and commits suicide.
6—During murder trial at Otter Creek, Ky., 2 men killed in free fight.
9—During trial in court at Oak Ridge, Miss., quarrel resulted in killing of A. D. Rolland, R. S. Stephenson and Dr. Otto Austin.
11—At Proud Gap, Ky., 4 killed in quarrel over game of cards.
12—Fred C. Bonfils and H. H. Tammen, proprietors of Denver Post, shot by Wm. W. Anderson, a well-known attorney, during quarrel.
16—Ex-Cong. David G. Colson kills Ethelbert Scott, at Frankfort, Ky.; 2 bystanders also killed; feud.
Feb. 7—Entire family of 6 Indians, by name of McTavish, killed by vigilance committee in British Columbia; charged with being witches.
28—Jos. Glean, farmer living near Bluefield, W. Va., kills daughter, her lover and self.
Mar. 7—Frank Steele, of Omaha, kills wife, shoots Rev. A. F. Nelson who sprang to her rescue, and commits suicide; domestic trouble.
22—Tom Jones (negro) kills Ella Jones and 5 of her children, at Garner, N. C.
Apr. 13—August Young shoots Katie Van Klostere, in Murphysboro, Ill.; disappointed love.
16—In drunken riot at Johnstown, Pa., Italian kills 4 men, wounding 2 others.
May 14—L. D. McAllister, of Heloise, Tenn., kills wife and self; jealousy.
18—Mrs. Moser and 3 children found murdered near Tremont, Ill.
Jun 4—In feud at San Augustine, Tex., Sheriff Noel and 2 brothers are killed.
22—Jessie Morrison kills Mrs. Olin Castle, and wounds herself, at Eldorado, Kan.; jealousy.
Jul. 6—Rufus T. Wright kills wife of 3 days, and self, at Columbia, S. C.
24—In race riot in New Orleans Robert Charles (colored) kills 2 policemen.
Aug. 4—Five dead as result of feud between Dooley and Harris families, at Doe Run, Mo.
13—Farmer Jones and Bonnie Turner take poison and die together, near Clinton, Mo., because too poor to marry.
14—At Jamestown, O., A. G. Bingamon kills wife, son-in-law and self; family trouble.
20—Dr. S. Harrington while drunk at Farley, Mo., kills uncle, mother-in-law, Sheriff Dillingham; is then killed by sheriff's son.
Sep. 4—Paul Cronin at Waukesha, Wis., kills Mrs. E. Miller and shoots himself, because she refused to marry him.
17—Four Indians kill each other at Turtle Mound, Fla., in a fight; all wanted to marry chief's daughter.
Oct. 1—Walter Evans kills wife and self, at Beattysville, Ky.; domestic trouble.... At Falmouth, Ky., C. S. Anderson kills wife and self; she would not live with him.
3—Because husband intended becoming a farmer Mrs. Valentine Roullier drowns daughter and self, at Two Rivers, Wis.
24—Carrie Caldwell kills her 3 children and self, at Huntersville, N. C.; insane from grief over parents' deaths....Chas. Vargo kills wife and self at Aurora, Ill.; drink.
Nov. 6—In fight over politics at Caseyville, Ind., Wallace Graves killed and 8 others wounded.
14—Near Bartow, Fla., John Carter and Oliver Moody killed in duel over girl.
Dec. 6—Theo. Wallert pleads guilty to murder of wife and 4 stepchildren, at Arlington, Minn.
15—Four dead as a result of mysterious poisoning at Forsythe Mines, O.
24—Jos. Douglass, of Crawfordsville, Ind., kills one man and wounds another for calling on his wife.

FIRES.

Jan. 13—Iowa City, Ia., business block; $150,000.
Feb. 1—Dayton, O., fire in business section; $750,000.
4—St. Louis, among business houses; $1,500,000.
27—Newark, N. J., $1,000,000 fire in retail dry goods district.
Mar. 7—Philadelphia, $700,000 fire in retail dry goods district.
8—Lead City, S. D., 50 business buildings; $500,000.
Apr. 2—Newport, Ark., $500,000 fire in business section.
4—Kansas City, Mo., democratic convention hall and other buildings; $400,000.
Apr. 8—Menominee, Mich., Spies building; $200,000.
7—Pittsburgh, Pa., Jos. Horne & Co.'s department store; $2,000,000.
9—Green Point, N. Y., several factories; $600,000.
26—Hull, Ont., entirely destroyed and Ottawa half burned; $17,000,000.
30—Forest fires in Michigan reach alarming proportions.
May 6—New York, Mallory line steamship pier; $1,000,000.
27—Apalachicola, Fla., 6 business blocks; $500,000.
Jun. 5—Ste. Etinne du Saguenay, Can., Prine Bros. & Co.'s lumber plant; $400,000.
7—Virginia, Minn., destroyed; $500,000.
18—Bloomington, Ill., $2,000,000 fire in business section....Pearce, A. T., Commonwealth Mining Co.'s mill; $500,000.
29—Morencia, A. T., Detroit Copper Mining Co.'s smelting plant; $1,000,000.
30—Hoboken, N. J., fire on docks of North German Lloyd Co., and ocean liners Saale, Bremen and Main destroyed; $10,000,000.... Black Rock, N. Y., lumber yards; $400,000.
Jul. 5—Constable Hook, N. J., Standard Oil Co.'s plant; $1,500,000.
14—Prescott, A. T., business section and 60 dwellings; $1,500,000.
23—St. Paul, Minn., Cold Storage & Warehouse Co.'s warehouse; $750,000.
24—Buffalo, N. Y., Eastern elevator; $750,000.
Aug. 4—Ashland, Wis., Baker & Stewart and Keystone Lumber Co.'s lumber yards; $1,000,000.
19—Alexandria, Ind., Kelly Ax Manf. Co.'s plant; $800,000.
21—Forest fires in Colorado and Wyoming; estimated damage at $10,000,000.
Sep. 12—Narragansett Pier, $250,000 fire.
16—Houston, Tex., Merchants' & Planters' oil mill; $400,000....Near Plymouth, Mass., forest fires; $500,000.
20—New York, Terminal stores; $1,000,000.
25—Baring Cross, Ark., Iron Mountain railway shops; $400,000.
Oct. 6—New York, Atlantic Transport line pier; $1,000,000.
29—New York, drug house of Tarrant & Co. and other buildings, from chemical explosion; $1,500,000.
Nov. 9—Biloxi, Miss., large part of business section; $500,000.
25—Sherman county, Tex., 20 big ranches.

The business sections of the following-named towns and villages were entirely or almost entirely wiped out: Mears, Mich. (Jan. 4); Taylor, Miss., and Dassel, Minn. (Jan. 11); Dawson, Alaska (Jan. 16); Winfield, Kan. (Jan. 30); Rudd, Ia. (Feb. 5); St. Paul, Kan. (Feb. 12); Halls, Tenn. (Feb. 19); Glen Hazel, Pa. (Feb. 22); Clarion, Pa. (Feb. 27); Vienna, Ill. (Mar. 2); Woodsfield, O. (Mar. 5); Redfield, Ia. (Mar. 11); Mackinaw City, Mich. (Mar. 12); Spaulding, Mich., and High Springs, Fla. (Mar. 13); Red Lodge, Mont. (Mar. 20); Kingston, Wis. (Mar. 29); Ravena, Mich., (Apr. 4); Oconee, Ill. (Apr. 13); Groveton, Tex. (Apr. 24); Fruitport, Mich. (May 4); Glasgow, Ky. (May 5); Grand Meadow, Minn. (May 17); Shipshewana, Ind. (May 21); Forest, Miss. (May 22); Lake View, Ore. (May 23); Susanville, Cal. (Jun. 6); Middleton, Wis. (Jun. 19); Huntley, Minn. (Jun 23); Busey, Ia. (June 26); Oneida, Ill. (Jul. 1); Prairie Depot, O. (Jul. 6); Windom, Mich. (Jul. 8); Walnut, Ill. (Jul. 11); New Castle, Cal. (Jul. 15); Trafalgar, Ind. (Jul. 16); Convoy, O. (Aug. 1); Cartwright, Wis. (Aug. 28); Atlin, B. C. (Sep. 1); Potosi, Wis. (Sep. 3); Manito, Ill. (Sep. 6); Omer, Mich. (Sep. 24); Herrick, Ill., and Sullivan, Ind. (Oct. 16); Minneiska, Minn., and Dunavant, Kan. (Oct. 24); Shelby, Neb. (Oct. 31); Houma, La. (Nov. 8); Buffalo, S. D., and Philippi, W. Va. (Nov. 18); Fulton, Ky. (Dec. 2); and Etna, Ill. (Dec. 4).

The following towns and villages were entirely or almost entirely destroyed by fire: Massena, Ia. (Jan. 2); Ward and Lafayette, Col. (Jan. 24); Ramsey, Ill. (Jan. 28); Marseilles, O., and Morristown, Minn. (Jan. 30); Dayton, Mich. (Feb. 16); Kuskonook, B. C. (Mar. 22); Ivor, Va. (Apr. 5); Robinson, Ill. (Apr. 7); Edinburg, N. D. (Apr. 20); La Forge, Pa. (Apr. 27); Ames and Nathan, Mich. (Apr. 30); Arnold, Mich. (May 1); Gerondale, Mich., and Barrett, Minn. (May 2); Grantsburg, Ill. (May 3); Sanden, B. C. (May 4); Corbett, Pa., and West Brookfield and Navarre, O. (May 8); Empire, Pa. (May 9); Everest, Kan. (May 10); Fisher, Mich. (May 14); North York, Wis. (May 15); Ploche, Neb. (May 30); Moscow, N. Y. (Jun. 17); Salem, W. Va. (Jul. 17); Buckley, Cal. (Jul. 27); Gilman, Col. (Aug. 1); Sapp's Farm, N. F. (Aug. 3); Columbia, B. C. (Aug. 16); Smithfield, Ill. (Aug. 17); Arville, N. D. (Aug. 28); Spring Lake, N. J., and Belgrade, Mont. (Sep. 19); Nunda, Ill. (Sep. 21); Byersville, O. (Oct. 5); Wren, O. (Nov. 11); and Piedmont, Mo. (Nov. 16).

FOREIGN.

Jan. 2—Earthquake in Achalkalak, Russia, destroyed 10 villages; 600 lives lost.
30—Seventh session of 14th parliament of Queen Victoria opened.
Feb. 3—Most terrible heat ever experienced in Buenos Ayres; 93 deaths from sunstroke.
25—Mexican troops and Yaqui Indians fight near Potam; 300 Mexicans killed and wounded.
Mar. 1—Earthquakes do great damage in southern Mexico.
15—Cork and Limerick (Ire.) city corporations refuse to issue address of welcome to queen.
29—Turkey prohibits imports of American pork.
Apr. 14—Paris exposition opened.
29—Collapse of bridge at Paris exposition causes 9 deaths.
May 4—Fourth centenary of Brazil's discovery celebrated at Rio Janeiro.
11—Czar abolishes deportation to Siberia of Russian convicts and forbids sentencing of prisoners without trial.
Jun 5—In India 6,770,000 people receiving famine relief.
21—Count Mouravieff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, dies in St. Petersburg.
Jul. 4—Lafayette statue, gift of American children, presented to France by Commissioner Peck.
29—King Humbert of Italy, aged 56, assassinated at Monza by Bressi.
30—Albert, duke of Saxe-Coburg, 2d son of Queen Victoria, dies at Coburg.
Aug. 2—Italian cabinet swears allegiance to King Victor Emmanuel III.
9—Turkish troops massacre 200 Armenians at Spaghank....Funeral of King Humbert at Rome.
10—Lord Chief Justice Russell of England dies at London; aged 68.
18—Lord Roberts appointed commander in chief of British army to succeed Lord Wolseley.
29—Bressi sentenced to life imprisonment for assassinating Humbert.
Sep. 1—All Mahomet Bay, rebel leader seeking to usurp Persia's throne, defeated and imprisoned.
6—Duke d'Abruzzi of Italy returns from arctic region after having gone within 241 miles of pole.
23—Marshal de Campos, formerly capt. gen. of Cuba, dies at Zarauz, Spain.
24—Duke of Marlborough named lord lieutenant of Ireland.
Oct. 8—Canadian parliament dissolved.
10—United States receives 2,745 awards at Paris exposition, more than any other foreign country.
17—Prince von Hohenlohe resigns chancellorship of Germany; Von Buelow named to succeed him.
19—Lord Curzon says famine has caused 500,000 deaths in India.
29—Ten killed and 200 injured during London's boisterous welcome of returning troops from Africa.
Nov. 7—Sir Chas. Tupper defeated in Canadian election; liberals overwhelmingly successful.
12—Paris exposition closed.
29—Typhoon at Tourane, Japan; 1,600 lives lost.
30—Oscar Wilde, "apostle of estheticism," dies in Paris.
Dec. 2—Pres. Diaz of Mexico inaugurated for sixth time.
4—Flood in river Tiber causes $7,500,000 loss in Rome.
7—Russian consuls in Turkey report killing of hundreds of Armenians daily.
25—Yaqui Indians ambush Mexicans, killing 30 in Sonora....Another revolution in Venezuela.

The War in the Transvaal.

Jan. 1—Gen. French takes Colesburg.
10—Roberts and Kitchener land at Cape Town.
12—Gen. Buller begins second attempt to relieve Ladysmith.
24—Gen. Warren captures Spion kop.... Gen. Woodgate killed.
26—Spion kop abandoned.
Feb. 9—Buller checked in third attempt to relieve Ladysmith; 1,747 lost in the three advances.
14—Roberts pushes over Orange Free State border.
15—Gen. French enters Kimberley.
27—Cronje with 4,000 men surrenders at Paardeberg.
28—Ladysmith relieved.
Mar. 13—Salisbury rejects peace overtures of Boers.
15—Roberts enters Bloemfontein....Steyn moves capital to Kroonstadt.
28—Gen. Joubert dies in Pretoria.
Apr. 6—Boers capture five companies British troops near Bloemfontein.
10—Battle of Meerkatsfontein; British lose 600 killed and wounded and 900 are taken prisoners.
25—Boers driven from Wepener.
May 6—Sevcre fighting along Vet river.
12—Roberts occupies Kroonstadt without opposition.
18—Mafeking relieved, ending siege of 216 days.
31—British enter Johannesburg.
Jun 3—Kruger shifts seat of government from Pretoria to Lydenburg.
5—Roberts takes Pretoria....Battalion of Irish yeomanry captured by Boers in Orange Free State.
11—Boers capture 600 British at Roodeval ....Boer capital at Machadodorp.
Jul 23—De Wet captures British supply train and 100 Highlanders.
30—Gen. Prinsloo with 5,000 Boers surrenders unconditionally at Fouriesburg.
Aug. 1—Commandants Rouse, Fontenel, Deploy, Pougrieter and Joubert with their troops surrender to English.
27—Roberts reports capture of Gen. Olivier, a Boer leader.
Sep. 3—Roberts proclaims Transvaal British territory.
7—Lydenburg captured by British.
10—Buller inflicts heavy loss on Boers at Spitz kop.
Oct. 7—Roberts reports 16,000 British prisoners to have been taken from Boers.
19—Kruger embarks at Lorenzo Marques on Dutch cruiser, sailing for Holland.
22—Renewed Boer activity in southern part of Orange River Colony.
Nov. 3—British defeat De Wet, taking 100 prisoners.
22—Kruger receives extraordinary welcome on landing at Marseilles.
25—Pres. Loubet welcomes Kruger to Paris.
29—British surrender 400 men and two guns to Boers at Dewetsdorp, southwest of Bloemfontein.
30—Roberts turns over command of troops in South Africa to Lord Kitchener.
Dec. 2—German emperor announces inability to receive Kruger.
3—Emperor Francis Joseph refuses to receive visit from Kruger.
8—Czar writes to Kruger, expressing sympathy but announces inability to receive him or aid cause.
11—British parliament votes $80,000,000 to continue war.
15—Boers take 120 British at Zastron.... De Wet captures and destroys immense quantities of supplies and ammunition.
19—Gen. Knox abandons pursuit of De Wet and seeks to stem tide of Boer invasion of Cape Colony and Natal.
20—Boer invaders occupy Colesburg.
22—Boers occupy Britstown.
26—Boers surprise and capture British cavalry squadron near Britstown.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.

Jan. 4—Italy agrees to open door policy in China, completing list of powers approving Sec. Hay's proposal....W. Murray Crane inaugurated gov. Mass.
8—Geo. K. Nash inaugurated gov. Ohio.
10—Jos. C. S. Blackburn (dem., Ky.) elected U. S. senator.
11—Gov. Shaw (Ia.) inaugurated.
16—Jas. H. Gear (Ia.) reelected U. S. senator....Gov. Longino (Miss.) inaugurated.
17—McLaurin and Sullivan (both of Miss.) elected U. S. senators.
25—Brigham H. Roberts excluded from congress by vote of 268 to 50.
30—Senator Goebel, contestant for governorship of Kentucky, shot at Frankfort.
31—Democratic members of Ky. legislature meet and declare Goebel and Beckham elected gov. and lieut. gov., are sworn in by chief justice of court of appeals. Gov. Taylor declares state of insurrection and adjourns legislature to meet at London.
Feb. 2—Martial law in Frankfort, Ky.
3—Beckham sworn in to succeed Goebel.
5—Hay-Pauncefote treaty relating to Nicaragua canal signed.
6—Judge Wm. H. Taft (Cinn., O.) appointed pres. of commission to organize government for Philippine Islands....Thos. R. Bard (rep., Cal.) elected U. S. senator.
Mar. 5—Admiral Remey selected to command Asiatic fleet.
21—Civil government reported established in all important Philippine towns.
Apr. 3—U. S. senate passes bill providing civil government for Porto Rico, and levying a 15 per cent. tariff on certain exports to U. S., and providing free trade Mar. 1, 1902....Dewey decides to run for president.
6—Kentucky court of appeals decides J. C. W. Beckham is governor.
7—Gen. Otis allowed to retire from command; Gen. Arthur MacArthur selected to succeed him.
10—House passes Porto Rican bill.
24—U. S. senate refuses to seat Matthew S. Quay (Pa.); vote, 33 to 32.
May 1—Pres. Dole selected as governor of Hawaii....Chas. H. Allen inaugurated civil governor of Porto Rico.
2—Rev. F. C. Swallow (Pa.) nominated for pres. by United Christian party, at Rock Island, Ill.
8—Flag hoisted over island Tutuila, Samoa.
10—People's party in national convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., nominated W. J. Bryan (Neb.) and Chas. A. Towne (Minn.) for pres. and vice pres....Middle-of-the-road populists nominate Wharton Barker (Pa.) for president and Jas. Tanner (Ill. Minn.) for vice pres., in convention in Cincinnati.
15—U. S. Senator W. A. Clark (Mont.) finding himself unable to hold the seat resigns.
21—U. S. supreme court decides Kentucky governorship contest in Beckham's favor on ground of no jurisdiction; 4 justices dissented....Gov. W. W. Head (La.) inaugurated....E. G. Rathbone, director general of posts in Cuba, suspended.
25—Virginia votes for constitutional revision to disfranchise negroes.
Jun 4—Oregon republicans carry state election.
12—U. S. Senator Geo. P. Wetmore (rep., R. I.) reelected....U. S. court of claims decides Rear Admiral Sampson to have been in command during sea fight with Cervera.
20—Republican national convention meets in Philadelphia; Senator Lodge, chairman; platform adopted.
21—Pres. McKinley unanimously renominated by republicans for pres.; Theodore Roosevelt, for vice pres.
28—Gov. Dole (Hawaii) inaugurated....Prohibitionists at Chicago nominate John G. Woolley for pres., Henry B. Metcalf for vice pres.
Jul. 4—Democratic national convention at Kansas City; Jas. D. Richardson, chairman.
5—Wm. J. Bryan nominated by democrats for pres.; platform adopted.
6—Adlai E. Stevenson nominated by democrats for vice pres....Silver republicans in convention at Kansas City indorse Bryan's nomination.
12—Pres. McKinley formally notified of nomination at Canton, O.
16—Nat. League Republican clubs in session at St. Paul.
25—International surveyors locate Canada-Alaska boundary according to modus vivendi.
Aug. 1—Ex-Gov. Wolcott (Mass.) appointed ambassador to Italy.
4—E. V. Debs, social democrat presidential nominee, issues letter of acceptance.
6—Wm. J. Sanford (dem., Ala.) elected gov.
8—Wm. J. Bryan and Adlai Stevenson notified of nomination at Indianapolis.
15—"Liberty congress" at Indianapolis; Geo. S. Boutwell (Mass.), chairman.
Sep. 4—Wm. W. Stickney (rep., Vt.) elected gov....Seth H. Ellis nominated for pres. by national union reform party.
Oct. 3—Quadrennial convention of democratic clubs at Indianapolis.
4—Gov. W. W. Stickney (Vt.) inaugurated.
9—Trial by jury inaugurated in Cuba and writ of habeas corpus established.
18—Ex-Gov. W. E. Dillingham (rep., Vt.) elected U. S. senator.
Nov. 2—Roosevelt ends record-breaking campaign tour having traveled 21,209 miles and made 673 speeches in 8 weeks.
5—Cuban constitutional convention meets in Havana.
6—McKinley and Roosevelt elected pres. and vice pres. of U. S.; electoral vote 292; popular plurality, 877,718....O. O. Bacon (dem., Ga.) reelected U. S. senator.
23—Isthmian canal commission favors Nicaraguan route; estimated cost $120,000,000.
27—U. S. Senator J. T. Morgan (dem., Ala.) reelected.
Dec. 1—Pres. McKinley inaugurates civil service system in Philippines.
3—Pres. McKinley's annual message read on opening of 2d session of 56th congress.
5—Chas. A. Towne (Minn.) appointed to U. S. senate.
6—Army reorganization bill passed by lower house of congress..Chas. P. Eagan restored to army and retired.
10—Oklahoma and Indian territories organize joint convention to unite on single form of government.
11—Gov. J. C. W. Beckham (Ky.) inaugurated.
12—Centennial of establishment of capital at Washington celebrated.
17—Constitutional status of Porto Rico and Philippines argued in U. S. supreme court.
19—Grover Cleveland advises against attempt at democratic reorganization.
20—U. S. senate ratifies (55 to 18) Hay-Pauncefote treaty.
26—Inauguration of 20th century national gospel campaign in New York.

INDUSTRIAL.

Jan. 1—Indiana glass factories start up after 6 mos. idleness....Carnegie iron works in Pittsburgh resume operations, advancing wages of 10,000 men, increasing pay roll over $1,000,000 yearly....Pennsylvania railroad pensions 950 old employes.
15—United Mine Workers in national gathering at Indianapolis; John Mitchell reelected president on 19th.
17—Chicago drainage canal (costing $33,000,000) opened....Large bridge building concerns consolidate; capital, $32,000,000.
Feb. 5—In Chicago 1,500 men defy contractors' new rules and walk out; during subsequent week number of strikers increases to 7,000.
14—Sheet steel mills of country combine at Pittsburgh; capital, $52,000,000.
Mar. 6—Over 95,000 men idle in Chicago.
26—Actual work on $36,000,000 underground rapid transit tunnel in New York begun.
30—Strikes of 6,000 Chicago machinists settled.
Apr. 12—In Chicago, 590 union picksts attacked 30 nonunion workers; 17 men injured during riot.
23—Spring Valley (Ill.) Co.'s 5,000 coal miners ordered to strike.
26—Estimated 150,000 men and $25,000,000 capital made idle in Chicago by strikes.
May 3—Standard Oil Co. raises wages of 25,000 men 10 per cent. and reduces working hours.
7—In Chicago Judge Tuthill declares contract for county work invalid because of clause requiring exclusively union labor. ....In St. Louis 3,000 street car men strike.
15—Three strike sympathizers shot in St. Louis in fight with men who attempted to run street cars.
27—During 21 days of St. Louis street car strike 5 persons killed and 75 wounded.
28—St. Louis street car wrecked with dynamite.
Jun. 3—Boy killed and woman stripped and beaten for riding on St. Louis street car.
24—Traffic successfully resumed on all St. Louis street railway lines.
Jul. 2—St. Louis street car strike settled, both sides claiming victory....Wall paper trust dissolved.
7—Interstate commerce commission reports railroad mileage of 252,364 and number of employes at 925,924....Provision exports for fiscal year reach $180,000,000, breaking record.
26—Schooner Pretoria, largest wooden boat ever built (350 ft. long) launched at Bay City, Mich.
Aug. 16—International Typographical union, in session at Milwaukee, declares against indiscriminate boycotts.
17—Kentucky's manufacture of whisky reaches 21,739,722 gal. for fiscal year.
Sep. 16—Strike of Pennsylvania anthracite miners ordered.
21—Two killed and 10 wounded in strike riots at Shenandoah, Pa.; governor orders out troops....Glass chimney manufacturers concede wage advance of 6 per cent., ending strike of 14,700 employes.
Oct. 10—One man killed and several injured during attempt of strikers to close colliery at Oneida, Pa.
13—Anthracite miners in convention at Scranton decide to accept 10 per cent. wage increase offered by operators providing same rate hold till April, 1901; sliding scale abolished; other questions to be arbitrated.
25—Coal strike declared off, operators having agreed to 10 per cent. advance. Strike lasted 39 das. with 140,000 men out, entailing total loss of $10,000,000; 90 per cent. of anthracite mines had been tied up.
Nov. 7—Nine months' strike of 2,500 New York cigar makers ended by men resuming at old rates.
13—Indiana coal field idle on account of hoisting engineers' strike.
Dec. 8—Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. telegraphers strike.

LYNCHINGS.

Jan. 5—Newport News, Va., W. W. Watt (white) shot; assault.
16—Near Sienning, Tenn., Anderson Gause (colored); had added escape of 2 murderers.
20—Fort Scott, Kan., George and Ed Meeks; murder.
28—Canon City, Col., Thos Reynolds, an escaped convict.
Feb. 10—Port Arthur, Tex., James Sweeney; had been acquitted on murder charge.
Mar. 3—Near Letohatchee, Ala., Jim Crosby (colored); had threatened revenge for lynching of friend.
23—Ripley, Tenn., Louis Rice (colored), for testimony given in murder trial.
24—Emporia, Va., O'Grady (white) and Walter Cotton (colored); murder.
Apr. 3—Near Perryville, Ga., Allen Brooke (negro); assault.
5—Ivor, Va., negro; started fire which wiped out the village.
21—Allentown, Pa., John Hughly and Ed Ames; attempted assassination of white people.
28—Marshall, Mo., Mindeo Chowgoe (colored); assault.
May 4—Douglas, Ga., Marshall Jones (negro); murder.
5—Near Geneva, Ala., unknown negro; assault of 12 yr.-old girl....Alaska miners lynch comrade to save trouble of guarding him as prisoner.
22—Pueblo, Col., Calvin Kimblern (negro); shot wife and murdered 2