

## Notable Happenings of 1899

SET DOWN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

The British-Boer War—War in the Philippines—Big Financial Failures, Startling Disasters and Crimes—Necrology, Politics and Sports, Etc.

### BRITISH-BOER WAR.

- Mar. 20—Joa Chamberlain addresses parliament on the Transvaal.
- May 16—Arrest of 8 alleged British officers in Transvaal for conspiracy.
- 51—Conference at Bloemfontein between Pres. Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner.
- Jul. 16-19—New franchise bill passed by Transvaal.
- 24—Kruger threatens to resign.
- Aug. 21—Kruger in diplomatic note offers to make concessions on condition that England abandons claim of suzerainty.
- 28—Chamberlain replies such terms can't be considered.
- Sep. 8—Chamberlain insists on joint inquiry to make sure no nullifying conditions exist before a peace proposal.
- 18—Kruger answers with less favorable proposals than before.
- 22—Britain formulates note that she will prepare final terms.
- 28—Orange Free State votes to aid South African Republic.
- Oct. 2—Gen. Sir Redvers Buller appointed to command in South Africa.
- 10—Boer ultimatum that Britain must withdraw troops from South Africa.
- 11—Announcement at Johannesburg that war would be in effect 10 a.m., Oct. 12.
- 12—Boers invade Natal.
- 13—Armored train captured by Boers at Kraanpan... Gold seized by Transvaal republic.
- 14—Kimberley besieged by Boers.... Armored train blown up near Mafeking.
- 20—Gen. Symons mortally wounded in battle at Glencoe.
- 22—Gen. Kock killed in battle of Elands-lage.
- 31—Royal British fusiliers, No. 10 mountain battery and Gloucestershire regiment surrounded at Ladysmith and obliged to capitulate after losing heavily.
- Nov. 2—Boers capture Colenso completing investment of Ladysmith.
- 16—Boers wreck English armored train north of Durban, and kill, wound or capture 100 men.
- 23—Gen. Methuen wine bottle at Belmont, \$5,000,000.
- 26—Boers defeat Boers at Modder river, but with heavy loss.
- Dec. 10—British under Gatacre drawn into trap at Stormberg and 672 taken prisoners.
- 13—Methuen repudiated at Magersfonten; Gen. J. C. Smuts and marquis of Winchester killed. Total British losses, 983.
- 15—Boer reports reverse near Colenso; British troops again led into trap, 10 guns being captured. I destroyed; 1,097 casualties.
- 16—Gen. Methuen's communications cut.

### WAR WITH THE FILIPINOS.

- Jan. 20—Filipino congress at Malolos adopts constitution and votes confidence in Aguinaldo, empowering him to declare war against Americans.
- 23—U. S. government notified Aguinaldo that he was not responsible.
- Feb. 4—Filipinos make night attack on Manila but repulsed; 25 American soldiers killed, 175 wounded. Agoncillo, Filipino representative, issues "Waving Flag for Canada" on account of strict government control of all telegrams for Philippine islands.
- 13—Brig. Gen. Miller's forces capture Ouiio, capital Island of Panay; rebels fire town before evacuating; no casualties on American side.
- 26—Surgeon of Cebu, capital island of Cebu, to naval forces reported.
- Mar. 13—Gen. Wheaton captures city of Manila.
- 20—U. S. Philippines commission meets in Manila.
- 20—Mar. Gen. MacArthur enters Malolos, seat of insurgent government; battle lasted 3 hrs.; then Filipinos set fire to town and fled.
- Apr. 10—Gen. Lawton captures Santa Cruz, Laguna Prov.
- 17—Filipino capital (San Fernando since capture of Malolos) removed to Tarlac.
- 18—Admiral Dewey's troops capture by Filipinos of Liciot, Gilman, No. 14 of crew of the Yorktown who had gone ashore at Baler to rescue number of Spanish.
- May 2—Conference in Manila between Gen. Otis and Filipino emissaries terminates without definite results.
- 9—First Filipino municipal government sanctioned by Americans established at Balanga by Gen. Lawton. Native mayor and council elected.
- 16—San Isidro, important Filipino town, taken by Lawton.
- 22—Aguinaldo's commission meets American commission in Manila; notified that Pres. McKinley offered following: "A governor general to be appointed by the president; a cabinet to be appointed by the governor general; all the judges to be appointed by the president; the heads of departments to be either Americans or Filipinos, or both; and a general advisory council to be chosen by the president by a form of suffrage to be hereafter fully determined upon."
- Jun. 3—Gen. Rios with remainder of Spanish troops sails from Manila for Spain.
- 13—Americans under Lawton, Wheaton and Oushousen defeat Filipinos at Las Pinas; heavy loss on both sides.
- 15—Adm. John C. Watson arrives at Manila to assume command of Asiatic squadron.
- Jul. 17—War correspondent in Manila press against rigid censorship of press dispatches.
- 23—Gen. Otis proclaims provisional civil government on Island of Negros.
- Aug. 1—U. S. steamer *Saturnus* captured and burned.
- Sep. 22—Gen. Otis' attempt to imitate piracy employed in Cuba by buying insurgents' arms fails.
- 24—Gunboat *Urdaneta* while bombarding Oran is captured and sunk by rebels; crew made prisoners.
- Oct. 8—Aguinaldo issues proclamation releasing American prisoners and permitting Filipino soldiers in northern provinces to go home.
- 9—Censorship of press dispatcher to and from Manila abolished.
- 16—Insurgent capital moved from Tariac to mountains west of that city.
- 26—Gen. Lawton establishes civil government at San Isidro.
- 31—Insurgent capital established at Bayongon.
- Nov. 8—Filipinos routed near Mabalacat.
- 12—Americans enter Tariac.
- 14—Major John A. Logan killed while leading battalion in battle at San Jacinto.
- 24—Otis reports that insurgent government can no longer be said to exist, troops and officials being scattered and Aguinaldo in hiding.... Bautista, one Filipino congress, before Lawton. MacArthur formally renounces all further connection with insurrection.
- 20—Capt. Verry, of gunboat *Castine*, reports to Admiral Watson that Prov. of Zamboanga has unconditionally surrendered.
- Dec. 10—Gen. Gregorio Del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body guard, killed in fight 18 n. Cervantes.
- 13—Gen. Tirona, commanding in Cagayan, voluntarily and unconditionally surrenders entire province.
- 19—Major Henry W. Lawton killed while leading attack against San Mateo, which was captured.
- 26—Americans victorious at Aritao, Calamia, Dinalupihan and Sula.

### BUSINESS FAILURES.

Involving Liabilities of Half a Million Dollars or More—Banks Generally.

- Jan. 6—New York, A. B. Hilton, voluntary bankruptcy; \$2,500,000; no assets.
- 10—Boston, Hamilton national bank; voluntary.
- 25—Kansas City, Mo., Planters' bank.
- 31—Russell, Kan., First national bank.... San Jose, Cal., Union savings bank.
- Mar. 2—Bank of Cobden, Ill.
- 8—New York, William Noble, builder, voluntary bankruptcy; \$1,027,400.
- 9—Lima, Ohio, American national bank; voluntary.
- 13—Memphis, Tenn., Continental national bank; voluntary.
- 13—Lagrange, Ill., C. F. Gillett's private bank.
- 22—Silver Creek, N. Y., Excelsior bank.
- 28—Kansas City, Mo., W. L. Lippincott, president, Lippincott Rental Co.; \$1,000,000, with \$125 assets.
- Apr. 2—Waukesha, Wis., Farmers' and Merchants' bank turns business over to Citizens' bank.... Brooklyn, N. Y., Fulton bank sold to Mechanics' bank of New York.
- 11—Alma, Wis., banking house of L. P. Hunter & McKenzie.
- 21—Lakeport, N. H., Lake Village savings bank.
- Jun. 5—Cocheco (N. H.) savings and Cocheo national banks.... First bank of Skagit, Wash., Alvin Smith.
- 22—Humboldt, Wis., 6 in railway disaster.
- 22—It is reported that 23 have been killed accidentally in Adirondacks by hunters on Upper Yukon, Alaska, 10 drowned, caught by ice jam.
- 30—Patterson, N. J., 6 at railway crossing.
- Dec. 1—During Minn. and Wis. deer season, 11 hunters accidentally killed.
- 15—New Salida, Col., 6 in railway collision.
- 8—On Lake Erie, steamer Niagara reported lost with 16 persons.
- 9—Carbon Hill, Wash., 32 by mine explosion.
- 16—On Lake Superior, Whaleback barge 115 New York, 7 in tenement fire.
- 22—Quincy, Ill., 12 school children, in fire.
- 23—Brownsville, Pa., 35 by mine explosion.
- 25—New Bear Month, Mont., 4 in railway wreck.
- 26—New Ashcroft, B. C., 7 Indians by canoe upsetting.

### CRIMES.

- Jan. 2—Paulding, O., ex-Postmaster C. A. Brewer kills wife and self.
- 20—Antigo, Wis., vandals wreck offices of Antigo Republican, Weekly News and German Herald.
- 23—Philadelphia, Pa., George Ayres fatally wounded by lover and wife and self.
- Feb. 4—Westminster, O., Frank Blair kills Ed. Broward, Mary Anderson and self; jealousy.
- 3—Lockwood, Tenn., Mrs. John A. Clark poison her 3 children and self; insanity.
- 15—Benton, Tex., Ed Bear drives his wife through principal streets, kills her and self.
- 16—Hot Springs, Ark., in political fight; Thos. Thors, chief of police; J. E. Hart, city detective; T. F. Goslee, police sergeant; J. Williams and Louis Hinkle shot dead.
- 22—Lagrange, Ind., Mrs. C. Molter poison her 2 children and self; temporarily insane.
- Apr. 3—Albion, Ind., G. W. H. Jackson kills his wife, baby and self; insanity.
- 10—Paxton, Ill., dead, many wounded and town under martial law as result of attempt to arrest a negro desperado who defied the officers.
- 20—Fresno, Cal., fatal fight among Chinese highlanders results in 3 killed and 2 fatally wounded.
- 26—Near Maiden, Mo., Mrs. Jane Tetton and her 4 children found murdered.
- Mar. 1—Near Bernadotte, Ill., J. J. Smith shoots divorced wife and kills self; jealousy.
- 9—Okolona, Miss., Dr. Wm. Murphy and son and Chas. D. Clarke and son killed in dispute over a hill.
- 11—Howard City, Mich., Jos. Harvey (aged 20) kills his wife, uncle and grandmother, and wounds his baby, father-in-law and self.
- 17—West Alexandria, O., Frank Campbell kills his wife, her sister and self.
- 20—Midway, Ontario—Austin (aged 25) kills his mother and brother and sister; they opposed his wish to marry a neighbor's daughter.
- Jun. 1—Near Thornton, Ind., Alfred Wells kills 3 of his little boys; insanity.
- 16—Near Long Grove, Ill., Mrs. Lee Trieler family quarrel wounds her husband, and killed mother and self.
- 22—Mexican troops kill 45 Yaqui Indians in battle near Cooroi.
- 23—Kurds pillage Armenian village of Kosten, massacring 300 persons.
- 12—Earthquake on Ceram, one of Malay islands; 5,000 people perish.
- 23—At Frelingheim, Belg. school children drowned by breaking through the ice on a skating pond.

### INDUSTRIAL.

- Jan. 13—Cheunggum manufacturers of U. S. working at New York, capital, \$15,000,000.
- 15—John Mitchell elected pres. United Mine Workers in convention at Pittsburgh.
- 25—Bridge building companies combine; capital, \$50,000,000.
- Feb. 1—Leading pottery interests organize; capital, \$40,000,000.
- 3—Soap manufacturers combine; capital, \$50,000,000.
- 6—American Car & Foundry (combining 8 big car concerns) incorporated for \$60,000,000.
- Mar. 1—American Steel and Wire Co., at Joliet, Ill., raises wages of 30,000 employees from 5 to 10 per cent.... Various whisky and distilling companies form a trust, capital, \$128,000,000.
- 16—Wages of 15,000 store molders raised.
- 30—The Republic Iron & Steel Co. (capital, \$50,000,000) acquires 30 mills west of Pittsburgh, incorporated.
- 31—During month of Mar. 134 corporations organized in New Jersey; aggregate capital stock, \$111,750,000.
- Apr. 1—Increase in wages in cotton mills of New England goes into effect, the restoration benefiting 160,000 operatives.
- 4—Andrea Carnegie advanced wages of 10,000 employees in Pittsburgh and vicinity 10 per cent.
- 16—Strikes between union and nonunion miners at Wardner, Idaho, culminated in blowing up Bunker Hill and Sulphur was mine and mill, causing loss of \$20,000 and one man killed.... H. C. Frick Coke Co., in Pittsburgh, Pa., employing 15,000 men, raises wages from 6 to 12 per cent.
- May 2—Troops occupy Wardner, Idaho, and martial law prevails on account of rioting.
- 16—Flintshire strikers at Duluth, Minn., blow up their car with dynamite; 10 passengers injured.
- 11—Near Redwood Falls, Minn., Frank Babcock kills wife, 3 sons and self; insanity.
- Nov. 9—Kentucky election troubles result in 15 killed and 12 wounded.
- Dec. 3—Bakersfield, Cal., E. S. Millikin kills his wife, child and self.
- 4—Montgomery, Mo., Chas. Rankin kills Frank Walker, bride and self; disdained love.
- 11—Judge Basil Laplace, (state legislator) killed by mob on his plantation 20 m. from New Orleans.
- 18—Near Redwood Falls, Minn., Frank Babcock kills wife, 3 sons and self; insanity.
- Nov. 9—Near Gienieve, Mont., 12 by flood in Yellowstone river.
- 18—Near Beverly, Mass., 11 in wreck of fishing schooner.
- 27—Kirksville, Mo., 30 in tornado.... Newtowm, Mo., 15 by cyclone.... Onawa, Ia., 5 in tornado.
- 11—Silver Plume, Colo., 24 miners in snow slide.... Onab, N. H., 13 by fire.
- 19—Near Vinton, S. D., 17 in burning cage of incense arum.
- 18—Off South Carolina coast, 9 by wreck of steamship William Lawrence.... Cornerstone, Ark., 7 in burning home.... In Texas during 2 days intense cold, 14 frozen.
- Mar. 8—Near Norfolk, Va., 12 drowned by sinking of tug.
- 10—Crede, Col., 6 by explosion in mine.
- 17—New York, 46 during burning of Wind-sorrel.
- 19—Near Edgewater, Ala., 11 in cyclone.
- 27—Chicago, 8 in flames of Armour's curd factory.
- Apr. 3—Joplin, Mo., 5 by caving in of a narrow trench.
- 4—Eureka, Cal., 10 by capsizing of steamer in harbor.
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