

RECORD OF NEW CENTURY'S FIRST YEAR.



POLITICAL

JANUARY.

1. The Earl of Hopetoun sworn in as the first Governor of the Federated Australian Colonies.
2. The House passes the Burleigh Congressional reapportionment bill.
3. William E. Chandler defeated for the Republican Senatorial nomination in New Hampshire by Henry E. Burnham.
4. The Senate passes the Congressional bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the duties of the United States Marshal.
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2. The army reorganization bill signed by the President.
4. The House passes bills to extend national bank charters and to pay Spanish war claims.
7. The Senate passes the amended war revenue reduction bill.
8. Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.
9. Saraceno's Italian Ministry resigns.
12. Congress votes the Presidential electoral votes.
14. The Princess of Asturias weds Prince Charles of Bourbon, a state of siege being proclaimed in Madrid the same day.
16. General De Wet routed by the British at Philippolis.
18. General Chaffee instructed from Washington not to join in Waldersee's proposed expedition in China; foreign envoys submit an ultimatum.
22. The Cuban constitution signed.
28. The army appropriation bill, with Cuba and Philippine amendments passes the Senate.

MARCH.

4. McKinley and Roosevelt inaugurated.
11. Great Britain rejects Senate amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.
15. The Utah polygamy bill vetoed.
20. The Maryland disfranchisement bill finally passed.
23. General Funston captures Aguinaldo.
24. Admiral Mello, alleged royalist plotter, arrested in Brazil.
26. Philander C. Knox selected by the President for Attorney General.
28. The Nebraska Senatorial deadlock broken.
30. Funston promoted to be brigadier general in the Regular Army; Thomsen killed in an Arabian tribal battle near Nejd.

APRIL.

1. Aguinaldo takes the oath of allegiance.
5. Gen. Pang Yu Shan heads a Chinese rebellion.
20. A British expedition liberates Nigerian slaves.
24. Cuban Constitutional Convention envoys reach Washington.
29. The President begins his tour to the South and West.

MAY.

2. The Hawaiian Legislature petitions President McKinley for the removal of Governor Dole.
3. Several German Cabinet Ministers resign.
12. Premier Ito of Japan resigns.
15. Senators Tillman and McLaughlin of South Carolina resign; both afterward reinstated.
27. The United States Supreme Court decides most of the "insular" cases.
28. The Cuban Constitutional Convention accepts the Platt amendment with interpretive clauses of its own.
29. President McKinley refuses to accept the Cuban Constitutional Convention's action on the Platt amendment.

JUNE.

12. The Cuban Constitutional Convention unreservedly adopts the Platt amendment.
19. The "Allied Third Party movement" launched at Kansas City.
20. Civil government established all over the Philippines by the President's order.
22. Cailles, the Filipino general, surrenders his command.

JULY.

4. Buenos Ayres proclaimed in a state of siege.
5. Comptroller of the Currency Dawes resigns.
10. Turkey pays the American indemnity.
12. The Powers reach an agreement concerning the Chinese indemnity.
13. Admiral Schley asks for a court of enquiry, which Secretary Long orders next day.
25. The President proclaims free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. The Democratic executive committee of South Carolina reads Senator McLaughlin out of the party.
30. A national Socialist convention meets in Indianapolis.

AUGUST.

5. Colombian troops and Venezuela revolutionists defeated in the first battle with Venezuelan Government forces.
21. France severs diplomatic relations with Turkey.

SEPTEMBER.

2. Denmark accepts the United States' offer for the West Indies islands.
4. Prince Chun of China apologizes to Berlin for the murder by Boxers of Minister von Ketteler in Peking.
5. President McKinley, in his speech at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition, declares for reciprocity. American merchant marine, isthmian canal and Pacific cable.
7. A Venezuelan fleet bombards Rio Hacha, Colombia. The Chinese peace protocol signed.
12. The Schley Court of Enquiry convenes; Admiral Schley's objection to Admiral Howison sitting as a member sustained.
14. President Roosevelt takes the oath of office.
15. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York land at Quebec.
18. The Car of Russia enters France as a guest of the Republic.
28. Philippine surprise and nearly annihilate a company of United States troops near Balangiga, Samar Island.

OCTOBER.

10. Ex-Secretary Alger's book published.
15. Bolomen attack Company E, Ninth United States Infantry, near Gandarcol, Samar, but are routed with heavy loss.
21. A conspiracy discovered to establish a Republic in the Klondike region.
22. The Pan-American Congress assembled in the City of Mexico.

NOVEMBER.

4. The French navy takes possession of three Turkish ports on Mytilene Island.
5. In the fall elections, Republicans win in the Northern States and Democrats in the South; Tammany overthrown in New York City.
8. The Duke of Cornwall and York receives the title of the Prince of Wales.
11. The new constitution of Alabama is ratified.
15. The new Hay-Pauncefote Treaty signed.
15. Colombian revolutionists capture Colon; United States marines land next day.
20. The manufacturers' national reconvention resolves in favor of protection and of a department of commerce and industries and recommends a bureau of reciprocity under that department.
24. Theotokis' Greek Ministry resigns; Zaimis forms a new Cabinet.
28. Colon surrendered to Colombian Government forces.

DECEMBER.

2. The Fifty-seventh Congress convenes. The United States Supreme Court decides the two remaining "insular" cases; the Philippines held to be domestic territory, and the Foraker Porto Rico act upheld. Denmark and the United States reach an agreement for American purchase of the Danish West Indies.
7. The Peruvian Congress adopts the decision most of the "insular" cases.
9. By protocol, Nicaragua agrees to lease to the United States perpetually a canal strip.
12. The Schley Naval Court of Enquiry submits its report.
17. Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith resigns, to be succeeded by Henry C. Payne.
18. The House passes the Philippine tariff bill.
19. A new revolution breaks out in Venezuela.
21. Diplomatic relations between Chile and Argentina severed. General Miles reprimanded by Secretary Root for passing an opinion on the subject of the Schley Court of Enquiry.
25. Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, accepts the Treasury portfolio.

7. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad sold to the Northern Pacific Company.
17. The Fairmont Coal Company secures control of the entire Fairmont region of West Virginia.
24. Pennsylvania Railroad interests secure control of the Cambria Steel Company.
27. The Seventh National Bank of New York succeeds.
29. A strike ordered of all union sheet steel workers. The City National Bank of Buffalo fails.

JULY.

5. The National Steel and American Steel Hoop Companies merged.
8. The Guffey Petroleum Company of Texas sells its export trade to the Shell Transportation Company of England.
13. Amalgamated Association President Shaffer orders a strike against three constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation.
15. Stationary firemen in the Pennsylvania anthracite region strike.

AUGUST.

6. All union workmen employed by the United States Steel Corporation ordered to strike.
10. George Phillips, Chicago corn speculator, files a petition in bankruptcy.

Science and Sociology

JANUARY.

5. Prof. Loeb, of the University of Chicago, announces the discovery that common salt is a life preserver in cases of great loss of blood.
9. Harvard Observatory determines the orbit, size, and distance from the earth of the planet Eros.
13. Prussia celebrates her bicentenary.
23. The mid-continental congress of religious assemblies in Chicago.
24. Tesla claims to have perfected his system of wireless electric lighting.
28. Prof. Robert Gurney announces at Vienna his discovery of paraffin cure for physical deformity.

FEBRUARY.

6. The National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers organized in Philadelphia.
18. The House passes the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition bill.
22. A temporary star of the first magnitude discovered simultaneously at Edinburgh and Erlanger.
23. Mrs. Emmens Blaine turns over to the University of Chicago the Chicago Institute of Pedagogy. The Senate passes the St. Louis Exposition bill.
26. The National Conference of School Superintendents reject the phonetic spelling scheme.

MARCH.

1. Discovery of the "Bequerel ray" announced in Berlin.
13. Andrew Carnegie signals his retirement from business by giving \$5,000,000 for employees' pension fund, and for maintenance of libraries near Pittsburgh.
15. Andrew Carnegie offers \$5,000,000 to endowment of Pittsburgh Polytechnic School and also \$1,000,000 for a library system in St. Louis.
19. Mrs. Emmens Blaine gives \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago School of Education.

APRIL.

1. Tolstoy banished from Russia.
7. The steamship Cattie, largest ever built, launched at Belfast, Ireland. Lieutenant Peary announces that he has attained the highest Arctic latitude on the Western Hemisphere.
6. The council of the Scientific Alliance, of New York, announces its plan to build a temple.
10. Mrs. P. D. Armour and J. Ogden Armour increase their contributions to Armour Institute, Chicago, by \$1,000,000.
15. The Pope elevates twelve Cardinals, including Archbishop Martini.
17. Prof. Langley, at Washington, announces the discovery of a new spectrum.

MAY.

1. The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo opens.
18. The battleship Ohio launched at San Francisco in the presence of President McKinley. The solar eclipse observed in Mauritius and Sumatra. The revision committee reports to the Presbyterian General Assembly.
27. Andrew Carnegie gives \$20,000,000 to Scottish universities.
27. The Presbyterian General Assembly decides upon creed revision.
28. Prof. Pickering, at Harvard, announces the discovery of what he believes to be snow on the moon.

JUNE.

2. Alexander Dowski publicly announces himself in Chicago to be the prophet Elijah.
3. Prof. E. E. Nichols, of Dartmouth College, perfects a radiometer for measuring the heat of heavenly bodies.
5. The London Chamber of Commerce banquets members of New York Chamber of Commerce.
10. Elevated railroad trains begin running in Boston.

DISASTERS

JANUARY.

8. Twenty-eight lives lost in the burning of an orphan asylum at Rochester, N. Y.
15. Sixty men killed by a mine explosion near Victoria, B. C.
22. Twelve persons killed by a train collision near Bordentown, N. J.
22. The steamer Rio de Janeiro wrecked by a rock off San Francisco; 128 lives lost, including Consul Wadman and family.
26. Fire in the Diamondville, Wyo., coal mine wipes out twenty-eight lives.

MARCH.

1. Nebraska penitentiary partly burned.
3. A tornado wipes out twenty lives in the vicinity of Wills Point, Texas.
17. The Pittsburgh Exposition burns.
25. A tornado at Hiramsham, Ala., and vicinity kills seventeen persons.

FEBRUARY.

5. A petroleum fire at Baku, Russia, destroys nine lives.

MAY.

3. Fire destroys 148 blocks of Jacksonville, Fla.; seven lives lost.
5. Seven lives lost in a Chicago fire; a train crew arrested for blocking firemen's approach.
12. The steamer City of Paducah sinks off Brunkhorn Landing, Mo.; fifteen lives lost.
24. The steamer Baltimore founders in Lake Huron off Au Sable, Mich.; twelve sailors drown.
27. Twenty-one lives lost in a Tennessee coal dust mine explosion.
30. Seventy persons burned to death on the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

JUNE.

10. Sixteen miners perish in a mine fire at Port Royal, Pa.
15. Coffee plantations ruined and several hundred people killed by the eruption of Kioet volcano, Java.
21. A fireworks explosion in Rittenburg's store, Paterson, N. J., kills sixteen persons.
23. A cloudburst devastates Elkhorn Valley, N. Va.; nearly fifty persons drowned.
24. A gasoline launch blows up at St. Louis; twenty-five lives lost.
25. The steamer Lusitania wrecked off Cape Hatteras, Newfoundland; twenty drowned.
26. A Wabash train wrecked by the fall of a trestle, killing sixteen persons.

JULY.

1. One thunderbolt in Chicago kills ten persons.
10. Twenty-three persons killed in a Chicago and Alton Railroad collision near Newton, Mo.
11. Eleven men killed by the fall of a railroad bridge near Springfield, Pa.

AUGUST.

5. An explosion in Philadelphia demolishes six houses and destroys nine lives.
14. The temporary water-works crib in Lake Erie, at Cleveland, burns; twelve lives lost.
15. The steamship Islander wrecked by an iceberg off Douglas Island, Alaska; sixty-five lives lost.
18. Fourteen men burned by a molten metal accident in the National Steel Company's work, Youngstown, Ohio; eleven die.
19. The Mississippi River steamer Golconda founders in a storm near Paducah, Ky.; thirty-five lives lost. Exploding dynamite near Herkimer, N. Y., kills thirteen men.

SEPTEMBER.

3. The first state driven for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

OCTOBER.

2. The Episcopal Convention accepts the report of the committee on Bible marginal readings.
6. Captain Andrews and bride start from Atlantic City to cross the ocean in a fourteen-day tour.
12. Count de la Vaux undertakes a balloon voyage across the Mediterranean from France to Algiers, but fails.
15. The Episcopal House of Deputies rejects the canon on marriage and divorce.
17. Mormon apostles elect Joseph F. Smith president.
20. Yale University begins to celebrate her bicentenary.
22. Scottish Rite Masons unveil at Washington a monument to Gen. Albert Pike.

NOVEMBER.

4. Santos-Dumont is awarded the Deutsch balloon prize in Paris of 100,000 francs.
12. Andrew Carnegie adds \$1,000,000 to endowment of Pittsburgh Polytechnic School and also \$1,000,000 to Pittsburgh Carnegie Institute.
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DECEMBER.

2. The South Carolina and West Indian Exposition at Charleston opened.
8. Andrew Carnegie offers \$10,000,000 to endow a proposed national post-graduate university in Washington.
9. Mrs. Leland Stanford conveys to Stanford University, California, \$20,000,000 worth of property.
14. Maxwell at St. John, N. F., receives wireless electric wave signals from Cornwall, England.
16. The industrial department of the National Civic Federation meets in New York.
18. A committee of arbitration and conciliation appointed by the industrial conference in New York.
24. Ex-President Cleveland accepts membership in the industrial department of the National Civic Federation.

JANUARY.

1. Erie, Pa.: Conkle wins the decision over McFarland.
2. Canton, Ohio: Sims knocks out Louden Campbell in the eighth round.
5. Boston: Walker wins the six-day bicycle race, making 1,092.2 miles.
7. Boston: Tim Callahan knocks out Oscar Gardner in fifteen rounds.
17. New York: The new American Baseball League organized.
21. St. Paul: The Walkerville tankard curling trophy won by American rink against Canadians, 116 to 53.
25. Peru, Ind.: Owen McCarthy wins the lightweight bowling championship.
26. New York: A. C. Keane, of New York, wins the figure skating championship of the United States and Canada.
28. Cincinnati: Jeffries and Rubin arrested.
29. Millvale, Pa.: McClelland knocks out Santry in four rounds.

FEBRUARY.

6. New York: The championship wrestling match between Roebie, the American, and Pons, the Frenchman, a draw.
12. Pittsburgh: John S. Johnson equals the world's half-mile skating record.
13. Pittsburgh: LeRoy See lowers the world's half-mile indoor skating record to 1:35.2.5.
14. Cincinnati: Judge Hollier issues an injunction against the proposed Jeffries-Rubin fight.
15. Pittsburgh: John Nilsson skates a mile in 2:48 1-5, lowering the world's record.
22. Boston: Grant Ely, of Springfield, Ohio, wins from William Stubbs, of Canada, the pool championship of the world.
23. New York: Harold Money, of Oakland, N. J., wins the amateur pigeon-shooting championship, scoring 88 out of a possible 100 kills.
24. Fresno, Cal.: Stone wheels ten miles, motor-paced, in 16:43 1-5, breaking the record.
28. Monte Carlo: Janowski wins the chess tournament.

MARCH.

16. Philadelphia: Glick wins the six-day go-as-you-please walking match; 455 miles.
- Indianapolis: McClelland wins against Fitzgerald on a foul.
30. London: Oxford wins the annual boat race against Cambridge.

APRIL.

1. Gans whips Flaherty in four rounds.
6. Boston: DeOro wins the 600-point pool match with Ely.
8. St. Louis: Jenkins defeats Champion Roebie in a wrestling match.
15. Memphis: Creelton knocks out Handler in one round.
16. Hot Springs, Ark.: Weing whips Scanlan in seven rounds.
18. Washington: De Oro, the Cuban, wins the world's pool championship against Frank Sherman, American.
20. The Anglo-American cable chess match ends in a draw.
23. Columbus: The six-day pedestrian race won by Peter Golden, of New York.
29. Louisville: His Eminence wins the Kentucky Derby in 2:07 3/4. Dave Sullivan knocks out McClelland in twenty rounds.
30. San Francisco: McGovern knocks out Oscar Gardner in the fourth round.

MAY.

2. Denver: Sharkey knocks out Fred Russell in four rounds.
4. New York: Banastar wins the Metropolitan handicap.
6. Bristol, R. I.: The proposed America's Cup defender Constitution launched.

JUNE.

1. Newport: The Columbia beats the new cup defender Constitution in their first yacht race.
2. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: Cornell wins the Inter-collegiate boat race.
4. New York: John Flannagan throws the 16-pound hammer 175 feet 1 1/2 inches, a new record.
5. Henley, England: Leander Club wins the Grand Challenge cup boat race against the University of Pennsylvania.
6. Huddersfield, England: Americans capture every event but one in the championship athletic games.
- Newport: The cup defender Constitution easily defeats the yachts Independence and Columbia.
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AUGUST.

2. Columbus, Ohio: For the second time Cressens breaks the mile trotting record; 2:02 1/4.
3. Colorado Springs, Col.: Candiras de Foya, Ute Indian, breaks the world's record for 100-yard sprint; 9 seconds.
5. Buffalo: Walter Smith, of New York, lowers the two, three, and five mile bicycle records; 3:29 4-5, 5:12 2-5, and 8:27 1-5.
8. Buffalo: Shadow Chimes makes a new mile record for green paces; 2:07 1/4.
12. Buffalo: G. W. Butler lowers the five-mile motor bicycle record to 6:13.
14. Chicago: The Invader, Canadian, wins the Canadian yachting cup.
15. Brighton Beach, Cressens defeats the Abbot in a trotting race; 2:03 1/4, 2:06 1/4, and 2:05.
15. Denver: Young Corbett gets the decision against George Dixon.
21. Newport: W. A. Larned wins the amateur tennis championship over Beale C. Wright.
25. Vailsburg, N. J.: W. S. Penn lowers the five-mile professional bicycle record to 10:15.
28. Chicago: The world's mile-wagon record with amateur driver broken by F. J. Jones, driving Little Boy in 2:02 2-5.

SEPTEMBER.

5. Newport: The yacht Columbia chosen to defend the America's Cup.
- Sea Girt, N. J.: The Canadian rifle team wins the world's championship against the Americans.
7. Chicago: Miss Myrtle McAtter, of Pittsburg, retains the Western tennis championship by defeating Miss Winona Closserman, of Chicago.
8. New York: C. Sutton Thum breaks the world's mile sculling record in single shell; 5:08 2-5.
11. San Diego, Cal.: Howard E. Brewer swims a mile in 23:21 4-5, breaking the American amateur record.
15. St. Louis: John Flannagan breaks the discus-throwing record; 129 feet 11 inches.
- New York: George C. Schreiber lowers the quarter-mile bicycle record to 31 seconds. M. L. Hurley makes a new five-mile bicycle record, 11:06 2-5.
21. Readville, Mass.: Cressens wins the trotting race against the Abbot.
- Cleveland: The stallion John A. McKerron trots a mile to wagon in 2:04 1/4, a new record for amateur driver.
23. Buffalo: Ferns knocks out Erne in four rounds.
24. Springfield, Ohio: Joseph Judge, of New York, breaks the world's mile motorcycle record in 1:26.
- Oakland, Cal.: Jeffries knocks out Jim Kennedy in two rounds.
25. New York: Yale and Harvard win six of the nine athletic games against English visitors.
28. New York: Columbia wins the first of the America's Cup yacht races with Shamrock II.
- Vailsburg, N. J.: Champion breaks the world's mile motorcycle record in 1:15.
- Chicago wins the American Baseball League pennant.
- Louisville: Kid Broad awarded the decision over Dan Sullivan after twenty-five rounds.

OCTOBER.

2. Chicago: McChesney covers six and one-half furlongs in 1:18 4-5, breaking the horse running record.
4. New York: Columbia wins the America's Cup yacht racing series against Shamrock II.
- Louisville: Flannagan, of New York, breaks the hammer-throwing record, 170 feet 10 inches.
6. The National League baseball season closes, Pittsburgh winning the pennant.
9. New York: A. G. Vanderbilt and Jacob M. Hyde, with coach and four, establish a record between New York and Philadelphia and return though behind schedule time; 19 hours 45 minutes.
19. New York: Fournier breaks the one and six mile automobile records; 1:06 4-5 and 6:17.
- De Witt: But for Fournier's performance at New York on the same day Alexander Winton lowers the world's automobile record to 1:12 2-5.
- Lexington, Ky.: Overard Silver wins the Transylvania Stakes.
12. New York: Miss Genevieve Hecker, of Orange, N. J., wins the woman's golf championship of America.
16. Memphis: F. G. Jones drives the pacer Little Boy half a mile in 1 minute, equalling the world's wagon record.
17. Providence: Fournier runs his automobile nine miles in 10:43 1/2.
21. Memphis: Little Boy breaks the world's mile wagon pacing record; 2:04 1/4.
23. Memphis: Audubon Boy paces a half mile in 1:00 1/4.
24. Detroit: Winton breaks every automobile record from one to ten miles; one mile, 1:06 2-5; ten miles, 11:09.
25. Memphis: Little Boy lowers the mile wagon pacing record to 2:01 1/4.
26. Memphis: Prince Albert establishes new world's half-mile and mile gold-plating pacer record; mile in 2:00 3/4.
- Vailsburg, N. J.: Albert Champion breaks the mile motor-cycle record; 1:12 2-5.

NOVEMBER.

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TRADE and INDUSTRY

JANUARY.

5. J. P. Morgan secures control of the New Jersey Central, Reading, and Lehigh Valley Railroads.
7. Shares numbering 2,150,000 sold on the New York Stock Exchange.
8. The Carnegie Company announces its purpose to build a \$12,000,000 steel plant at Conneaut, Ohio—Reading traction engineers strike.
12. The first great Guffey oil gusher in Texas brought in.
20. The Southern Railroad Company secures control of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.—The independent oil pipe line from Pennsylvania fields to tide-water finished.

FEBRUARY.

1. The United Pacific Company secures control of the Southern Pacific Railroad.
13. Organization of the Great American Cereal Company completed at Akron, Ohio.
25. The United States Steel Corporation chartered.
27. Lake marine engineers strike.

MARCH.

5. John F. Searles, New York financier, assigns.
24. The Ohio Supreme Court decides that

- debenture companies are unlawful, which decision forces several Cincinnati concerns out of business.
27. Gold in the United States Treasury, \$255,000,000.

APRIL.

12. A strike of Central Railroad of New Jersey employees begins.
27. J. P. Morgan's syndicate secures control of the Leyland steamship lines.

MAY.

6. The Cuyahoga Savings and Banking Company, Cleveland, suspends on account of the disappearance of President R. N. Pollock.
8. The Colonial Steel Company of America organized.
9. A flurry begins on New York Stock Exchange.
16. The Guffey Petroleum Company chartered.
18. The Albany car strike ended by compromise.
20. Machinists' strikes begin in various cities.
25. Loree succeeds Cowan as president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

JUNE.

5. The Consolidated Tobacco Company incorporated in New Jersey.
6. The Amalgamated Copper Company increases its capital \$50,000,000.