

RECORD OF AN YEAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Enormous Treasure Lost by Storm and Flood-- Notable Obituary Roll--Matters Im- portant in History.

The year 1903 has been memorable for the prolonged drought early in the season for production, followed by phenomenal rainfall and destructive floods. During the first week of June the state of Kansas suffered losses by floods aggregating \$17,000,000 in miscellaneous property and \$5,000,000 on crops destroyed. Hundreds of lives were lost by flood disasters on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. In South Carolina the June floods swept away two towns on the river Paeolet, causing loss of life and damage amounting to \$3,000,000.

Following closely the flood disasters in America the world was startled by the cold blooded massacre of King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia, together with the Serbian cabinet. The deed was perpetrated by a band of military revolutionists, who suffered only nominal punishment for their crime.

The burning of a passenger train in the Paris subway, resulting in the horrible death of scores of imprisoned people, gave warning of the new danger which the marching of progress makes possible in crowded cities. The long impending and vexing question of the succession to the papal throne made vacant in July by the demise of Pope Leo XIII., who lived one score and three years beyond the allotted age of man, was happily solved by the choice of Giuseppe Sarto, patriarch of Venice, a devoted, yet liberal minded, churchman. Earlier in the year Cardinal Parrochi, chief candidate for succession to the papacy when it should become vacant, had been removed from the field by death.

Death also removed from the world's stage during the year many men of advanced age whose activities lent brilliancy to the era which produced them, notably Alexander Bain, the master of logic; Lecky, the English historian; Herbert Spencer, the philosopher; and Professor Theodor Mommsen, whose achievements in the domain of history earned for him the unique title, "the grand old man of Germany." Other noted deaths abroad were Sagasta, the prime minister of Spain during the Spanish-American war; Du Chailu, the author and explorer; Whistler, the eccentric but talented artist, and Archbishop Farrar, a distinguished English churchman and author.

Three conspicuous literary lights of the past died during the year—Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet and critic; Charles Godfrey Leland (Hans Breitmann) and B. L. Farjeon, the novelist. To say that the creator of "John Inglesant," died during the year, suggests to few readers of that classic romance the name of its author, Joseph Henry Shorthouse.

The defeat of Shamrock III. by the Reliance in the race for the America's cup added one more to the half score of victories already won by American defenders. On the turf the world's light harness records were materially reduced by American horses. The trotting record of 2:02 1/4 was brought down to 2:00 with a third by Lou Dillon, soon, however, to be equaled by Major Delmar. Crescius quickly beat the record down to 1:59 1/4, when Lou Dillon once more lowered it to 1:58 1/4.

Grave financial troubles have been experienced during the year. In mid-summer stocks fell and have remained down, involving several large brokerage firms. Subsequently several banking and trust companies succumbed.

The long looked for Panama canal received a serious setback by the rejection on the part of the Colombian senate of the Hay-Herran treaty. Incensed over the prospect of losing the rich treasure which the canal would bring to the isthmus, the state of Panama seceded from Colombia and set up an independent republic under the protection of the United States navy. The United States immediately recognized the new government and negotiated a treaty for the construction of the canal.

JANUARY. Personal: The Indian durbar in honor of the coronation of Edward VII. as emperor of India opened at Delhi. Shipwreck: The Norwegian bark Arthur Prince lost off Cape Flattery; 18 sailors drowned.

Obituary: Ex-Premier Sagasta of Spain, at Madrid; aged 90. Accident: 3 killed and 5 seriously injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania R. R. at Cochrane, Pa.

Accident: 3 killed and several injured in a collision on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago R. R. at Ada, O. Fire: Loss of \$300,000 by flames in London, Ont.

Obituary: Gen. Samuel Thomas, noted Ohio war veteran and prominent railway capitalist, in New York city; aged 82.

Accident: 12 killed and many injured on the Great Northern R. R. near Chikwam, Wash. Hurricane Disaster: 1,600 lives lost by a tidal wave in Society Islands.

Obituary: Cardinal Parrochi, chief candidate for succession to the papacy, in Rome; aged 70. Fire: At Lexington, N. Y.; loss of \$500,000 by the burning of the Nichols Chemical works.

Accident: 9 killed and many injured by the explosion of a shell on the U. S. battleship Massachusetts during practice off Cuba, Fla. Obituary: M. de Biowitz, famous Paris correspondent, at Paris; aged 61. Abram S. Hewitt, noted ironmaster, statesman and philanthropist, formerly mayor of New York, in that city; aged 81.

Obituary: Met in annual session at Indianapolis. Of: G. Gonzales, editor of the State, died at Columbia, S. C., from the effects of a pistol shot wound inflicted by Lieut. George Tillman.

Obituary: Julian Ralph, well known newspaper correspondent, in New York city; aged 60.

Accident: At West Superior, Wis., the Keystone block burned; loss, \$12,000. Accident: 21 killed and many injured in a rear end collision on the Jersey Central R. R. near Graceland, N. J.

Accident: 20 killed and many injured in a collision on the Southern Pacific near Tucson, Ariz.

Obituary: Robert Planquette, composer of the "Chimes of Normandy" and similar operas, in Paris; aged 53. Augusta Holmes, pianist and composer, author of "Hiero and Leandro" and other popular symphonies, in Paris; aged 53.

Accident: In San Francisco; loss of nearly \$1,000,000 by the burning of a department store. Sea Disaster: 15 men drowned by the destruction of the torpedo boat destroyer Orwell off Corfu, Greece.

FEBRUARY. Shipwreck: 34 sailors drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian steamer Avon at the mouth of the Kwanang, China. Cyclone: Violent storm swept over Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

Obituary: Henry Laurens Dawes, former United States senator, in Massachusetts, at Pittsfield; aged 82.

Obituary: Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, U. S. N., commander of the cruiser Boston in the battle of Manila, at San Francisco; aged 69.

Obituary: Edna Lyall (Miss Ada Ellen Bayly), the novelist, at Eastbourne, England.

Obituary: Mrs. C. C. Chaffee, owner of the famous fugitive slave, Fred Scott, at Springfield, Mass.; aged 88.

Fire: At Rock Island, Ill.; loss of nearly \$2,000,000 by the burning of a storehouse of the U. S. arsenal.

Obituary: Dr. J. L. M. Curry, ex-minister to Spain and well known educator, at Charlotte, N. C.; aged 73.

China: 500 imperial soldiers massacred by rebels in the province of Kwangsi. Shipwreck: 20 lives lost by the wrecking of the steamer Olive in a cyclone on Chowan river, North Carolina.

Obituary: Rear Admiral Lewis Wood Robinson, U. S. N., retired, a civil war veteran, in Philadelphia; aged 63.

Accident: 3 school children killed and many injured by collision of a trolley car with a steam railway train at Newark, N. J.; 5 workmen killed and 5 seriously injured by explosion in the naval magazine, Port Lafayette, New York harbor.

Fire: Disaster: 10 deaths by the burning of Hotel Clifton, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Convention: Annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington.

Fire: At St. Joseph, Mich., the Cooper Wells Knitting works destroyed; loss, \$250,000.

Obituary: James McCreery, called the dean of dry goods merchants, in New York city; aged 77.

Fire: In Chicago; half of the richest square in the business district burned; loss nearly \$2,000,000.

Obituary: Dr. Richard Gordon Gatling, inventor of the famous machine gun, in New York city; aged 85.

Accident: 6 killed and many injured in a wreck of "John Inglesant" on the New York city; aged 85.

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Obituary: James H. Blount, commissioner paramount to Hawaii under Cleveland, at Macon, Ga.; Gen. W. B. Franklin, noted veteran of the civil war, at Hartford, Conn.; aged 80.

Accident: 3 killed and 5 seriously injured by an explosion at Sandvill, Ill.

APRIL. 1. Sporting: Cambridge defeated Oxford in the diamond jubilee contest of the interuniversity boat race at Putney by 6 lengths.

Obituary: Joseph Park, founder of the Finney house of Park & Tilford, in New York city; aged 80.

Obituary: King Edward's oldest subject, Margaret Neve, at Guernsey; aged 110.

Obituary: Josiah Wood Wympner, noted American artist and Alpinist, in London; aged 80. Rear Admiral George E. Belknap, U. S. N., retired, veteran of the civil war, at Key West; aged 71.

Storm Disaster: 12 killed and 17 injured by a cyclone at Hopewell, Ala.; 7 killed by a cyclone at Little Rock, Ark.

Explosion: 2 seamen killed and 5 injured by the bursting of a 12 inch gun on the battleship Iowa during target practice off Pensacola.

Obituary: Rev. W. H. Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States senate, at Santa Barbara, Cal.; aged 81.

Obituary: Brigham Young, son of the late Mormon president, Brigham Young, and president of the Mormon Council of Twelve, at Salt Lake City; aged 67. Col. John E. MacGowan, one of the oldest newspaper men in the south, at Chattanooga, Tenn.; aged 72.

Storm Disaster: Edward works near Hurler by a tornado in Monroe county, Ala.

Fire: At Oswego, N. Y., the Washington Hotel burned; loss, \$125,000.

Fire: 25 oil derricks burned on Spindale Top, in the Beaumont field, Texas; loss, \$100,000.

Obituary: Rev. Gustave Gotthell, pastor of the Temple Emanuel, a noted Hebrew leader, in New York city; aged 75.

Fire: At Dallas, Tex.; loss of \$200,000 by the burning of a warehouse.

Army Disaster: 10 British officers, including the leader, Col. W. P. Munro, and 180 men killed in battle with the natives in Somaliland, east Africa.

Accident: 8 people killed and 10 injured in a collision on the Erie, near Red House, N. Y.

Conventions: The 6th annual conference for education in the south opened at Richmond, Va. The National Academy of Sciences met in Washington. Annual meeting of the National Municipal league began in Detroit.

Fire: At Lancaster, Pa., the Gile block, Trade palace and other buildings; loss, \$750,000.

Obituary: Ex-Governor Alexander Ramsey of Minnesota, last of the "war governors," at St. Paul; aged 88.

Fire: At Fairbury, Neb.; loss of about \$100,000.

Explosion: 10 persons killed in the Star Oil works at Minneapolis.

Personal: W. K. Vanderbilt married to Mrs. Lewis M. Rutherford in London.

Fire: At Columbus, O.; loss of \$600,000 by a blaze in the business district.

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Fire: Plant of the International Salt Co. in Chicago; loss, \$1,250,000.

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Obituary: Gen. Frank Wheaton, U. S. A., retired, in Washington; aged 70.

Accident: 10 killed in a collision on the New York city; aged 85.

Personal: Maj. Gen. S. M. B. Young assigned chief of the general staff under the new army law.

Accident: Lightning exploded 3,000 pounds of dynamite at Seneca, O.; 6 killed and 20 injured.

Obituary: Cardinal Vaughan, Roman Catholic primate of England, in London; aged 71.

Obituary: Maj. J. B. Pond, the well known horse manager, in Jersey City; aged 65.

Sporting: Yale defeated Harvard in the annual varsity boat race at New London, Conn.

Fire: The Shenango Tin mills burned at Newcastle, Pa.; loss, \$100,000.

Knives of the American Mailing Co. burned in Milwaukee; loss, \$60,000.

Fire: The Riddle Coach and Hearse Co. burned out at Ravenna, O.; loss, \$50,000.

Sporting: Lou Dillon made the world's wagon record for trotters, 2:04 1/4, at Cleveland.

Accident: Over 200 miners killed by fire deep explosion at Hanna, Wyo.

JULY. Fire: Loss of \$200,000 in Greenville, N. C.

Accident: 11 deaths in a tornado at Pettus, Tex.

Obituary: Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, widow of President John Buchanan, and mistress of the White House during his term of office, at Narragansett Pier.

Fire: Loss of \$1,000,000 by flames on the Lehigh Valley piers in Jersey City. The Hammond Packing plant burned at St. Joseph, Mo.; loss, \$1,500,000.

Fire Disaster: Nearly 50 people killed and many injured by a bomb burst at Oakford, Pa.

Accident: 7 people killed and 20 wounded in a battle between soldiers and a mob at Evansville, Ind.

Accident: 23 killed and 9 injured in a hotel collision on the Southern R. R. at Rockfish, Va.

Convention: The international Christian Endeavor congress opened at Denver, Colo.

Accident: 8 people killed and 20 injured in a railway accident at Madison, Wis.

Obituary: William Ernest Henley, English writer and poet, at one time collaborator with Robert Louis Stevenson, at London; aged 69.

Obituary: Mrs. James G. Blaine, widow of the Maine statesman, at Augusta; aged 76.

Obituary: Gen. M. Arthur, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, at Winnipeg, Man.; aged 72.

Sporting: Ard Patrick won the \$50,000 Eclipse stakes at Sandown park, England.

Fire: The Lodi hotel at Kearney, N. J., which had sheltered Washington, Lafayette and other famous men, destroyed by fire.

Storm: 5 deaths and \$2,000,000 damages by a cyclone at New York city; aged 67.

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Obituary: Frederick H. Couder, New York lawyer.

Fire: Hubinger starch factory, near Iowa, destroyed with loss of \$250,000. Six men killed by explosion of boilers of St. Louis Transit Co. by the Democrats.

Financial: Directors of the Chicago River bridge to issue bonds.

Accident: Sixty persons lost in wreck on Baltimore & Ohio at Pikesville, Pa.

Accident: Twenty-one persons killed and 25 hurt in collision of passenger trains on Pere Marquette road at East Paris, Mich.

Massacre: Related news received of massacre in heart of Africa of Misalou by the Doos, Maori 15, 1901.

Fire: Nearly 60 people killed in fire and panic at new theatre, Chicago. Worst calamity of kind in American history.

Fire: Flames started in the Citizens' line steamboat pier in Troy and destroyed several large buildings in the heart of the city; loss, \$100,000.

South American Affairs: The Colombian government troops under Gen. Tovar accepted the terms of the revolutionary junta of Panama and sailed from Bogota to Panama.

Obituary: William L. Elkins, multimillionaire traction magnate and financier, at Ashbourne, near Philadelphia; aged 71.

South American Affairs: M. Bunau-Varilla recognized at Washington as the diplomatic agent of the new republic of Panama.

Sporting: In the annual football game Harvard beat Pennsylvania 17 to 10 on the field.

Political: The 55th congress, called in special session by the president, met to act upon the Cuban reciprocity bill.

Convention: The American Federation of Labor met in annual session at Boston.

Sporting: Dan Patch paced a mile on a half mile track in 2:03 1/4, breaking the world's record.

South American Affairs: France recognized the republic of Panama. Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, attacked by insurgents headed by Gen. Jimenez.

Obituary: Rear Admiral Lester A. Beardslee, U. S. N., retired, a civil war veteran who served 41 years at sea and received the Medal of Honor, at New York city; aged 74.

Industrial: Reduction of wages in the cotton mills at Fall River and Taunton, Mass., to 10 cents per hour.

Obituary: Andrew H. Green, a distinguished public citizen, called "the father of Greater New York," shot dead at the door of his home in New York city; aged 83.

Obituary: Famous impressionist painter, in Paris; aged 73.

China: Russian and Imperial Chinese troops met in battle at Shangkaiwan.

Convention: The 30th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. opened in Cincinnati. The general missionary convention of the Methodist Episcopal church began its annual session at Omaha.

Convention: The Daughters of the Confederacy met in annual session at Charleston, S. C.

Sporting: Princeton defeated Yale in the annual football contest at New Haven; 6 to 0.

South American Affairs: Santo Domingo shelled by the insurgents.

Obituary: George J. Engelmann, noted geologist, at St. Louis; aged 55.

Obituary: Edwin Lord Weeks, noted American painter, in Paris; aged 55.

Political: A canal treaty with the new republic of Panama signed at Washington.

Accident: 31 killed and many injured on the Big Four near Trenton, Ill.

Accidents: 7 railroad workmen burned to death near Lexington, Ky.

Sporting: Yale defeated Harvard in annual football game at Cambridge by a score of 15 to 0.

Obituary: Gen. George H. Stuart, a noted Baltimorean in the Confederate army, at Baltimore; aged 85.

Obituary: Julian Rix, talented landscape painter, in New York city; aged 30.

Sporting: Pennsylvania defeated Cornell at football on Franklin field, 40 to 0.

Judicial: Cleveland made public his decision not to accept a nomination for president.

Obituary: Jules Levy, well known cartoonist, at New York city; aged 62.

Sporting: West Point defeated Annapolis at football on Franklin field, 40 to 5.

Financial Troubles: The Townsend financial upsurge, New York, failed, owing \$500,000.

Fire: The historic Academy of Music burned in Brooklyn, N. Y.

DECEMBER. Obituary: Mrs. Frederick Douglass, widow of the famous negro orator, in Washington; aged 67.

South American Affairs: The Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty signed by the Panama junta.

Sporting: Lou Dillon lowered the world's trotting record to 1:58 1/4 at Memphis; also at Memphis world's pacing record for mares, Darius to sulky, 1:58 1/4.

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Fire: At Bluefield, Nicaragua; loss, \$300,000, chiefly to American merchants.

Obituary: Mrs. Booth, wife of the Salvation Army killed in a wreck on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe near Topeka, Kan.

Shipwreck: The steamer Tokai-Maru sunk in collision off Japan; 41 of the passengers and crew lost.

Obituary: 15 killed and 40 injured on the Big Four at Indianapolis.

NOVEMBER. Fire: In Philadelphia the Avil printing plant destroyed; loss, \$500,000, including many valuable literary works.

Obituary: Professor Theodor Mommsen, famous historian, who was intellectually "the grand old man of Germany," in Berlin; aged 86.

Foreign Affairs: China appealed to the United States for assistance in checking Russian designs in Manchuria.

Fire: An area of 10 acres in the heart of New York city swept by flames.

Political: George B. McClellan elected

mayor of New York on the Democratic ticket by a sweeping plurality over the fusion ticket headed by Mayor Low.

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