

STORY OF 1909

Important Events at Home and Abroad.

THE NORTH POLE REACHED

happenings the World Over Classified—Political and Personal Affairs, Sporting Contests, Accidents Due to Storms, Floods and Earthquakes—Conventions and Items of Miscellaneous Interest.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

JANUARY. 1. The president's special message on the secret service rejected by the house of representatives. Secretary of State Elihu Root elected United States senator by the New York legislature. Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez proclaimed president of Cuba. Governor General Macdonald formally turned over the government of Cuba to President Gomez.

FEBRUARY. 1. President Elect William H. Taft formally opened the Pacific end of the Panama canal. France and Germany signed a Morocco pact. King Edward VII. received in Berlin, the first visit of a British king to the German capital in 186 years.

MARCH. 1. Inauguration of W. H. Taft as twenty-seventh president of the United States, with Congress ended. President Taft nominated his cabinet officers as follows: Philander C. Knox, secretary of state; Franklin MacVeagh, the treasury; Jacob K. Dickinson, war; George von L. Meyer, navy; R. A. Ballinger, interior; James Wilson, agriculture; Charles Nagel, commerce and labor; Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general; George W. Wickham, attorney general.

APRIL. 1. The last of the United States troops left Cuba. The Payne tariff bill passed the house by a vote of 217 to 61. Turkish garrison in Constantinople mutilated and expelled the Young Turk ministry. Ultimatum of Young Turks to parliament.

MAY. 1. Mohammed V., Turkey's new sultan, invested with the sword of sovereignty at Constantinople. Gen. Stossel and Admiral Nebotoff, who were serving sentences for neglect of duty in the late war, pardoned by the czar.

JUNE. 1. The senate passed its amended tariff bill by a vote of 46 to 31. Honorary British troops of Bosnia defeated by the Nationalists at Teheran. Diplomatic relations severed between Bolivia and the Argentine Republic upon the initiation of Argentina.

JULY. 1. An anti-Diaz political riot at Guadalupe, Mexico, resulted in wrecking the town. Anti-Moroccan war riot in Barcelona, Spain.

AUGUST. 1. The Russian Emperor Nicholas received as the guest of King Edward VII. of England at Cowes. The Payne tariff bill finally passed the senate; congress adjourned. Samuel B. Francis, ex-governor of Minnesota, elected commander in chief of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City.

SEPTEMBER. 1. Dr. Frederick A. Cook announced the discovery by him of the north pole on April 21, 1908. Peary sailed from Indian Harbor, Labrador, in the reached the north pole April 6, 1909. President Taft started from Boston on his 13,000 mile trip. Marriage at Dingwall, Scotland, of Miss Anita Stewart of New York to Prince Miguel of Braganza, a claimant to the throne of Portugal.

OCTOBER. 1. American minister to China, Charles R. Crane, recalled from his mission by the secretary of state. Meeting of the provincial assemblies of China under the new constitutional program. Prof. Francisco Ferrer, Spanish revolutionary teacher, executed at Barcelona. President Taft and President Diaz of Mexico met at El Paso, Tex. Cabinet crisis in Spain, result of the execution of Prof. Ferrer, the revolutionary, on Oct. 13. Czar Nicholas made a triumphal entry into Italy, guest of King Victor Emmanuel.

NOVEMBER. 1. Judge William J. Gaynor elected mayor of New York on the Democratic ticket; election a plural reverse for Tammany Hall. Municipal reform defeated in San Francisco. Tom Johnson beaten by Herman Baehr in Cleveland mayoralty election. Gold medal voted to Peary for having reached the north pole by the National Geographic society.

WORK OF THE FLAMES

JANUARY. 17. Loss of \$50,000 by the burning of 345 autos in storage in Boston. 18. Loss of nearly \$500,000 by fire in the woolen mills at North Chelmsford, Mass. 22. Fire on the wharfs of Galveston caused loss of \$50,000. 23. Loss of \$50,000 in a department store fire in St. Paul.

FEBRUARY. 1. Fire in Fort Worth, Tex., wiped out ten blocks and property valued at \$5,000,000; 6 deaths. 11. Fatal fire in the business section of Lenox, Mass.; 6 deaths; loss nearly \$300,000. 14. Fire destroyed 3 churches, 40 dwellings and a business block in Rochester, N. Y.; loss nearly \$500,000.

MARCH. 18. A \$1,500,000 fire in Akron, O. 21. Loss of \$1,000,000 by the burning of the Nevada grain docks at Fort Costa, Cal. 24. Fort William Henry hotel, noted hostelry on Lake George, burned; loss about \$50,000.

APRIL. 2. Fire in the business district of Decatur, Ill., caused a loss of \$1,000,000. 2. Flames destroyed 5 buildings in the business district of Baltimore; loss estimated at about \$1,000,000. 9. Fire in the business district of Kalamazoo, Mich., caused a loss of \$700,000. 12. The Racine Manufacturing company's plant and other buildings burned at Racine, Wis.; loss \$500,000.

MAY. 2. Oro Morningstar won the championship of the world at 182 ball line billiards, defeating George F. Sison, the 181 champion, in New York city; final score, 500 to 24. 22. Opening of the Ormond-Daytona beach auto race. David Bunce Brown, driving a Benz, lowered the amateur record for 10 miles to 3 minutes 15 seconds; previous record 6 minutes 15 seconds.

JUNE. 1. Oxford won the 68th annual varsity race on the Thames, beating Cambridge by 1 length. Henri St. Yves of France won the international Marathon for professionals in New York.

JULY. 1. St. Yves won the International Derby in New York, covering 26 miles and 38 yards in 2 hours, 44 minutes and 5 seconds. 13. King James won the Metropolitan handicap at Belmont park, New York. King Edward's Minors won the English Derby.

AUGUST. 1. Harvard won the varsity race over Yale at New London. 2. Cornell won the varsity eight oared race at Foughkeepsie. The champion polo cup, which had been held in England 23 years, won back by the Meadowbrook (Long Island) polo team. The Belgian crew won the Grand Challenge cup at Henley, England, defeating the Cambridge crew.

SEPTEMBER. 3. Detroit won the pennant in the American Baseball league. 7. Pittsburgh won the National Baseball league pennant. 12. A. Holland Forbes won the Lahn cup in the balloon race from St. Louis, landing near Richmond, Va., and covering 73 1/2 miles in 19 hours and 15 minutes.

OCTOBER. 1. Pittsburgh (National Baseball league) won the world's championship from Detroit (American Baseball league) at Detroit. Jack Johnson defeated Stanley Ketchel in 12 rounds for the heavyweight championship at San Francisco. 17. Henri St. Yves won the Marathon Derby at Seattle in 2 hours, 32 minutes and 39 seconds. Vanderbilt cup race won by H. F. Grant, driving a 60 horsepower Alco car an average of 62.5 miles an hour for 75.8 miles. Pennsylvania beat Carlisle Indians at football, 26 to 6. Franklin field. Chicago beat Minnesota at football, 20 to 6, at Minneapolis.

NOVEMBER. 15. Yale defeated Princeton, 17 to 0, at New Haven. Michigan defeated Pennsylvania, 12 to 6, at Philadelphia. Game between Cornell and Chicago at Ithaca resulted in a score of 6 to 6. Minnesota won the western football conference title from Wisconsin by 24 to 0 at Madison. Brown defeated Carlisle Indians at football, 21 to 6, in New York. Yale beat Harvard, 8 to 6, in Cambridge. Michigan won the all western football title from Minnesota, 15 to 6, at Minneapolis. James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson signed to box for the heavyweight championship, "48 rounds or more."

DECEMBER. 3. Calvin Demarest won the 152 ball line billiard tour from George Salk in New York. John Clarke and Walter Rutt won the 6 day cycle race, covering 240 miles 1 lap, at Madison Square Garden, New York.

STORM AND FLOOD

JANUARY. 2. 69 villages destroyed and 6,000 people killed by an earthquake in Persia. 30. Severe earthquake shocks in Spain. FEBRUARY. 13. 13 killed and scores injured by a tornado which swept over eastern Arkansas. MARCH. 29. 29 killed and 14 injured in a tornado at Brinkley, Ark. 30. Cyclone wrecked 100 houses at Cuthbert, Ga.; 6 deaths. APRIL. 7. 18 deaths in a hurricane which swept the middle west from Mississippi to Pennsylvania. 21. 7 persons killed and property valued at \$1,000,000 ruined by a windstorm at Cleveland. 30. Over 200 persons killed and millions in property destroyed by tornadoes which swept the south, including Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

MAY. 23. Many lives lost in a cyclone which swept over North Dakota and western Minnesota. 22 persons killed and 40 injured in Oklahoma by tornadoes. 30. Over 20 persons killed and upward of 100 injured in a windstorm at Zephyr, Tex. JUNE. 10. 11 persons killed and scores injured in a series of tornadoes which swept over Texas. 11. 100 deaths in an earthquake which ruined the towns of St. Cannat and Rognes, France. JULY. 1. Severe earthquake shocks at Regala and Messina, scene of the devastation in December, 1908. 15. 20 persons killed by an earthquake in southern Greece. 16. 16 persons killed and 75 injured by a sudden storm in New York. 21. 21 persons killed in a hurricane which swept over the gulf of Mexico and struck Galveston and the neighboring coast. 20. Destructive earthquake shocks at Acapulco and Chilpancingo, Mexico. 31. Mexico City shaken by earthquake.

AUGUST. 28. Floods at Monterey, Mexico, caused a loss of over 10,000 lives and destroyed property valued at \$50,000,000. SEPTEMBER. 19. Beginning of West India hurricanes, which created wide havoc on the northern gulf coast; heavy loss of life and great damage to property. OCTOBER. 9. A West India hurricane devastated the west coast of Cuba, nearly wrecked Key West and swept up the Florida and Carolina coasts. Earthquake at Catania, Sicily; Vesuvius again active. NOVEMBER. 6. Beginning of a rainstorm in the island of Jamaica, which caused many deaths and the destruction by landslides wrecks of shipping and inundation of property estimated at \$1,000,000.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS JANUARY. 19. Centenary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe celebrated. FEBRUARY. 2. The cruising battleship fleet sailed from Gibraltar, homeward bound. 12. Centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln celebrated. 15. Memorial services for United States seaman who perished on the Maine at Havana harbor on this date in 1826, held in Arlington National cemetery. 19. Lieut. E. H. Shackleton, R. N., commander of the antarctic expedition, planted the Union Jack at latitude 82.3, about 111 miles from the south pole. 22. The battleship fleet reached Hampton Roads. Dr. W. T. Bull, noted surgeon and cancer expert, died in Savannah. MARCH. 4. The publishers and one editor of the New York World indicted by the federal grand jury in New York city. 10. Standard Oil acquitted in the railway case. 12. Lieut. Joseph Petrosini, noted Italian detective in New York, assassinated in Palermo, Italy. 21. Count Zeppelin's dirigible airship created a world's record by carrying 12 persons 160 miles. APRIL. 4. Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., and stripes at the north pole. 22. Hans Anderson, survivor of the crew of the famous Monitor in the fight with the Merrimack March 3, 1862, died in Brooklyn; aged 85. 24. Peter Fenelon Collins, editor of the Collier's Weekly and a patron of outdoor sports, died in New York city; aged 60. 30. Daugherly born to Queen Victoria of Holland. MAY. 3. The "commodity clause" of the Hepburn act declared constitutional by the United States supreme court. 11. Killing of William E. Annis (Max) Israel Greene, the captor of John Brown at Harpers Ferry in 1859, died at Mitchell, S. D.; aged 85. JUNE. 1. Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition opened at Seattle. 23. Daughter born to Queen Victoria of Spain. JULY. 1. The Champlain tercentenary celebration commemorating the discovery of Lake Champlain began on the Vermont shores of the lake. 14. Weston arrived in San Francisco having accomplished a total distance of 486 miles in about 185 days, beginning at New York March 15. Passenger traffic opened between New York and Jersey City through the Hudson and Manhattan terminal tubes. 25. Louis Bleriot, French aeronaut, crossed from Calais, France, to Dover, England, in an aeroplane, covering the distance (21 miles) in about 40 minutes. 29. Orville Wright made a new aeroplane record by remaining in flight 1 hour 13 minutes and 25 seconds at Fort Myer. 31. Orville Wright made the required speed record for the army aeroplanes at Fort Myer, flying an average of 42 1/2 miles an hour in a 10 mile flight. The Chinese vice consul, Lock Wing, shot dead in New York by a Chinaman. 200 rioters summarily tried, convicted and executed at Barcelona, Spain. AUGUST. 2. "Lincoln" pennies went into circulation. 6. Paulhan made a new height record for aeroplanes, varying from 200 feet to 400 feet, at Donau, France. 10. Centenary of the birth of Alfred Tenby, Roger Somner of France beat Wilbur Wright's duration record of 3 hours 49 minutes and 57 seconds by 1 minute and 15 seconds at Mourmelon-Le-Grand, France. 12. Cross country aeroplane record of 12 miles in 18 1/2 minutes made at Minocla, N. Y., by C. F. Willard. 13. Walter Wellman ascended in his dirigible balloon at Spitzbergen, bound for the north pole, meeting with an accident after traveling 86 miles, which indefinitely postponed the trip. 21. Opening of the aeroplane races at Rheims, France. 22. A killed and many injured in a strikers' riot at the Pressed Steel Car company's plant at Schoenville, Pa. Glenn H. Curtiss, American aviator, made a speed record at the Rheims races by covering 61-1/2 miles in 8 minutes 5-1/2 seconds. 25. Paulhan, French aviator, broke all records for length of unbroken flight, including Wilbur Wright's, by remaining in the air 2 1/2 hours, 53 minutes and 24 seconds at Rheims. 27. Henry Farman, English aviator, set a new record for heavier than air machines by covering 111.73 miles in 3 hours, 4 minutes and 56-1/2 seconds at Rheims. 28. Glenn H. Curtiss won the international aviator cup at Rheims by traveling at the rate of 45 1/2 miles an hour and covering 12.42 miles in 15 minutes 59-1/2 seconds. The Spaniards at Mellilla destroyed 100 Moors by exploding mines under their camp. 29. Centenary of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes celebrated. SEPTEMBER. 4. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, who was in the service of the United States government in the summer of 1907, landed at Copenhagen. 8. Capt. F. S. Cody, an American in the British service, made a cross country aeroplane flight of 40 miles, covered in 1 hour and 3 minutes. 21. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, arrived in New York. Peary reached Sydney, Nova Scotia. 25. The Hudson-Fulton celebration opened by a naval parade in New York harbor. 30. The ship Roosevelt, which carried the Peary exploring expedition, arrived at New York from the arctic region. OCTOBER. 1. Commander Robert E. Peary reached New York. International balloon goal race from Zurich. 2. Orville Wright broke the high flying record by soaring 1,600 feet at Potsdam, Md. The international goal race from Zurich, landing within 60 yards of the goal. 6. Edgar W. Mix, American aeronaut, won the Gordon Bennett cup in the balloon race from Zurich, landing at Warsaw, Poland, after covering 630 miles. Statue of Verazzano, reputed first discoverer of the Hudson, unveiled in Battery park, New York. 16. Close of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair at Seattle; total attendance about 3,500,000. 19. Opening of the Portola festival, commemorating the discovery in 1780 of the bay of San Francisco. NOVEMBER. 6. Paulhan, French aviator, made a new record in flight, reaching an altitude of 97 feet at Sandown park, London. 20. Standard Oil trust ordered to dissolve by the eighth United States circuit court, sitting as a court of appeals. 30. Switchmen's strike begun in the north west. DECEMBER. 12. P. F. Shedy, noted sporting man and an authority on art, died in New York city; aged 53. 15. Senator John Raines, father of the Raines hotel law, died at Canandaigua, N. Y. Gen. W. W. Dudley, formerly commissioner of pensions, died in Washington; aged 67. 20. Centenary of the birth of Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, British statesman, called the "Grand Old Man" of England, celebrated. 29. Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "St. Elmo," "Beulah," "Vashti" and other popular novels of southern life, at Mobile, Ala.; aged 74. 30. George Meredith, the English novelist, in London; aged 81. 19. Henry H. Rogers, financier and director of the Standard Oil company, in New York; aged 62. MARCH. 2. Theodora Barth, noted German editor, philologist and authority on American affairs, at Baden-Baden; aged 90. 6. Col. Alexander Kelly McClure, noted journalist, long prominent in Pennsylvania politics, in Philadelphia; aged 81. 10. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, distinguished clergyman, author and journalist, chairman of the United States senate, in Roxbury, Mass.; aged 87. 20. Frederick de Martens, noted Russian scholar and diplomat, delegate to the Portsmouth peace conference in 1905, at St. Petersburg; aged 64. Sarah Jane Jewett, noted writer of stories of New England life, at South Berwick, Me.; aged 60. 30. Carrie Burnham Kilgore, pioneer woman lawyer, at Swarthmore, Pa.; aged 72. JUNE. 1. Prof. Simon Newcomb, noted astronomer, mathematician and traveler, in Washington; aged 74. 13. Frederick Pluister, 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 48. 15. Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, at Varese, Lombardy; aged 61. 20. Rosa Novichette Cary, popular English novelist, in London. 25. Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, daughter of President Zachary Taylor and mistress of the White House during his term, at Winchester, Va.; aged 85. AUGUST. 15. Lady Alma-Tadema, wife of the celebrated painter Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema and herself an artist of note, in London. 18. Sir Theodoros Martin, English author and poet, in London; aged 93. 27. George Manville Fenn, English novelist of the old school, in London; aged 78. SEPTEMBER. 4. Clyde Fitch, the playwright, at Chateaufort-sur-Marne, France; aged 44. 7. Henry B. Blackwell, anti-slavery and pioneer woman suffragist, in Boston, aged 84. Gen. James Shackelford, veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, at Fort Huron, Mich.; aged 82. 10. Joe B. Eschard, noted lawyer and political leader, in New York city; aged 70. Lieut. Gen. H. C. Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in New York city; aged 60. 9. Gen. Edward M. 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DEATHS IN 1909

Noted People Removed During the Year.

AN IMPRESSIVE LIST.

Authors, Scientists, Statesmen, Artists, Soldiers, Sailors and Kings in the World of Finance Appear in the Record—The Roll Includes Royalty, and Civilians of Emulgence at Home and Abroad.

JANUARY. 11. Lily, duchess of Marlborough, daughter of the late Commodore Price of the United States navy, in London; aged 81. 14. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, commander of the Russian Baltic fleet when annihilated by Togo's ships May, 1905, in the sea of Japan, in St. Petersburg; aged 60. 27. Benoit-Constant Coquelin, noted French actor, in Paris; aged 67. 31. Miss Martha Finley, author of the popular "Elsie Books," at Elkton, Md.; aged 81. FEBRUARY. 2. John Gilmer Speed, journalist and author, at Mendham, N. J.; aged 56. 8. Catullus Mendes, noted French poet, in Paris. 18. Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the czar of Russia, in St. Petersburg; aged 62. 19. Rear Admiral Charles S. Cotton, U. S. N., retired, at Nice, France; aged 61. 21. Carroll D. Wright, soldier, statistician and educator, at Worcester, Mass.; aged 69. 28. Rev. Dr. Theodore Cuyler, noted minister and author, in Brooklyn; aged 87. MARCH. 1. E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, well known turfman, at Arcadia, Cal.; aged 81. 6. John H. Starin, pioneer in river and harbor transportation, in New York city; aged 84. 10. Maj. E. L. G. Zalinski, U. S. A., noted inventor and engineer, in New York city; aged 60. 16. Elinor MacCartney Lane, author of "Nancy Stair" and other novels, at Lynchburg, Va. 23. Col. William Lamb, soldier, editor and lawyer; hero of the Confederate defense of Fort Fisher in 1862, at Norfolk, Va.; aged 73. APRIL. 2. Vice Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet at Santiago in 1898, at Puerto Real, Spain; aged 70. 8. Helena Modjeska, Polish tragedienne, at Bay City, Cal.; aged 63. 9. F. Marion Crawford, novelist, at Sorrento, Italy; aged 55. Ednan Allen Hitchcock, ex-secretary of the interior, in Washington; aged 74. 10. Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and essayist, at Putney, England; aged 72. 14. Ex-United States Senator William Bradford, in Washington; aged 82. 25. Charles Warren Stoddard, author and educator, in Monterey, Cal.; aged 65. 27. Heinrich Conried, impresario, former director of the Metropolitan Opera House, in Meran, Austria; aged 54. 28. Governor Frederick Holbrook of Vermont, at Brattleboro; aged 92. Olive Logan, formerly an actress, author and lecturer, near Sutton, Surrey, England; aged 70. MAY. 2. Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "St. Elmo," "Beulah," "Vashti" and other popular novels of southern life, at Mobile, Ala.; aged 74. 30. George Meredith, the English novelist, in London; aged 81. 19. Henry H. Rogers, financier and director of the Standard Oil company, in New York; aged 62. JUNE. 2. Theodora Barth, noted German editor, philologist and authority on American affairs, at Baden-Baden; aged 90. 6. Col. Alexander Kelly McClure, noted journalist, long prominent in Pennsylvania politics, in Philadelphia; aged 81. 10. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, distinguished clergyman, author and journalist, chairman of the United States senate, in Roxbury, Mass.; aged 87. 20. Frederick de Martens, noted Russian scholar and diplomat, delegate to the Portsmouth peace conference in 1905, at St. Petersburg; aged 64. Sarah Jane Jewett, noted writer of stories of New England life, at South Berwick, Me.; aged 60. 30. Carrie Burnham Kilgore, pioneer woman lawyer, at Swarthmore, Pa.; aged 72. JUNE. 1. Prof. Simon Newcomb, noted astronomer, mathematician and traveler, in Washington; aged 74. 13. Frederick Pluister, 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 48. 15. Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, at Varese, Lombardy; aged 61. 20. Rosa Novichette Cary, popular English novelist, in London. 25. Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, daughter of President Zachary Taylor and mistress of the White House during his term, at Winchester, Va.; aged 85. AUGUST. 15. Lady Alma-Tadema, wife of the celebrated painter Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema and herself an artist of note, in London. 18. Sir Theodoros Martin, English author and poet, in London; aged 93. 27. George Manville Fenn, English novelist of the old school, in London; aged 78. SEPTEMBER. 4. Clyde Fitch, the playwright, at Chateaufort-sur-Marne, France; aged 44. 7. Henry B. Blackwell, anti-slavery and pioneer woman suffragist, in Boston, aged 84. Gen. James Shackelford, veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, at Fort Huron, Mich.; aged 82. 10. Joe B. Eschard, noted lawyer and political leader, in New York city; aged 70. Lieut. Gen. H. C. Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in New York city; aged 60. 9. Gen. Edward M. McCook, a civil war veteran and one of the "fighting McCooks" of Ohio, in Chicago; aged 74. 11. William Lloyd Garrison, son and namesake of the great anti-slavery leader and himself a widely known reformer and publicist, at Lexington, Mass.; aged 71. 14. Mayo Williamson Haseltine, noted book reviewer and author, at Atlantic City; aged 68. 15. Baron Tweedmouth, late first lord of the British admiralty, in London; aged 60.

DR. FREDERICK A. COOK

CONVENTIONS JANUARY. 19. National Congress of Mothers opened in New Orleans. 27. American bowling congress opened in Pittsburgh. MARCH. 23. Southern child labor congress met at New Orleans. 31. The 125th annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met at Baltimore. APRIL. 19. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met in Washington. 20. Congress of the International Woman's Suffrage alliance opened in London. 20th annual meeting of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution opened in Baltimore. MAY. 2. National peace congress met in Chicago. 10. National good roads congress met in Baltimore. JUNE. 8. Reunion of United Confederate Veterans at Memphis. Meeting of the American Medical association at Atlantic City. 15. International Council of Women met at Toronto. 20. The American Library association met at Bretton Woods, N. H. JULY. 1. Forty-first annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage association met in Seattle. 6. Convention of the American Institute of Instruction opened at Castine, Me. 7. Anti-vice congress opened in London. International convention of the Christian Endeavor met at St. Paul. The Epworth league met in international convention at Seattle. 10. The International Air Navigation exposition opened in Frankfurt. 21. World conference of the Y. M. C. A. opened at Barmen-Eberfeld, Germany. AUGUST. 1. National brigation congress met at Spokane, Wash. Annual G. A. R. encampment opened in Salt Lake City. 17. The 4th annual convention of the Universal Peace union opened at Mystic, Conn. 26th international trades union congress opened in Paris. SEPTEMBER. 6. International Esperanto congress opened at Barcelona. 14. The American Bankers' association met in Chicago. OCTOBER. 22. Annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance union opened at Omaha. 21. American "Bookmakers" association met at Columbus, O. NOVEMBER. 8. The American Federation of Labor met in Toronto. DECEMBER. 25. The 25th anniversary of the American Historical and the American Economic associations celebrated in New York

DISASTERS AT SEA

JANUARY. 22. White Star liner Republic rammed by the Italian liner Florida off Nantucket; 6 deaths and remarkable rescue of over 2,000 passengers before the Republic sank. FEBRUARY. 30. The Hamburg-South America liner Presidente Roca, burned off Peninsula Valdes; loss (owners' report) 20 lives, (press reports) 296 of the passengers and crew. JULY. 12. 14 sailors of the steamer J. H. Cowle drowned when that vessel collided with the Isaac M. Scott in Lake Superior off Whitefish Point light. 14. The British submarine C 11 sunk in collision with the steamship Eddystone off Halesborough lightship; 13 of the crew drowned. AUGUST. 24. The North German Lloyd steamer Schlesien collided with the Argentine excursion steamer Colombia in Montevideo harbor and sank her with a loss of over 150 passengers. OCTOBER. 25. Steamer Hestia, from Glasgow, wrecked off the Maine coast; 20 lives lost. NOVEMBER. 14. 100 deaths at the sinking of the Pacific liner La Souza after collision near Singapore. 27. The coasting steamer Argo wrecked off Tillamook, Ore.; 11 lives lost. DECEMBER. 3. Steamer Eilan Varnin wrecked in the Mersey; 12 passengers and 21 of the crew lost. Steamer Thistlemist lost in Barnstable bay; 30 sailors drowned. 8 lives lost by the foundering of car ferry Marquette and Bossemer No. 2 on Lake Erie.

ACCIDENTS ON LAND

JANUARY. 25. Miners killed by gas explosion in Lether's colliery at Ziegler, Ill. 12. Explosion in the Luck Branch mine, Bluefield, W. Va., caused the death of 100 miners. 14. Firedamp explosion in the Auka coal mine at Vasgrimm, Hungary, caused the death of 240 men. 12. 11 killed and many injured in a collision on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad near Durango, Colo. 21. By explosion and fire in the temporary crib of a tunnel under Lake Michigan off Chicago about 70 workmen lost their lives. FEBRUARY. 15. Between 200 and 300 persons burned to death and scores injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores theater in Acapulco, Mexico. MAY. 12. Explosion of 1,000 pounds of dynamite in the storeroom at South Bethlehem, near Albany, N. Y., caused a loss of 29 lives. JUNE. 20. 16 persons killed and 43 injured in a head-on collision of electric cars at Chesterford, Ind. AUGUST. 9. 3 killed and 60 hurt in a head-on collision on the Denver and Rio Grande near Colorado Springs, Colo. SEPTEMBER. 5. French dirigible military balloon Republic wrecked near Moulins and 4 officers on board killed. OCTOBER. 5. 29 deaths caused by a mine explosion at Ananimo, B. C. NOVEMBER. 15. 16 injured on the battleship North Dakota by the explosion of a boiler tube during a speed test. 12. Explosion in the St. Paul Coal company's mine near Cherry, Ill., resulted in the death of nearly 300 miners. DECEMBER. 14. 14 killed and over 30 hurt in a wreck on the Southern railway near Roldaville, N. C. 17. 6 operatives killed in a factory fire in Philadelphia.



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Dr. Frederick A. Cook.



Richard Watson Glider.



Robert E. Peary.



Peter Fenelon Collins.



Jack Johnson.