

The Year 1912 at Home



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WHOSE SHOOTING SHOCKED THE NATION—PRESIDENT ELECT WOODROW WILSON—THE LATE VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN—TITANIC STRIKING ICEBERG.

HISTORY OF 1912 IN UNITED STATES

Chief Even's In Politics--Disasters, Obituary, Sports.

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HERE is another year to be reviewed. They are going by with ever increasing frequency, like stations seen from an express train. Why is it that Father Time seems to sprint faster the older we get? He should be arrested for overspeeding.

The chief events of 1912 in the "good old U. S. A." were the presidential campaign, the attempted assassination of Theodore Roosevelt and the Titanic disaster. While in a technical sense the sinking of the Titanic was more of a foreign than a domestic happening, there were so many noted Americans who lost their lives in the wreck that we should have the melancholy privilege of claiming it as our own.

The unusual features of the fight for the presidency were the first trial on an extensive scale of the preferential primary, the Roosevelt candidacy, the fierce pre-convention campaign in which for the first time in our history a president of the United States was driven to take the stump in his own defense, the splitting of the Republican party and the organization of the Progressive party, the long and fierce fight in the Democratic convention ending in the nomination of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, the death of Vice President Sherman and the great plurality given Wilson at the polls.

It was some time after the announcement of Colonel Roosevelt that "my hat is in the ring" ere the tide began to show in his favor. He had previously said that he would not again be a candidate, and the renomination of President Taft was taken as a matter of course. States having the old convention system still continued for Taft, but most of the primary states began swinging into line for Roosevelt, Illinois and Pennsylvania going with a rush that made the politicians gasp.

Taft Wins and Loses.

Roosevelt was on the stump through out this struggle, and Mr. Taft now followed him. The two campaigned Massachusetts, Maryland and Ohio Massachusetts and Maryland were close, Taft carrying one and Roosevelt the other, but Ohio gave a large plurality to the colonel.

The Republican convention was preceded by an acrimonious struggle in the national committee over contested seats. Roosevelt and his friends charged fraud and theft, and the for-

mer president went to Chicago in person. In the convention Taft and Sherman were renominated by a slim majority, while the colonel's followers refused to vote. Later they organized the Progressive party and held a national convention in Chicago, which nominated Colonel Roosevelt for president and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California for vice president. This launching of the long expected new party alone makes 1912 historic.

The fight in the Democratic convention was almost as fierce. Champ Clark led at the start, gaining for ten ballots an actual majority, but lacking the two-thirds necessary to nominate. William J. Bryan, who had fought Judge Alton B. Parker for the temporary chairmanship, had written much of the platform and forced through resolutions attacking the reactionary element, here threw his influence against Clark. Wilson had been steadily forging to the front and was nominated on the forty-seventh ballot.

The actual campaign was milder than had been the fight for the nomination, and the vote was surprisingly light. Wilson carried the election by more than 2,000,000 plurality in the popular vote and by about 340 majority in the electoral college. Both houses of congress went with him, the senate by a narrow margin. Roosevelt led Taft in the balloting. The Socialists materially increased their vote, and woman suffrage captured Arizona, Kansas and Oregon.

The Titanic Disaster.

The other big domestic event of the year was the collision of the Titanic with an iceberg in mid-ocean, sinking with 1,501 out of 2,208 souls aboard. Many of those who perished were men of worldwide fame, such as W. T. Stead, the British journalist; Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railroad; Colonel John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, Major A. W. Butt, the aid to the president; Francis D. Millet, the artist; Jacques Futrelle, the novelist, and many more almost as well known. The Titanic was the largest steamship then afloat and was making her maiden voyage. Inquiries into the disaster were held on both sides of the Atlantic.

The shooting of Colonel Roosevelt occurred on Oct. 14 at Milwaukee. The assailant was John Schrank of New York, afterward adjudged insane. The bullet lodged against a rib, which it broke. Despite his wound, the colonel made a speech to which he was going when attacked and before the month was out was back on the stump.

The death of Vice President James Schoolcraft Sherman occurred only a few days before election at his home, in Utica, N. Y. He was the first Republican vice president ever renominated.

Other important domestic events of the year were as follows: Proclamation of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona; floating of the wreck of the

Maine in Havana harbor; appointment of Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey associate justice of the United States supreme court; resignation of Dr. H. W. Wiley, the pure food crusader; Chicago meat packers declared not guilty by a jury; passage by congress of the constitutional amendment for popular election of United States senators; the expulsion of William Lorimer of Illinois from the senate; opening of the Pulitzer school of journalism; awarding of the Nobel prize in surgery to Dr. Alexis Carrel of New York; announcement of the resignation of British Ambassador James Bryce; dissolution of the bath tub trust; the investigation of the money trust; the passage of a parcels post law; the report of Explorer Stefansson that he had found a race of white Eskimos on the northern edge of the continent, and the fight over the Panama canal tolls.

Labor Strikes and Trials.

In the world of labor the chief event was the trial of more than forty union officials at Indianapolis on dynamite charges growing out of the McNamara case. Clarence S. Darrow was acquitted on a charge of jury bribing in connection with the same case. The strike at Lawrence, Mass., resulted in the arrest of three labor leaders on a murder charge. They were acquitted. The anthracite coal strike was ended by a compromise, and a board of arbitration decided in favor of the engineers in their fight with northeastern railroads.

Sporting features were the splendid showing of American athletes in the Olympic games at Stockholm; winning of the American golf championship by Jerome D. Travers over the British champion and others; the fight for the world's baseball championship between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants, Boston winning, and Harvard defeating Yale and Princeton in football. The Russian treaty expired on Dec. 31. America warned Mexico to protect the lives of Americans and sent troops into Cuba and Nicaragua during uprisings in those countries.

Some of the noted Americans who died during the year were, in addition to those already named, Rear Admirals Robley D. Evans and G. W. Melville; General James B. Weaver, Populist candidate for president; General H. H. Bingham, "father of the house;" Senators R. L. Taylor, W. B. Heyburn and Isidor Rayner and ex-Senators H. D. Money, W. A. Pepper, James Gordon and John P. Jones; General Frederick Dent Grant; Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the philanthropist; Homer Davenport, the cartoonist; Wilbur Wright, inventor of the aeroplane; Margaret Sangster; General Edward S. Bragg; Miss Harriet Quimby, the first woman to fly across the English channel; General Arthur McArthur; General Homer Lea, who had assisted in the Chinese revolution; Calbraith P. Rodgers, who had flown across the American continent, and Rev. Robert Collyer.

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