

Good Luck Marked 1913, Giving Knockout Blow to Prophets of Disaster

In the year of 1913 the Old Witch Superstition received a knockout blow from the little champion, Good Luck.

One year ago today, when the thirteenth year of the century began, the cry of "Unlucky 13!" went abroad in the land. Prophets and sons of prophets and those who were neither turned Cassandra and forecasted bad, bad luck for a year with such a number as 13.

But the time is now at hand for our prophets to say, "I told you so," but never a word is heard. The bird of ill omen took one look at a happy people and sailed away in the opposite direction and the calamity rabbit found no grave of prosperity in Georgia to jump over!

Motion Picture of Good Luck.

The year in review is a motion picture of good luck!

There have been calamity howers in 1913, as there always have been in years of national administrative changes, but the country has gone through the year without calamity and at the dawn of 1914, according to the leading financial men, America faces an era of unprecedented prosperity.

In a review of the news of the year there will be found dark spots—great disasters, murders, wars and other things undesirable, but the great majority of these things have not fallen to the lot of the United States, and of Georgia in particular.

The following catalogue of the high lights and shadows of the year's news gleaned from the columns of The Constitution will speak for themselves:

January 1—As the clock boomed the hour ushering in the year with the unlucky number, Postmaster General Hitchcock inaugurated the United States parcel post system, the success of which has been demonstrated to the greatest satisfaction within the last two weeks of heavy Christmas mails.

January 7—Uncle Jim Woodward took the oath of the office of mayor of the city of Atlanta, arousing in the bosoms of his compatriots varied and mingled emotions, but never failing to remember his promise to save the city money or know why!

February 18—General Huerta overthrew the regime of Madero, only to blight his prospects of successfully bringing about peace by letting his soldiers brutally riddle Madero with bullets February 28.

February 25—Mrs. Callie Applebaum was arrested for the death of her husband, later to be acquitted.

Webb Bill Passes.

February 28—The Webb bill, which since has so effectually (?) isolated Georgia and other "dry" states from the alcoholic oases of other states, passed over the president's veto.

March 4—Enough said! Luckiest thing that's happened in twenty years!

March 16—The "movies" of Atlanta decided to throw open their doors on Sunday, which in certain quarters was regarded as a remarkably lucky incident.

March 23—The "movies" decided to close their doors on Sunday. This, also, in certain other quarters, being regarded as a remarkably lucky incident.

And ye who have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now! On March 16 Uncle Joe Cannon picked up his goods and chattels in his red bandanna handkerchief and departed the coasts

of Washington, D. C., as a private citizen for the first time in forty years!

March 18—The world was startled by the assassination of King George of Greece, on the streets of Salonika.

March 20—Eight thousand citizens of Atlanta met at the Auditorium-Armory and demanded a new city charter, which, incidentally, has not yet been forthcoming.

March 23—On this date began the worst calamity which fell to the lot of this country in 1913. A tornado swept through the middle west, killing many people and damaging millions of dollars worth of property, being followed by one of the worst floods in the same section ever known in the history of the country.

March 31—J. Pierpont Morgan died in Rome.

April 7—President Woodrow Wilson threw all precedents to the winds and delivered in person a message to congress.

April 9—Atlanta raised in one day's campaign \$75,000 to induce the Shriners to hold their 1914 convention here.

April 11—Atlanta baseball season opened and Atlanta, as was expected, won the first game of the season.

April 16, or Thereabouts—Experiments with the dictagraph by Professor Colyar. Comments upon same by Drs. Thomas Felder, James Woodward, James Peavers and Lanford.

April 21—Atlanta's most successful grand opera season opened.

Mary Phagan Murder.

April 26—Mary Phagan found murdered in basement of the National Pencil factory.

April 28—Colonel W. L. Peel, president of the Atlanta Music Festival association, when asked whether Atlanta would have grand opera next year, said: "Sure!"

May 5—Certain aldermen and the chief of the fire department were exonerated of the charge of having had their fingers in the "jam jar."

May 9—The Atlanta Shriners, led by Forrest Adair, go to the Dallas Shriners' convention with a very definite idea in mind.

May 15—The most remarkable religious gathering in America comes to Atlanta, when the four Presbyterian assemblies hold simultaneous sessions and joint meetings.

May 23—Certain papers and addresses upon the subject of dictagraph experimentation are heard by the grand jury.

May 24—Forrest Adair and the Atlanta Shriners return with the Shriners' convention in their pocket.

June 2—The Atlanta Constitution issued, in the Woman's Edition, the largest and most remarkable paper ever printed in the southern states, furnishing documentary evidence of the business genius and executive ability of Georgia's 30,000 organized women.

June 9—The thermometer drops to 57 degrees, breaking all records for the date for ten years.

All this time, it might be inserted here, the lobby probers in Washington have been making it very uncomfortable for Mr. Lobbyist.

July 12—Mrs. Mary Belle Crawford is ordered arrested for implication in the death of her husband, whose body was exhumed, and she begins her long and spectacular fight to free her name of the stigma.

July 15—The civilized world is moved to tears at the pitiful condition of Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, who is compelled by his poverty to reveal that he cannot make both ends meet on the mere pittance of \$12,000 per annum.

July 22—Fifty girls are cremated in a factory in Binghamton, N. Y.

July 28—The trial of Leo M. Frank for his life begins.

August 12—The Georgia legislature passes the tax equalization bill after a fight more spectacular than anything in the "movies."

August 13—Tammany hall cast a boomerang, in bringing about the impeachment of Governor Sulzer, of New York.

August 17—Harry K. Thaw escapes from Matteawan and makes a spectacular dash across the Canadian border in a high-powered automobile.

August 18—Mrs. Edna Perkins Godbee shoots her former husband, Judge Walter S. Godbee, and his new wife, Mrs. Florence Godbee, in the postoffice at Millen.

August 25—Leo M. Frank is convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, and on August 27 appealed for new trial, which new trial was refused, the appeal now bedding up to the decision of the supreme court.

August 28—Prime Minister Asquith, of England, is beaten up by suffragettes at Elgin, England.

September 5—Atlanta police risk their lives to arrest spooners on the capital steps.

September 7—Atlanta's team got the "razz" when New Orleans beat Mobile.

September 9—Tariff revision bill passes.

September 10—Harry K. Thaw is brought back to the United States. Jerome studying Hoyle.

September 10—Sir Oliver Lodge, eminent English scientist, declares that he has reason to believe life exists after death.

September 10—Mayor Gaynor dies upon the high/sea on the steamer Baltic.

September 14—Hans Schmidt arrested for the murder of Anna Amuller, whose body he admitted dissecting and throwing in the river.

September 16—Birthday of the State Chamber of Commerce, the largest and most healthy baby ever born in Georgia.

September 24—The people of Atlanta preside at the funeral of the charter recommended by council and authorized by the legislature.

October 3—Dr. Connolly announces a skyscraper for Brown & Allen's corner.

October 3—President Wilson puts his signature to the tariff bill.

October 5—The real worth of the wireless is realized when eight ships can be notified to rush to the rescue of a burning vessel several hundred miles at sea off the coast of England.

October 16—Governor Sulzer found guilty by the high court of impeachment.

October 26—President Wilson pays Atlanta a twenty-minute visit, en route to Mobile.

October 26—General Huerta provides Sunday entertainment for the Mexicans in the form of an automatic president-elect.

November 4—John Purroy Mitchell gives Tammany the count in the New York mayoralty elections, Bob Adamson, formerly of Atlanta, being the gentleman who turned the trick for him.

November 5—Murphy in bad spirits.

November 8—The biggest and most successful automobile show ever held in the south opens in Atlanta.

November 10—\$6,000,000 a year added to the salaries of railroad men.

November 18—Georgia's new baby, the State Chamber of Commerce, is fed on Georgia products and gains \$50,000 and 10,000 members.

November 21—The chamber of commerce industrial tour of Atlanta proves an eye-opener to 250 business men of Atlanta.

November 24—President Finley, of the Southern railway, is dead.

November 25—President Martin, of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, is dead.

November 25—Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, becomes the bride of Francis Bowes Savre, being the thirteenth bride of the white house, having thirteen people in her bridal party and having thirteen letters in her name.

December 2—The Boys' Corn clubs of Georgia met in Atlanta and show the greatest advance in scientific farming ever seen in Georgia.

December 10—For the first time in forty years the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad fails to pay a dividend.

December 15—Tax returns show that Atlanta's real estate in this unlucky year has increased in value \$17,456,499 in value. Wonder what would happen in a lucky year?

December 17—President Thomas, of Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, is dead.

December 19—The new currency bill

passed and business in the east was unleashed.

December 20—After a strenuous campaign Oglethorpe university is assured Atlanta.

December 20—Atlanta bankers declare their intention of fighting for a regional reserve bank in Atlanta.

December 25—Christmas day, and not a single empty stocking in Atlanta!

December 26—Atlanta is named as one of the cities in which the temporary organization committee will sit for the consideration of the location of a federal reserve bank.

December 29—The American Association for the Advancement of Science hold one of their most successful meetings in Atlanta.

December 31—In just two minutes Atlanta will be launched upon what all business men predict as the greatest year in her history!