

- August 1.** Proposal of the British government to that of the South African Republic, that a joint inquiry be made as to the effect, in practical working, of the new franchise law.
4. Renewed counsel of moderation to President Kruger, from the Netherlands government.
 7. Destructive cyclone in Porto Rico.—Opening of the new trial of Captain Dreyfus by court martial at Rennes.—A terrific hurricane in the West Indies, loss of life estimated at 5,000.
 9. Passage of Act creating a national Board of Education for England and Wales.
 11. Death of Dr. Charles Janewyn Stillé, American author and educator.
 12. Arrest of Déroulède and other pentitential Frenchmen for revolutionary conspiracy.
 13. Russian Imperial order declaring Taitienwan a free port.
 14. Attempt, at Rennes, to assassinate M. Labori, one of the counsel for Captain Dreyfus.
 16. Death of Prof. Robert Wilhelm Eberhard Bunsen, German chemist.
 19. Counter proposals from the government of the South African Republic to that of Great Britain.
 20. Rioting in Paris; barricading of M. Guérin and other members of the "Anti-Semitic League" in their headquarters, to defy arrest.
- September 4.** Death of Jean Risties, Servian statesman.
6. Proposal by the government of the United States of an "open-door" commercial policy in China.
 8. Authorized publication at Berlin of a repeated declaration that the German government had never maintained, either directly or indirectly, any relations with Captain Dreyfus.
 9. Verdict of "guilty" pronounced against Dreyfus by five of the seven members of the Rennes court martial.
 11. Death of Cornelius Vanderbilt, millionaire.
 12. Impassioned protest by M. Zola against the Rennes verdict.
 18. Beginning of the trial, at Paris, of Déroulède and his fellow conspirators against the Republic.
 19. Pardon of Captain Dreyfus by President Loubet.
 22. Ending of the discussion of the Uitlander franchise question between the British and Boer governments.—Death of Major George Edward Pond, military author.
 25. Death of Consul Willshire Butterfield, American historical writer.
 27. The Orange Free State makes common cause with the Transvaal against the British.—Death of General Henry Heth, Confederate officer and historian.
- October.** International Commercial Congress and National Export Exposition at Philadelphia.
3. Announcement of the decision of the tribunal of arbitration upon the question of the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana.—Fall of eleven columns of the great temple at Karnak, Egypt.
 9. Ultimatum of the South African Republic to Great Britain.
 10. Reply of the British government to the Boer ultimatum.—Contract of the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua declared forfeited by the Nicaraguan government.
 12. First act in the British-Boer war, in South Africa; Boer invasion of Natal and of Cape Colony.
 13. Death of Vice-Admiral Philip Howard Colomb, of the British navy.
 14. Death of Charlotte Heine, sister of Heinrich.
 15. Death of Lawrence Gronlund, socialist author.
 16. Census of Cuba and Porto Rico, taken under the direction of the War Department of the United States.—Death of Professor Edward Orton, American geologist.
 20. Battle at Talana Hill, Natal, between British and Boer forces; mortal wounding of General Sir W. Penn Symons.—Agreement between Great Britain and the United States upon a "modus vivendi" pending the settlement of the Alaska boundary.
 21. Battle at Elandslaagte, in Natal.
 25. Death of Grant Allen, author and naturalist.
 27. Death of Brig. Gen. Guy V. Henry, late military governor of Porto Rico.—Death of Florence Marryat (Mrs. Francis Lean), English novelist.
 28. Death of John Codman Ropes, American military historian.—Death of Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the linotype printing process.
 29. Beginning of the siege of Ladysmith, in Natal.
- November 2.** Earthquake and tidal wave in the island of Ceram, one of the Moluccas, overwhelming many towns.
3. Death of Col. Henry Inman, American writer on frontier history.
 14. Signing of treaties between Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, relative to the Samoan Islands.—Inauguration of Juan Isidro Jimenez, President of the Dominican Republic.
 16. Death of Moritz Busch, biographer of Bismarck.
 19. Death of Sir John William Dawson, Canadian geologist.
 21. Death of Garret A. Hobart, Vice President of the United States.
 23. Battle of Belmont, in the South African war.
 24. Death of Rev. Samuel May, American abolitionist.
 25. Battle at Enslin, or Graspan, in the South African war.
 28. Battle at Modder River, in the South African war.
 30. Report of Isthmian Canal Commission in favor of the Nicaragua route.
- December 6.** Appointment of General Leonard Wood to the military command and governorship of Cuba.