

4. Transfer of Sir Alfred Milner from the governorship of Cape Colony to that of the Transvaal, continuing to be British High Commissioner for South Africa at large.
8. Opening of the second argument before the Supreme Court of the United States in cases involving questions concerning the status of new possessions.
12. Submission of the Chinese government to the requirements of the Powers.
14. Defiant proclamation issued by President Steyn and General De Wet. — Death of Hugh Roy Maudslott Creighton, English historian. — Death of Charles Hermite, French mathematician.
16. Approval of the Act appointing Representatives in the Congress of the United States under the census of 1900.
17. Proclamation of martial law throughout most of Cape Colony.
18. Celebration of the bi-centenary of the coronation of the first King of Prussia. — Encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII. concerning Social and Christian Democracy. — Death of Arnold Böcklin, German painter.
19. Death of the Duc de Broglie, French statesman.
21. Death of Professor Elisha Gray, one of the inventors of the telephone. — Death of Ed. Frank, Frederick Hilder, geographer and ethnologist.
22. Death of Queen Victoria.
24. Formal proclamation of the accession of King Edward VII. to the throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
25. Death of Baron Wilhelm von Rothschild, financier.
27. Death of Giuseppe Verdi, Italian composer.
28. Death of Count Joseph V. Gurko, Russian general.
29. Death of Rev. Hugh Reginald Haweis, English clergyman and author. — Death of Vicomte Henri de Bernier, French poet and dramatist.

February 1. Death of Dr. Fitzedward Hall, entomologist.

- 1-4. Ceremonies of the funeral of Queen Victoria.
2. Act to increase the regular army of the United States to 100,000 men approved by the President.
5. Chinese Imperial decree, commanding new undertakings of reform.
6. Fall of the Saracco Ministry in Italy, formation of a new government under Signor Zanardelli.
7. Marriage of Queen Wilhelmina, of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg.
11. Death of ex King Milan of Serbia.
12. Order by the United States Treasury Department levying a countervailing duty on Russian sugar, as being "bounty fed." — Death of Don Ramon de Campoamor, Spanish poet, philosopher and statesman.
14. Marriage of the Princess of Asturias, sister of the young King of Spain, to Prince Charles, of the Neapolitan Bourbon family. — Opening of the British Parliament in state by King Edward VII.
15. Death of Maurice Thompson, American author.
16. Retaliatory order by the Russian Minister of Finance, levying additional duties on American manufactures of iron and steel.
19. Death of Paul Armand Silvestre, French poet and critic.
26. Execution of two high Chinese officials, at Peking, in compliance with the demands of the Powers. — Adoption by the United States Senate of the so-called "Spooner amendment" to the Army Appropriation Bill, authorizing the President to establish civil government in the Philippines.
27. Adoption by the U. S. Senate of the Platt Amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill, defining the conditions under which the President may "leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people." — Assassination of the Russian Minister of Public Instruction.
28. Unsuccessful peace parley opened between Lord Kitchener and Commandant Botha. — Death of William Maxwell Evarts, American lawyer and statesman.

March 1. Concurrence of the U. S. House of Representatives in the "Spooner Amendment" and the Platt Amendment of the Senate to the Army Appropriation Bill.

- 1-14. Census of the Indian Empire, completed in 14 days.
2. Official announcement of the terms of the formation of the United States Steel Corporation.
4. Inauguration of William McKinley for a second term as President of the United States.
6. Death of Canon William Bright, Oxford theologian.
11. Rejection by the British government of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, as amended by the United States Senate.
12. Offer, by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of \$5,200,000, for the establishing of branches of the New York Public Library.
13. Death of Benjamin Harrison, ex President of the United States.
15. Order for withdrawal of American troops from China, excepting a Legation guard.
17. Death of Rev. Elijah Kellogg, American writer of books for boys.
20. Passage of a new election law by the Legislature of Maryland, to exclude the illiterate from the suffrage.
21. Death of Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Muhlenberg, American divine.
22. Attempted assassination of M. Pobiedonostzeff, Procurator of the Holy Synod, in Russia.
23. Capt. of the Philippine leader, Aguinaldo, by stratagem.
24. Death of Charlotte Mary Yonge, English novelist and historical writer.