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August: First pneumatic cash system in Florida installed in Cohen's department store on Bay Street.

September 25: Jacksonville-Miami Steamship line opened with the departure of the steamer "Magic City". The line did not prove a success. The Magic City was sunk in a collision near Mayport February 16, 1910.

September 25: Dutch S. S. Zeeburg was driven on the south jetty by high winds. Became a total wreck.

October 3: First taxi service in Jacksonville was inaugurated by a company headed by J. E. T. Bowden. The fleet numbered fifteen, all Fords. A week later the cab drivers went out on strike because an employee had been discharged.

October: A \$40,000 fire on Bridge (Broad) Street between Forsyth and Adams. A building owned by J. E. T. Bowden was destroyed with heavy damage to the Newport hotel.

November 20: First wireless commercial message received in Jacksonville; it came from the Clyde steamer Huron out at sea to the wireless station on the Aragon hotel, making reservations for passengers aboard.

November 25: Race meet opened. St. James stables and other well-known horses here.

December 5: Warehouse fire; occupied by West, Flynn, Harris Co., and C. W. Bartleson Co.; \$50,000 damage.

December 20: High pressure fire service in the business district put in operation.

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March 15: Fountain memorial to Mrs. B. F. Dillon unveiled in Springfield Park. The memorial was erected by the Springfield Improvement Association in appreciation of Mrs. Dillon's efforts for the civic improvement of Springfield.

March 18: The launch "Dispatch", owned by Capt. Seth Perkins, came through the inland waterway from St. Augustine to the St. Johns; opening of the canal and the first boat to make the trip.