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January 6: "Gypsy" Smith, evangelist, opened a three weeks' engagement in Jacksonville.

February 6: More than 7000 people assembled at the old tabernacle in Confederate Park to pay tribute to the memory of Woodrow Wilson, during the hour of his funeral. The principal address was made by H. L. Smith, president of Washington and Lee University, who happened to be in the city at the time.

April 23: April Follies celebration.

June 4: Fire in the Service Warehouse in the viaduct section destroyed \$50,000 worth of property.

June: First concrete safety zones built, at southwest corner of Forsyth and Main and southeast corner of Bay and Broad.

June: Plant of the Independent Fisheries Co., at Mayport, burned; loss \$125,000.

June 30: Warehouse and dock fire east of the foot of Main Street; loss \$70,000. For a time this fire threatened the entire down-town business section. This was the fire-boat's first real test, and it proved an invaluable aid.

July 25: Acid plant of the Armour Fertilizer Co., in Fairfield, burned as a result of being struck by lightning; loss \$200,000.

August 4: Fire in Morris & Co.'s packing house on West Bay Street resulted in a loss of \$50,000.

November 20-29: Florida State Fair.

December 3: San Jose Boulevard paving completed and accepted by the County Commissioners.

December 25: Memorial to the Florida dead of the World war unveiled in Memorial Park, Riverside, by two little girls, Mary Bernard Burroughs and Mary Danto Bedell, amidst solemn ceremonies. The memorial was executed by C. Adrian Pillars of St. Augustine, and interpreted by him as allegorical in type, being "a visualization of humanity's ceaseless endeavor to rise above things earthly, and to attain im-