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A Nation Celebrates the Birth of Emma Sims

PRES. MCKINLEY NOTES BIRTH OF EMMA SIMS



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, William McKinley, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Emma Sims on Monday, Jan. 1, 1900.

The White House sent a bouquet of carnations, the flower for the month of January, to the family.

Celebrities Share Jan 1st Birthday

January 1st seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Xavier Cugat, Dana Andrews, Don Novello, Frank Langella, Nancy Lopez, and Paul Revere.

It's interesting to note that Xavier Cugat was also born in 1900. That means both Xavier Cugat and Emma were born 39,446 days ago!

Hawaii is Territory

HONOLULU - Hawaii is now officially a territory of the United States. A chain of islands near the center of the N. Pacific Ocean, Hawaii had sought annexation by the U.S. for some years. In 1898, America agreed to annex the islands and grant territorial status. President McKinley had pushed for territorial status.



Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$3,880.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that fourteen cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that fourteen cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$490.00, many members of the House felt that four cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

President William McKinley noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to fourteen cents, he said that the American public had, in 1900, more buying power than ever before.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1900



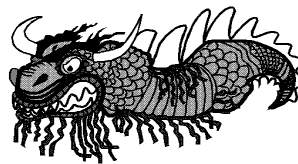
- The Boer War Continues in South Africa
- Average Age at Death in USA is 47
- Firestone Tire Founded
- Excavation Begins on A New York Subway
- Brownie Camera Introduced for a Dollar

Chinese Celebrate Year of the

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Emma Sims might be a cause for great joy in the Chinese community.

After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar year of 4,567, the year of the , a very auspicious year! Persons born in this year are said to be .

Today's fortune cookie says, "Good News Is Just Around The Corner!"



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of 1900

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Come Back, Ma Honey Boy, To Me," and "My Tiger Lily," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "Sweet Fleur-De-Lis," or stop humming, "A Bird In A Gilded Cage," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1900 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Astronomers Note Waxing Crescent Moon

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY - Heralding the birth of Emma Sims was the waxing crescent moon. Because Emma was also born during the month of January, this moon is also known as a so-called "Wolf Moon".

Today, Monday, the Moon appears to be partly but less than one-half illuminated by direct sunlight. The fraction of the Moon's disk that is illuminated is increasing. This Moon can be seen after the New Moon, but before the First Quarter Moon. The crescent will grow larger and larger every day, until the moon looks like the First Quarter Moon.