

It Will Take Its Place in the History of Mankind as a Year Devoted Almost Exclusively to the Prosecution of a War Which Has Involved Most of the Civilized World—Collapse of the Earlier Ages—A Year of Universal Horror, Wanton Disregard for Human Life and Perplexing Uncertainty as to the Outcome—A Trying Period for a Neutral People. Recognition of the De Facto Government in Mexico Does Not Bring Peace to the Distracted Republic—Gratifying Advance in Discovery and Invention—The Year's Record of Disaster on Land and Sea. Briefer Mention of Important Happenings—The Distinguished Dead of the Year.

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