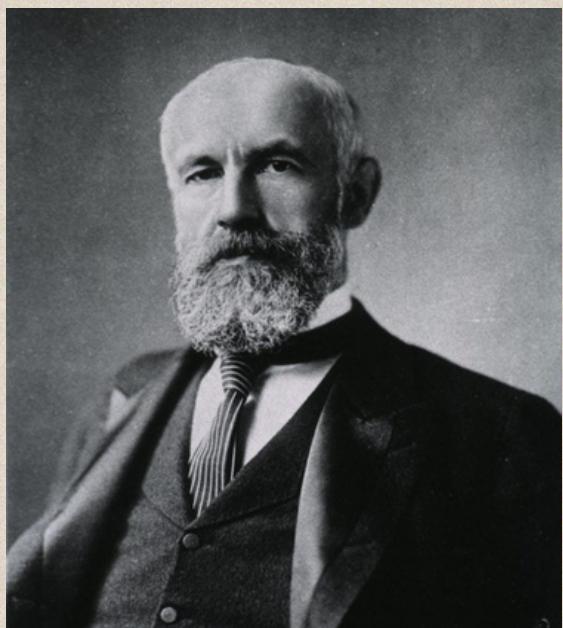


# 1892: YEAR IN REVIEW

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## THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: ESTABLISHING PSYCHOLOGY AS AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE



G. STANLEY HALL, APA PRESIDENT.

This past July, the American Psychological Association, or APA for short, was founded by a small group of individuals interested in what they call ‘the new psychology’. The group elected 31 members, including Hugo Münsterberg of Harvard and Edward Titchener of Cornell, with G. Stanley Hall as the president.

The first official meeting of the APA was held this month at the university of Pennsylvania. In attendance was a council and an executive committee. We were lucky enough to get a word in with G. Stanley Hall himself, who shared the vision of the APA with us... (continued on page 3)

## PSYCHOLOGY: FACT OR FICTION? A NEW PUBLICATION IN THE FIELD

Renowned physiologist and now psychologist, William James, has released his latest work of “Psychology: Briefer Course” bringing forward the craze of Functionalism in this new field. Heavily influenced by the controversial theories of evolution that predates him, James boldly states that, “Consciousness is in constant change”, with no two experiences truly being the same. Our mind and behaviours serve to adapt to the changing environment around us.

However, it still appears that James is unsure of the status of psychology as fully fledged science. Within his publication he also goes on to state that, “This is no science; it is only the hope of a science”. Depicting the skepticism and other critiques surrounding psychology as a whole, even coming from one of the pioneers of the field. There has also been argument in regard to if the American populace will be understanding of these ideas as they shift from Germany to here... (continued on page 4)



WILLIAM JAMES, HARVARD RESEARCHER AND AUTHOR

## FALL RIVER MURDERS



LIZZIE BORDEN, PRIMARY SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF ANDREW AND ABBY BORDEN.

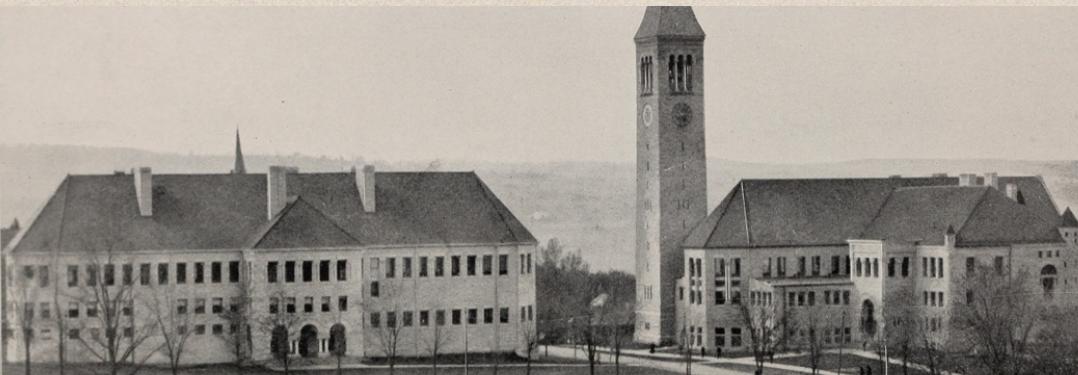
In August of this year, a gruesome murder occurred in Fall River, Massachusetts. Andrew and Abby Borden were found hacked to death in their own home. Andrew was discovered in a pool of his own blood on the living room couch, his face nearly split in two. Abby was upstairs, her head smashed to pieces. It was determined she was killed first.

Shockingly, Andrew Borden's daughter, Lizzie Borden, is the primary suspect in this heinous crime. Supposedly, her and her older sister Emma Borden, despised their stepmother Abby, providing a potential motive. Members of the community have speculated that Lizzie could also have been motivated by a sum of money left by her father. A morbid rhyme is circulating among locals:

Lizzie Borden took an axe,  
And gave her mother forty whacks;  
When she saw what she had done,  
She gave her father forty-one.

However, Lizzie is still awaiting trial.

## DISCOVERY OF FIRST “VIRUS” IN TOBACCO LEAVES



HONOURABLE MENTION: EDWARD BRADFORD TITCHENER TAKES PROFESSORSHIP AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY (PICTURED), REPLACING FRANK ANGELL WHO LEFT FOR STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

## HOMESTEAD STEEL STRIKE TURNS DEADLY

Workers of the Homestead steel mill, one of the largest Carnegie Steel Company plants, were represented by the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers up until this past July. The union contract was set to expire on July 1st, but operations manager, Frick, broke the union ahead of this deadline. Frick cut the workers' wages and when they protested, locked them out of the plant. On July 2nd, the 3800 workers were fired.

On July 6th, 300 private security guards, hired by Frick, were meant to occupy the plant. However, thousands of workers and their families stormed the plant. A battle ensued for 12 hours where shots were fired, killing three security guards and seven workers. The workers took control of the steel mill until 8500 soldiers of the state National Guard overturned the workers on July 12th.



STATE MILITIA ENTERING HOMESTEAD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PUT DOWN THE STRIKE OF JULY 1892.

Since this disaster, unions all over America are collapsing. Many workers are de-unionizing, with companies implementing anti-union tactics in attempts to avoid repeating the violence witnessed at the Homestead steel mill. Thoughts and prayers go out to all those who lost loved ones in the disaster.

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## The American Psychological Association: establishing psychology as an academic discipline (Continued from page 1)

[Interviewer]: So what are the goals and purpose of the APA? Where will the APA lead us? And how does it benefit the public?

[Hall]: The main goal of the APA is to advance the creation and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society. Learning about psychology is extremely beneficial to everyone. The emergence of academic disciplines like psychology are quickly developing advanced degrees and experts. As with any association, there is a need for an efficient social order to ensure success. The APA aims to train individuals to fill the new professional niches created by psychology's growing popularity.

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However, Hall's words did not have the same impact on everyone. Some individuals voiced their discontent with the APA's establishment.

[Unnamed]: I think it is quite a waste of time and resources. Psychology is no science. We should put our efforts towards areas that really matter, like biology. I give the APA a year before we finally smarten up and forget about it.

It will indeed be interesting to see where the APA takes psychology here in the United States. Will Hall's inspiring vision spread, growing the APA? Or will we move onto other things, forgetting about its existence in the first place? Only time will tell.

## ELLIS ISLAND WELCOMES NEW IMMIGRANTS



IMMIGRATION CENTER BUILT ON ELLIS ISLAND

A new wave of immigration has begun as Ellis Island opened its doors in New York Harbor for processing on January 1st of this year. The North side of the island has been completely reconstructed due to previously being home to Fort Gibson, used as a Naval Magazine dating back to 1795.

This also marks the change from state government to federal government responsibility in processing immigration as was mandated in the previous year. New York's previous state run immigration center, Castle Garden, was shut down two years ago to begin this transition. With future plans for that site to be home to an aquarium instead. As a new state of the art facility, all new migrants must undergo a revised screening involving a health check and basic questionnaire lasting from 3-7 hours.

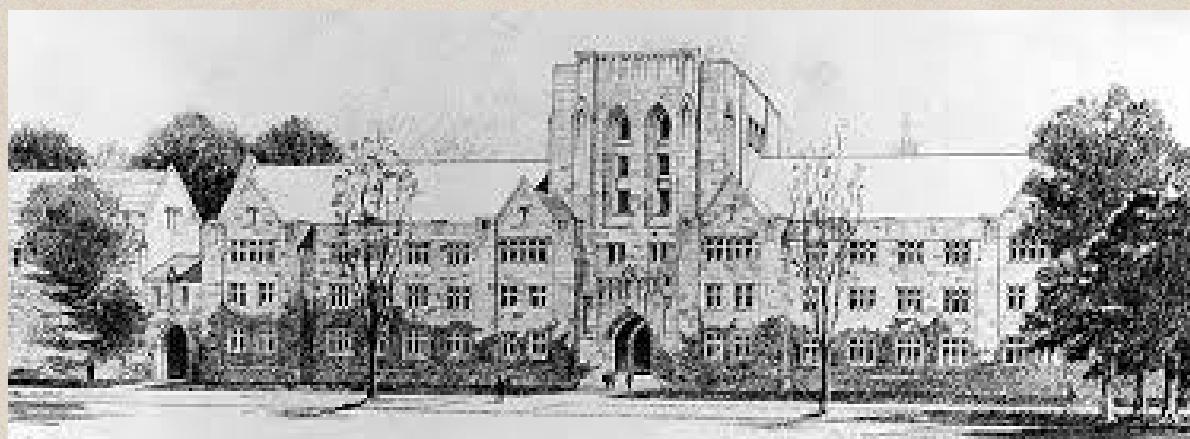
It is expected that up to 20,000 people will be passing through each year, however not everyone will find that news satisfactory. There are still current prohibitions through the Chinese Exclusion Act and the more recent Foran Act which serves to restrict foreign immigration based solely for contract labor purposes. Critics have discussed how both of these laws only appeal to nativists and labor unions, due to the actual impact primarily being a loss of skilled labor from European countries.

## **Psychology: fact or fiction? A new publication in the field** (Continued from page 1)

As for what James is currently working towards, he is continuing his teaching at Harvard University. However, when asked to comment on where his research will take him in the future he claimed that he wished to transition more towards developing the field of pragmatism and philosophy. Shifting away from the physiological basis that had influenced his work so heavily to this point. Many of his students are carrying on the field, such as G. Stanley Hall in the other news story of the year founding the American Psychological Association. This all raises a question, do you think psychology has the capability to be a science?

## **CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN HAMBURG GERMANY**

## **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HOLDS FIRST CLASSES**



**GOODSPEED HALL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

This year also marked the first classes at a brand new private academic institution since its founding 2 years ago, The University of Chicago. Under leadership of the relatively young William Rainey Harper, he has spared no expense in procuring the best staff under the funding of John D. Rockefeller. He also believes that enrollment standards must be academically rigorous, trying to create a research center in the American midwest equal to its counterparts along the East Coast.

Alongside the first classes, the institution also is in the works to open the 20th experimental psychology laboratory in the country. Headed by Charles A. Strong, who was recently appointed as an associate professor of psychology at the university and studied alongside other prominent figures such as William James.

They also are one of the first institutions to now accept both female and minority students for either undergraduate or graduate studies. Marking a recent change in colleges across America including Yale University and Columbia University. Enrollment itself consisted of 594 students paired with a relatively high 120 members of staff.

## **FOUNDING OF GENERAL ELECTRIC**

A brand new company has emerged in the utilities industry after a merger between Edison General Electric Company and Thomas-Houston Electric Company. General Electric opened its doors for business in April and promises to continue its latest streak of innovations under leadership of Thomas Edison, fondly known as the creator of the incandescent lamp and phonograph.



**THOMAS EDISON WITH PHONOGRAPH (1878)**

## **PRINCE GEORGE BECOMES DUKE OF YORK**

**HONOURABLE MENTION: WILLIAM JAMES HAS PLACED HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S PREMIER PSYCHOLOGY LAB UNDER SUPERVISION OF HUGO MÜNSTERBERG (PICTURED BELOW).**

