# The Roaring 20s

America withdraws from world power back to isolationism.

#### **Red Scare**



Paranoia over the **Russian Revolution** and spread of communism led to Red scare hysteria directed against immigrants, anarchists, socialists, communists, and labor organizers

### **Palmer Raids**

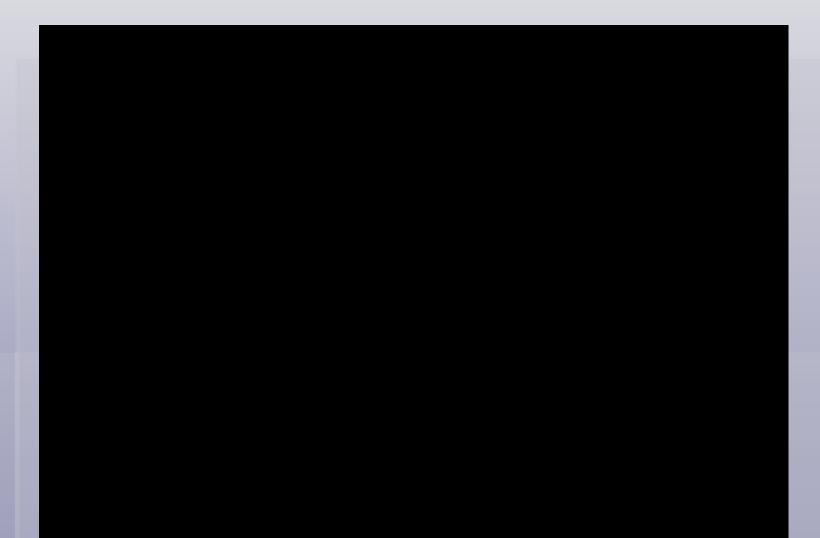
#### 1919-20, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer conducts "Palmer Raids"



# Wall Street Bombing, 1920

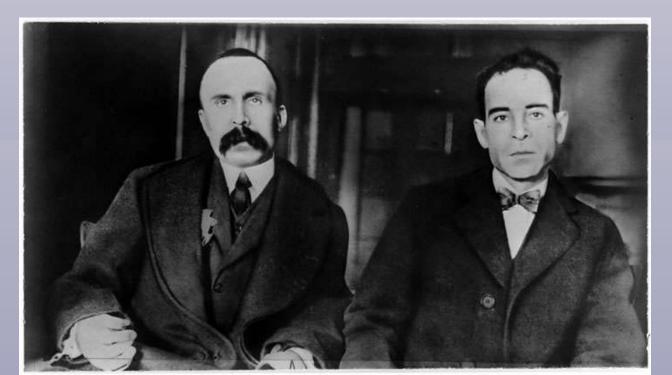


#### **Palmer Raids**



# Sacco-Vanzetti Trial

Italian immigrants and anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti convicted and executed after unfair trial for Mass. Robbery and murder



# Fundamentalism vs Modernism

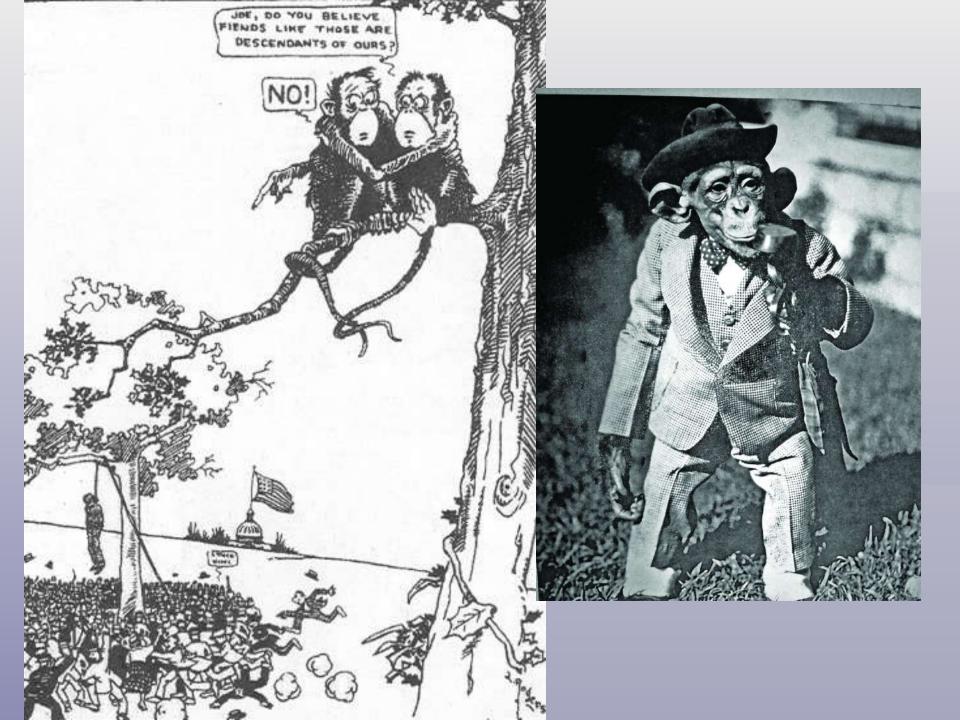
- Many states pass
   laws forbidding
   teaching of Evolution
  - Dayton Tenn. Biology teacher John Scopes volunteers to get arrested for breaking law



# **Scopes Monkey Trial, 1925**

 Clarence Darrow (I) represents Scopes;
 William Jennings Bryan (r) serves as prosecutor





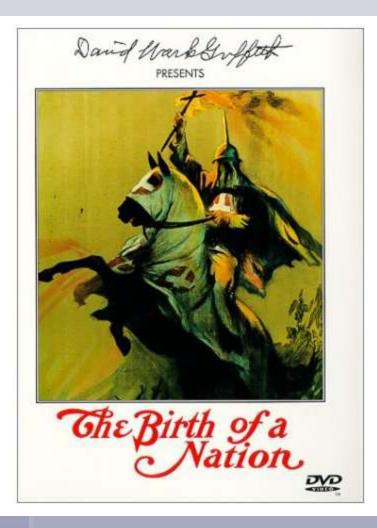
#### The Verdict



July 22, 1925

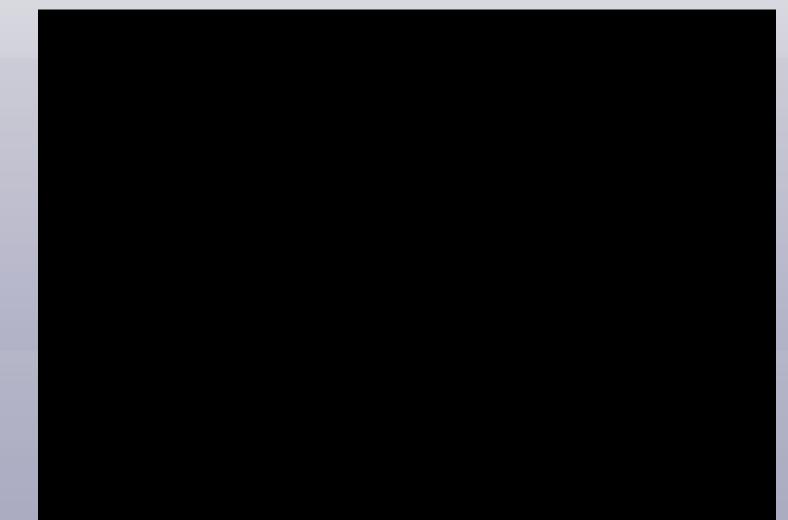


# **Resurgence of KKK**

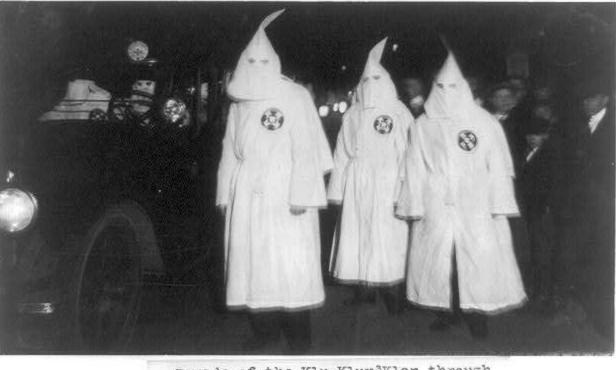


- First full length movie, <u>The Birth of A Nation</u>, directed by DW Griffith (1915), based on The Clansman by Thomas Dixon
- Pres. Wilson called it "history written with lightning"
- Depicts Klan as southern saviors and demonizes blacks in Reconstruction South

### **Birth of a Nation**



- Led to rebirth of Klan, this time centered in Midwest (Indiana)
- Claimed over 5 million members
- Thousands marched in DC 1925, 1926

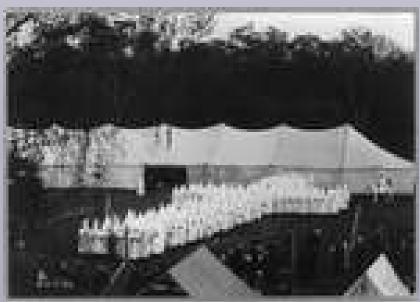


parade of the Klu-Klux Klan through countries in Virginia bordering on the District of Columbia last night. 3/18/2



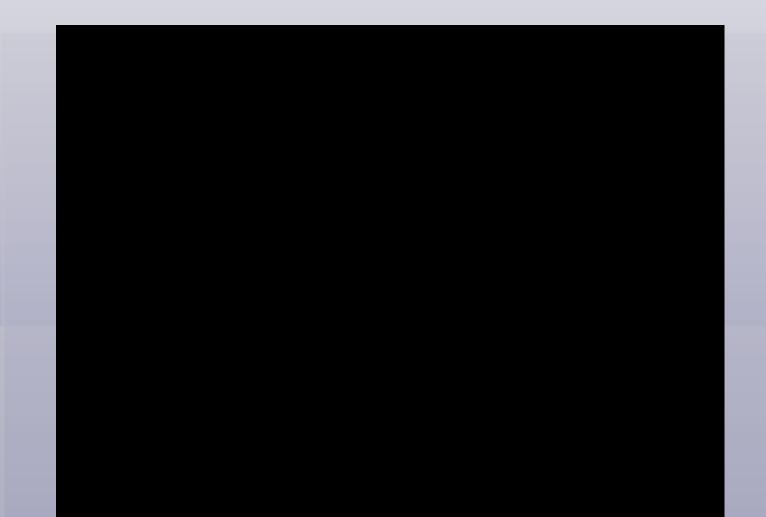








#### **KKK March Washington**



# Nativism Leads to Immigration Restrictions

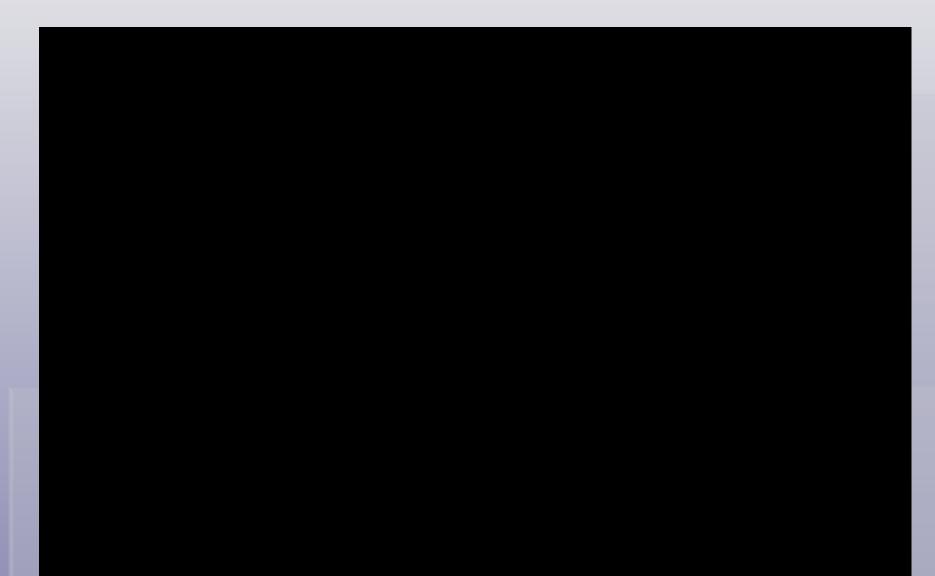
Immigration Law 1924 --- totally excluded Asians and put strict quotas on southern and eastern Europeans, favoring Northern and Western immigrants

#### Prohibition

- Most of country "dry" before WWI; WWI spurred movement
- 18<sup>th</sup> amendment (1919-1933) outlawed sale, manufacture and transport of alcohol; enforced by Volstead Act
- Repealed by 21<sup>st</sup> in 1933



Speakeasies



# **Prohibition Quotations**

"Prohibition permitted the Protestant countryside to coerce the newer Americans in the city. One "dry" asserted: 'Our nation can only be saved by turning the pure stream of country sentiment and township morals to flush out the cesspools of cities and so save civilization from pollution."

" 'The government which stands against the founder of Christianity cannot survive,' declared Senator Walsh of Massachusetts."

"The satirical essayist H.L. Mencken claimed that Prohibition had caused suffering comparable only to that of the Black Death and the Thirty Years War."

 "The wet city is trying to impose its will on the dry country. The wet North on the dry South!" "If the Christian vote did not go to the polls, 'we shall see our towns and villages rum-ridden in the near future and a whole generation of our children destroyed."

"Twice a week, he (Harding) sought to banish care by inviting his friends to the White House for poker parties. Liquor flowed freely at these affairs, for the President --- like many other Americans --- did not take prohibition seriously. The 'drys' got after him, however, and he finally confined his drinking to the family bedrooms."

# **Effects of Prohibition**

- Blatant lawlessness: "speakeasies",
   "bootlegging", "bathtub gin"
- Deaths and illness from drinking bad booze
- President Harding and cronies had FBI deliver confiscated alcohol to secret DC house for
- weekly gambling, booze and prostitution parties
  Led to rise of mafia, organized crime,
  - gangsterism

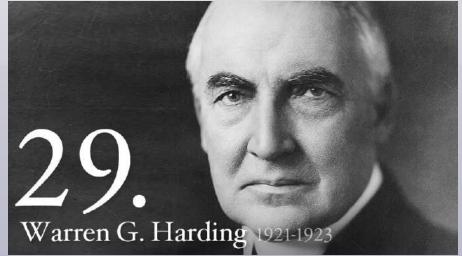


#### And perhaps the most heinous effect of prohibition of them all....



# Pres. Warren G Harding, 1921-23

- Nominated because he "looks presidential"(first time women could vote)
- Ran front porch campaign
- Administration riddled with scandal
- Weekly parties with cronies
- Teapot Dome Scandal

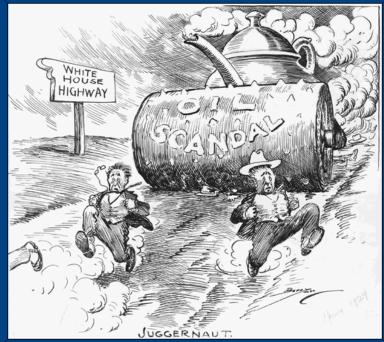


# **Teapot Dome Scandal**

Secretary of Interior Albert Fall secretly leased govt oil reserves in Teapot Dome Wyoming to oil companies and pocketed

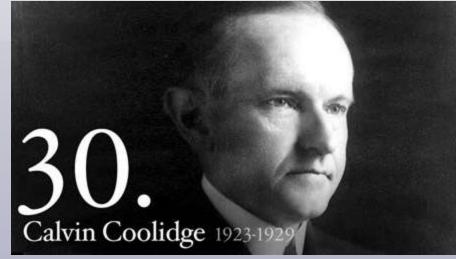
profits





# Pres. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929

- Silent Cal
- "The business of America is business."
  - "The man who builds a factory builds a temple; the man who works there worships there."



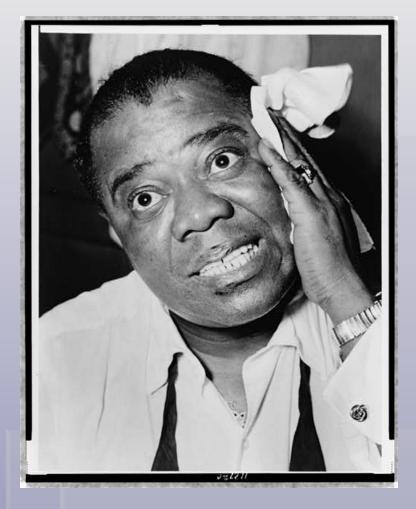
# The Boom Years- Roaring 20s

- US becomes greatest creditor nation in world
- Industrial production, employment, stock market speculation, and wages soar
- Consumerism soars as people want the latest technological innovations
- Buying on credit becomes popular



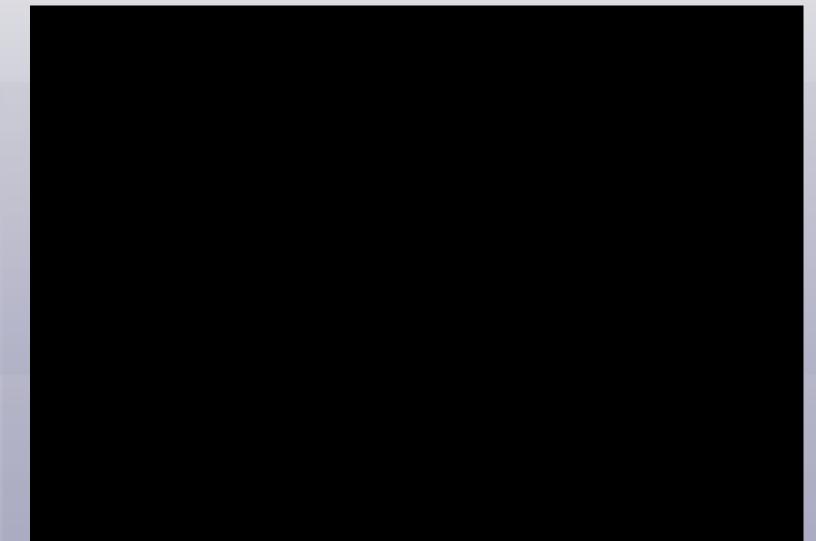
# Jazz Age

- Term coined by F Scott Fitzgerald
- Jazz and blues music originated in New Orleans and migrated north to Chicago and New York (Harlem)
- White and black audiences packed segregated clubs like Harlem's Cotton Club
- Artists: Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Bessie Smith

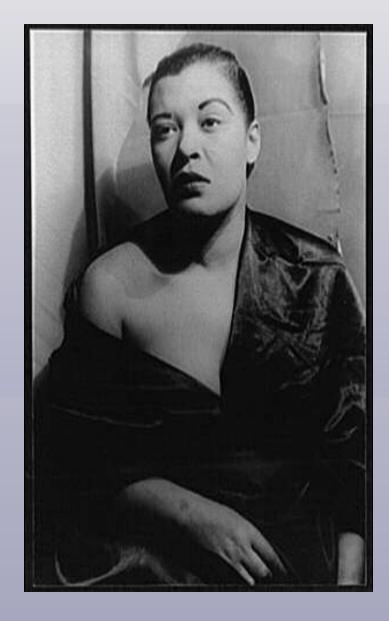




Duke Ellington Orchestra "It Don't Mean a Thing"







Bessie Smith St. Louis Blues



Billie Holiday "Blues are Brewin'"





#### Cotton Club



# **Harlem Renaissance**

- Flowering of black arts, music, literature and intellectualism in Harlem, New York
- Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Claude McKay, Zora Neale Hurston, Alain Locke
- , Paul Robeson, James Weldon Johnson, Paul Dunbar

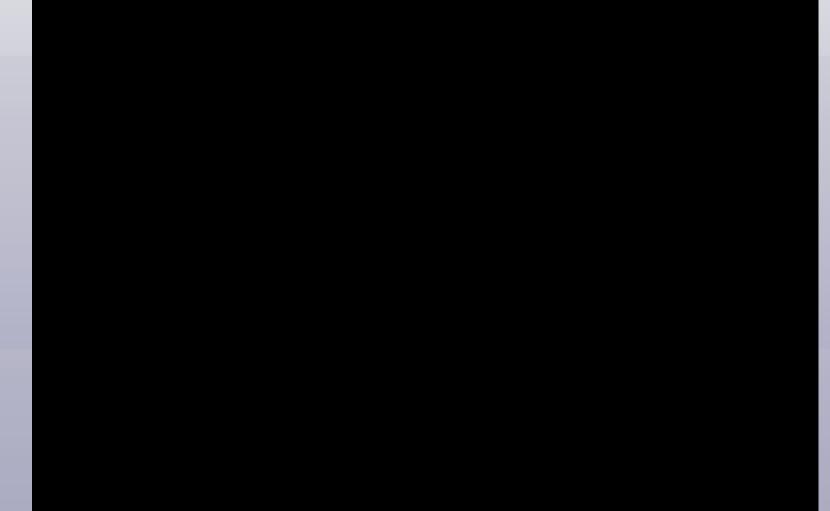


# **Marcus Garvey**

- Jamaican who moved to NYC in 1916
- Founded United Negro
   Improvement
   Association and African
   Orthodox Church
  - Called for racial pride, self-reliance, economic independence and even Back to Africa movement



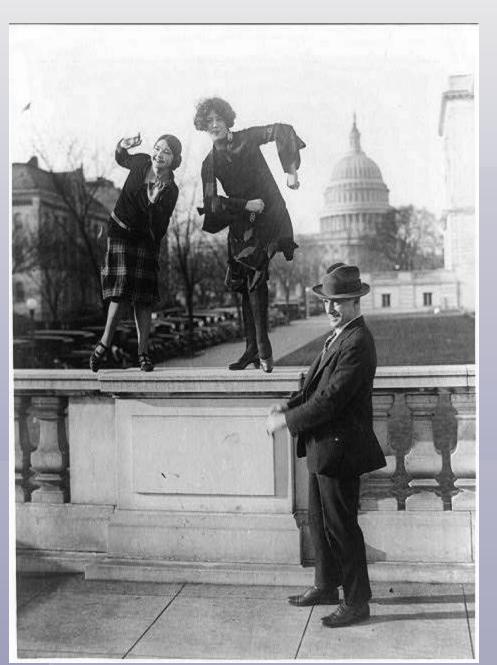
# **Marcus Garvey Speech**

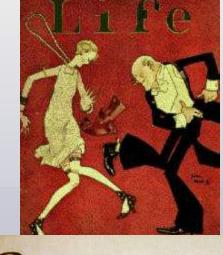


# Eat, Drink and Be Merry, for Tomorrow....

- WWI proved to "Flaming Youth" how fleeting life was and they broke with traditions and lived life to the fullest
- Young "flappers" shocked older generations by wearing short hair,
   short skirts, makeup,
   and smoking, dancing,
- driving and drinking in public







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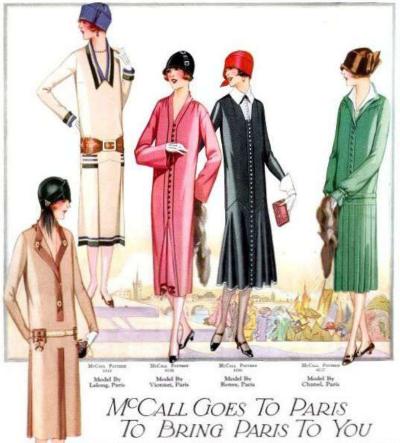
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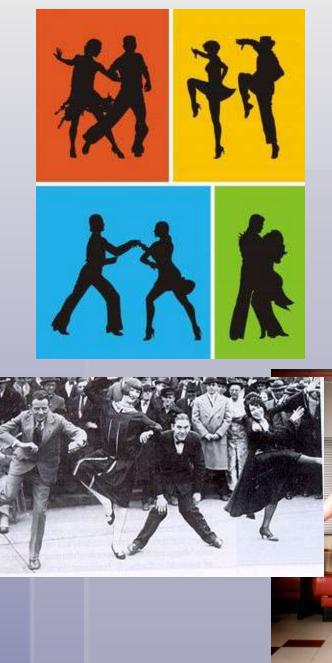
### Flappers



# **1920s fads**



- The Charleston
- Dance Marathons
- Mah Jong
- King Tut/ Egyptology
- Cloche hats
- Hip flasks
- Raccoon coats
- Pajamas as daily wear
- Neon lights
- Turned down hose
- flagpole sitting



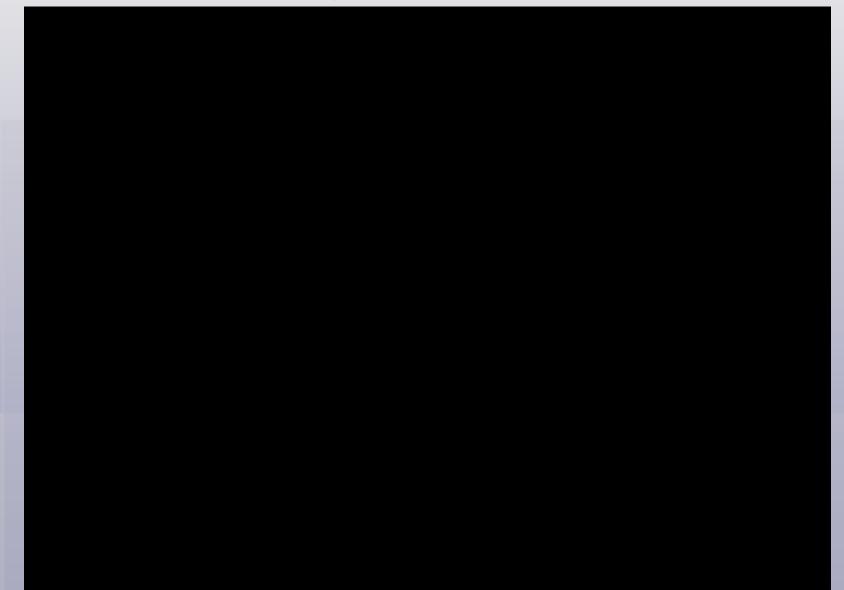




#### The Charleston



### **Dancing Flappers**



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# **Lost Generation**

Phrase coined by
Gertrude Stein for
disillusioned, cynical
American expatriate
writers living in Paris
who wrote about greed,
materialism and
cynicism



Ernest Hemingway, F
 Scott Fitzgerald, Eugene
 O'Neill, ee cummings,
 TS Elliot, Gertrude Stein



## **Lost Generation**

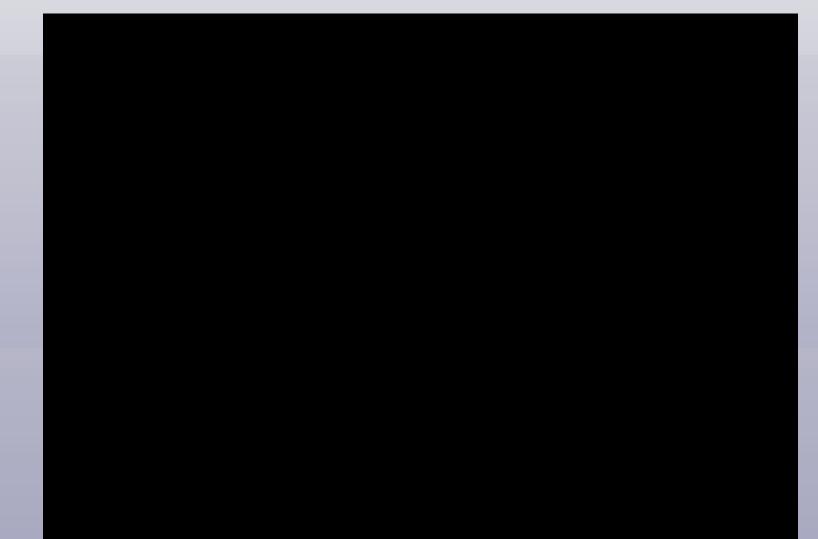


# Transformation of America

- Mass Produced automobile
- Henry Ford, Model T flivver, Tin Lizzy

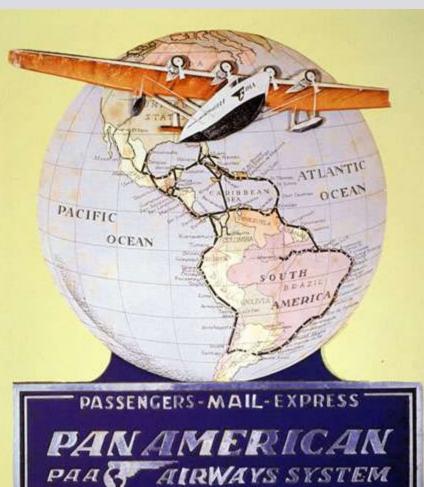


# **Ford Assembly Line**



# Airplane

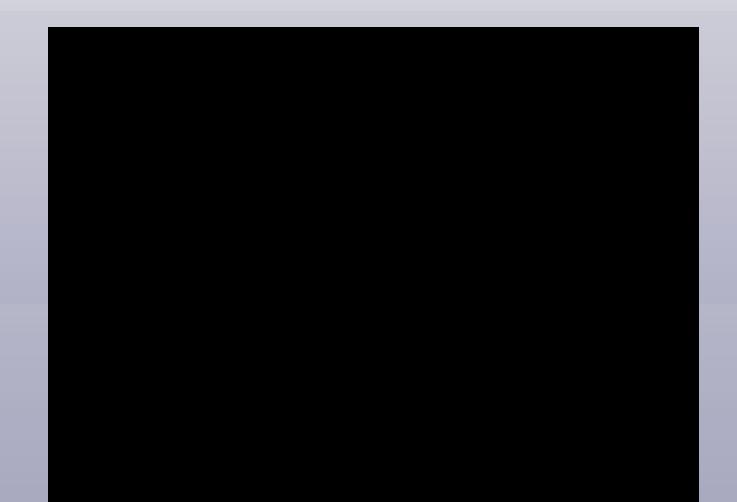
- Air mail flights 1920: passenger flights 1930s
- Charles Lindbergh, first solo across Atlantic
- Amelia Earhart
- barnstormers



West Indies, Central and South America

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# Lindbergh



# Radio

- Wireless telegraphy invented by
   Guglielmo Marconi 1890s
- First commercial radio station KDKA
   Pittsburgh

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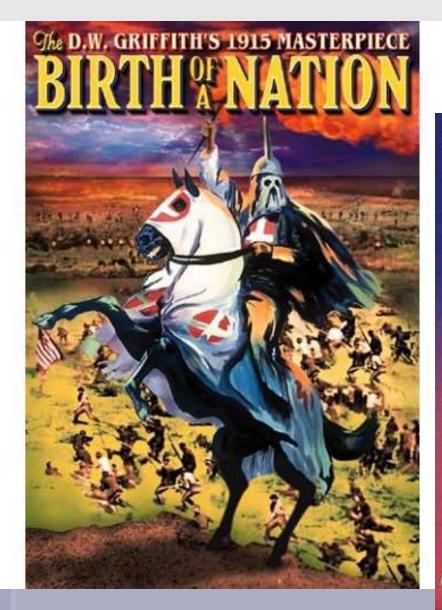
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## Movies



- Invented by Edison
- First movie with plot The Great Train Robbery 1903
- First full length motion picture <u>The Birth of a Nation</u>
- First talkie <u>The Jazz Singer</u>
- New industry created in Hollywood
- Stars: Charlie Chaplin, Clara Bow, Lillian Gish, Mary Pickford, Buster Keaton, Fatty Arbuckle





## **The Jazz Singer**



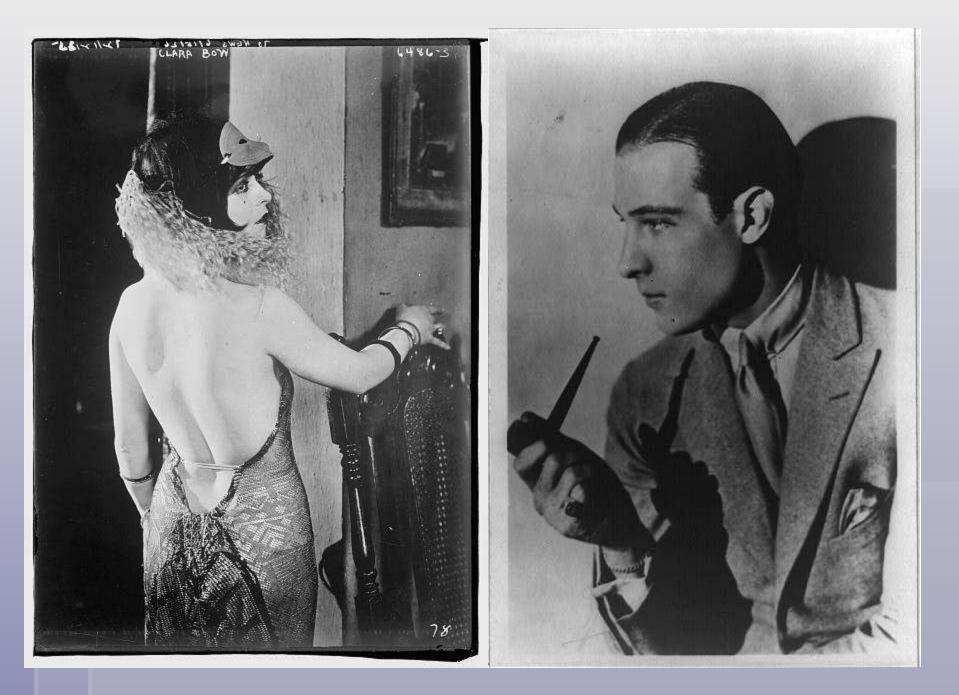


### Fatty Arbuckle



### Charlie Chaplin

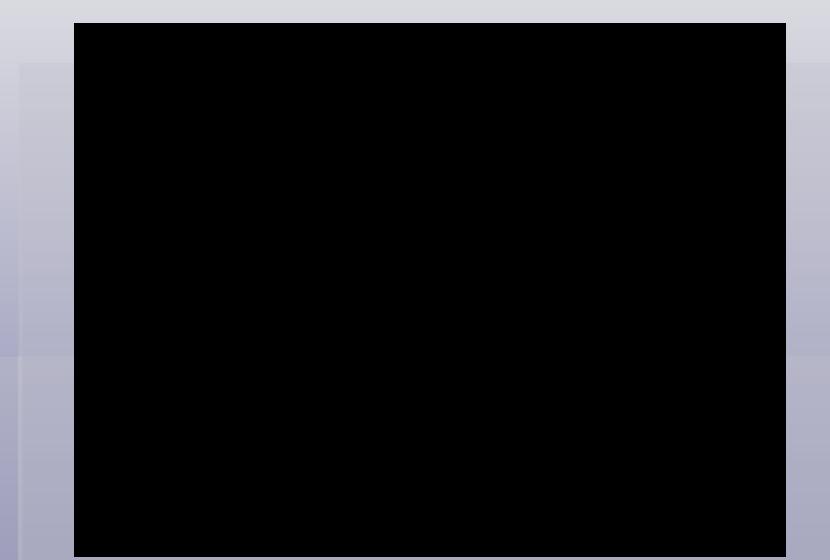




Clara Bow --- The "It" Girl



### Valentino



# **US Adopts Isolationism**

 Washington Naval Conferences- 1921-22 nine largest naval powers agree to reduce and limit size of navies
 Kellogg-Briand Pact -1928 – international treaty "outlawing" war