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World Events

- [Britain](#), [U.S.](#), [Japan](#), [France](#), and [Italy](#) sign naval disarmament treaty.
- [Nazis](#) gain in [German](#) elections.
- [Haile Selassie](#) becomes emperor of [Ethiopia](#).

U.S. Events

- Unemployment soars, prompting President [Hoover](#) to appoint a Commission for Unemployment Relief.
- [Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act](#) is passed by Congress. The act brings retaliatory tariff acts from foreign countries, U.S. foreign trade suffers a sharp decline, and the depression intensifies.
- N.Y. Supreme Court Judge Joseph Crater withdraws all his money from the bank, sells his stock, and disappears. His fate is never learned.

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)Nobel Peace Prize: [Lars O. J. Söderblom](#) (Sweden)[More World Statistics...](#)

U.S. Statistics

President: [Herbert C. Hoover](#)Vice President: [Charles Curtis](#)

Population: 123,076,741

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Economics

Federal spending: \$3.32 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$16.7

Unemployment: 8.9%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.02

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Sports

World Series

Philadelphia A's d. St. Louis Cardinals

Stanley Cup

Montreal d. Boston

Wimbledon

Women: Helen Moody d. E. Ryan (6-2 6-2)

Men: Bill Tilden d. W. Allison (6-3 9-7 6-4)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Gallant Fox

NCAA Football Champions

Alabama (CFRA) (10-0-0) & Notre Dame (NCF, HF, DS) (10-0-0)

World Cup

Uruguay d. Argentina

Entertainment

Events

- Crossley Inc. tabulates the first formal radio ratings system.
- Jean Rosenthal, one of the greatest lighting designers in theater history, pioneers the concept of stage lighting.
- As head of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, William Hays establishes a code of decency that outlines what is acceptable in films.
- [Grant Wood](#) paints *American Gothic*.

Science

- Astronomers discover [Pluto](#), the ninth planet.
- [Robert R. Williams](#) determines the chemical structure of the vitamin thiamine.
- [Vannevar Bush](#) builds "differential analyzer"--first analog [computer](#).

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Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

Laughing Boy, Oliver La Farge

Drama: *The Green Pastures*, Marc Connelly

Academy Award, Best Picture: *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Universal)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Sinclair Lewis (US)

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Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Hans Fischer (Germany), for work on coloring matter of blood and leaves and for his synthesis of hemin

Physics: Sir Chandrasekhara Raman (India), for work on diffusion of light and discovery of the Raman effect

Physiology or Medicine: Karl Landsteiner (US), for discovery of human blood groups

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