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World Events

- [Nazis](#) lead in German elections with 230 [Reichstag](#) seats.
- [Famine](#) is widespread in [U.S.S.R.](#)

U.S. Events

- [Congress](#) sets up [Reconstruction Finance Corporation](#) to stimulate economy.
- [Charles A. Lindbergh](#) 's baby son kidnapped, killed. ([Bruno Richard Hauptmann](#) arrested in 1934, convicted in 1935, executed in 1936.)
- [Amelia Earhart](#) is first woman to fly Atlantic solo (May 20-21). Background: [Amelia Earhart's Legacy Remembered](#). Also see: [Famous Firsts in Aviation](#)
- Veterans, known as the [Bonus Marchers](#), march on [Washington](#)—most leave after Senate rejects payment of cash bonuses; others removed by troops under [Douglas MacArthur](#).

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

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U.S. Statistics

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

Population: 124,840,471

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Economics

Federal spending: \$4.66 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$13.7

Unemployment: 24.1%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.02 (\$0.03 as of 7/6/32)

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Sports

World Series

NY Yankees d. Chicago Cubs (4-0)

Stanley Cup

Toronto d. NY Rangers

Wimbledon

Women: Helen Moody d. H. Jacobs (6-3 6-1)

Men: Ellsworth Vines d. H. Austin (6-4 6-2 6-0)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Burgoo King

NCAA Football Champions

USC (CFRA, NCF, HF) (10-0-0) & Michigan (DS) (8-0-0) [1932 Summer Olympics](#)

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Entertainment

Events

- Jazz composer [Duke Ellington](#) writes "It Don't Mean a Thing, If It Ain't Got That Swing," a song that presaged the swing era of the 1930s and 1940s.
- Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall opens.

Science

- [Carl David Anderson](#) discovers the [positron](#), a subatomic particle.
- Physicists [Sir John Douglas Cockcroft](#) and [Ernest Walton](#) split the [atom](#) for the first time.
- [James Chadwick](#) discovers the sub-atomic [neutron](#).

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

The Good Earth, Pearl S. Buck

Drama: *Of Thee I Sing*, George S. Kaufman, Morrie Ryskind, and Ira Gershwin

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Grand Hotel* (MGM)

Nobel Prize for Literature: John Galsworthy (UK)

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Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Irving Langmuir (US), for work in realm of surface chemistry

Physics: In 1933, the prize for 1932 was awarded to Werner Heisenberg (Germany), for creation of the quantum mechanics

Physiology or Medicine: Sir Charles Sherrington (UK) and Edgar D. Adrian (US), for discoveries of the function of the neuron

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