

1914 in the United States

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Incumbents

Federal government

- **President:** Woodrow Wilson (D-New Jersey)
- **Vice President:** Thomas R. Marshall (D-Indiana)
- **Chief Justice:** Edward Douglass White (Louisiana)
- **Speaker of the House of Representatives:** Champ Clark (D-Missouri)
- **Congress:** 63rd

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Governors and lieutenant governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Emmet O'Neal (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: George W. P. Hunt (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: George Washington Hays (Democratic)
- Governor of California: Hiram Johnson (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Elias M. Ammons (Democratic)
- Governor of Connecticut: Simeon E. Baldwin (Democratic)
- Governor of Delaware: Charles R. Miller (Republican)
- Governor of Florida: Park Trammell (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: John M. Slaton (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: John M. Haines (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Edward F. Dunne (Democratic)
- Governor of Indiana: Samuel M. Ralston (Democratic)
- Governor of Iowa: George W. Clarke (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: George H. Hodges (Democratic)
- Governor of Kentucky: James B. McCreary (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: Luther Egbert Hall (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: William T. Haines (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Phillips Lee Goldsborough (Republican)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Eugene Noble Foss (Democratic) (until January 8), David I. Walsh (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Michigan: Woodbridge Nathan Ferris (Democratic)
- Governor of Minnesota: Adolph O. Eberhart (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Earl L. Brewer (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Elliot Woolfolk Major (Democratic)
- Governor of Montana: Sam V. Stewart (Democratic)
- Governor of Nebraska: John H. Morehead (Democratic)
- Governor of Nevada: Tasker L. Oddie (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Samuel D. Felker (Democratic)
- Governor of New Jersey: Leon R. Taylor (Democratic) (until January 20), James Fairman Fielder (Democratic) (starting January 20)
- Governor of New Mexico: William C. McDonald (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: Martin H. Glynn (Democratic) (until end of December 31)
- Governor of North Carolina: Locke Craig (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: L. B. Hanna (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: James M. Cox (Democratic)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Lee Cruce (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: Oswald West (Democratic)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: John K. Tener (Republican)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Aram J. Pothier (Republican)
- Governor of South Carolina: Coleman Livingston Blease (Democratic)
- Governor of South Dakota: Frank M. Byrne (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Ben W. Hooper (Republican)
- Governor of Texas: Oscar Branch Colquitt (Democratic)
- Governor of Utah: William Spry (Republican)

- Governor of Vermont: Allen M. Fletcher (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: William Hodges Mann (Democratic) (until February 1), Henry Carter Stuart (Democratic) (starting February 1)
- Governor of Washington: Ernest Lister (Democratic)
- Governor of West Virginia: Henry D. Hatfield (Republican)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Francis E. McGovern (Republican)
- Governor of Wyoming: Joseph M. Carey (Democratic)

Lieutenant governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Walter D. Seed Sr. (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: A. J. Wallace (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Stephen R. Fitzgarrald (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Lyman T. Tingier (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: Colen Ferguson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: Herman H. Taylor (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Barratt O'Hara (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: William P. O'Neill (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: William L. Harding (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Sheffield Ingalls (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Edward J. McDermott (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Thomas C. Barret (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: David I. Walsh (Democratic) (until January 8), Edward P. Barry (political party unknown) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: John Q. Ross (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Joseph A. A. Burnquist (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Theodore G. Bilbo (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: William Rock Painter (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: W. W. McDowell (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Samuel R. McKelvie (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Gilbert C. Ross (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Ezequiel Cabeza De Baca (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: Robert F. Wagner (Democratic) (until end of December 31)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Elijah L. Daughtridge (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Anton T. Kraabel (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: W. A. Greenlund (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: J. J. McAlester (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: John M. Reynolds (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Rosewell Burchard (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Charles Aurelius Smith (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Edward Lincoln Abel (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Newton H. White (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: William Harding Mayes (Democratic) (until August 14), vacant (starting August 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Frank E. Howe (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: James Taylor Ellyson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Louis Folwell Hart (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Thomas Morris (Republican)

Events

January–March

- January 1 – The St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line starts services between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, becoming the world's first airline to provide scheduled regular commercial passenger services with heavier-than-air aircraft, with Anthony Jannus (the first federally licensed pilot) conveying passengers in a Benoist XIV flying boat. Abram C. Pheil, mayor of St. Petersburg, is the first airline passenger, and over 3,000 people witness the first departure.
- January 5 – The Ford Motor Company announces an eight-hour workday and a minimum wage of \$5 for a day's labor.
- January 9 – The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is founded at Howard University (an historically black university) in Washington, D.C.
- February 13 – Copyright: In New York City the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is established to protect the copyrighted musical compositions of its members.

April–June

- April 9 – Tampico Affair, involving U.S. Navy sailors in Mexico.
- April 11 – Alpha Rho Chi, a professional architecture fraternity, is founded in the Hotel Sherman in Chicago.
- April 14 – The city of Irving, Texas, is incorporated.
- April 20
 - Ludlow Massacre (Colorado Coalfield War (1913–14)): The Colorado National Guard attacks a tent colony of 1,200 striking coal miners in Ludlow, Colorado, killing 24 people.
 - President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to use military force in Mexico in reaction to the Tampico Affair.
- April 21 – United States occupation of Veracruz: 2,300 U.S. Navy sailors and Marines from the South Atlantic fleet land in the port city of Veracruz, Mexico, which they will occupy for over 6 months. The Ypiranga incident occurs when they attempt to enforce an arms embargo against Mexico by preventing the German cargo steamer SS Ypiranga from unloading arms for the Mexican government in the port. On April 22 Mexico for the time being ends diplomatic relations with the U.S.
- April 23 – The baseball stadium Weeghman Park, later known as Wrigley Field, opens in Chicago.
- May 14 – Woodrow Wilson signs a Mother's Day proclamation.
- June 1 – Woodrow Wilson's envoy Edward Mandell House meets with Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.



Wrigley Field in 2009.
April 23: Weeghman Park, later known as Wrigley Field, opens

July–September

- July 4 – Lexington Avenue bombing: 4 people are killed in New York City when an anarchist bomb intended to kill John D. Rockefeller explodes prematurely in the plotters' apartment.
- July 11
 - Baseball legend Babe Ruth makes his major league debut with the Boston Red Sox.
 - USS Nevada, the United States Navy's first "super-dreadnought" battleship, is launched.
 - Over 5,000 attend a rally in Union Square, Manhattan, called by the Anti-Militarist League to commemorate the anarchists killed in the July 4 Lexington Avenue bombing.^[1]
- July 18 – The Signal Corps of the United States Army is formed, giving definite status to its air service for the first time.
- August 1 – New York Stock Exchange closed due to war in Europe, where nearly all stock exchanges are already closed.
- August 4 – German troops invade neutral Belgium at 8:02 AM (local time). Britain declares war on Germany for this violation of Belgian neutrality. This move effectively means a declaration of war by the whole British Commonwealth and Empire against Germany. The United States declares neutrality.
- August 15
 - The Panama Canal is inaugurated with the passage of the steamship U.S.S. Ancon.
 - A dismissed servant kills seven people at architect Frank Lloyd Wright's studio and home, Taliesin in Wisconsin (including Wright's mistress, Mamah Borthwick), and sets it on fire.
- September 1 – The last known passenger pigeon "Martha" dies in the Cincinnati Zoo.
- September 26 – The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is established by the Federal Trade Commission Act.
- September 30 – The Flying Squadron is established to promote the temperance movement.

October–December

- October 7 – Joseph Patrick Kennedy Sr. marries Rose Fitzgerald in Boston.
- November 16 – A year after being created by passage of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States officially opens for business.
- November 23 – U.S. troops withdraw from Veracruz. Venustiano Carranza's troops take over and Carranza makes the town his headquarters.
- November 28 – World War I: Following a war-induced closure in July, the New York Stock Exchange re-opens for bond trading.
- December 12 – The New York Stock Exchange re-opened, having been closed since August 1, 1914, except for bond trading.
- December 17 – U.S. President Woodrow Wilson signs the Harrison Narcotics Tax Act (initially introduced by Francis Burton Harrison).

Undated

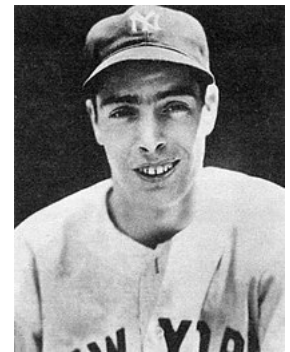
- The Port of Orange, Texas, is dredged for the fabrication of vessels for the United States Navy.
- The United States Power Squadrons is formed.
- Phi Sigma, a local undergraduate classical club, is founded by a group of students in the Greek Department at the University of Chicago.
- The American Radio Relay League is founded.
- Henry Ford sells 248,000 cars.

Ongoing

- Progressive Era (1890s–1920s)
- Lochner era (c. 1897–c. 1937)

Births

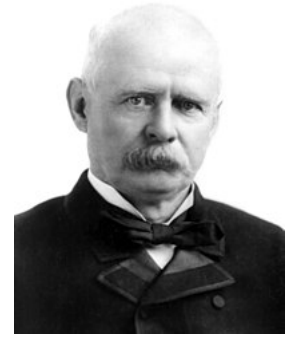
- January 4 – Herman Franks, baseball player, coach and manager (died 2009)
- January 7 – Bobby McDermott, basketball player (died 1963)
- January 12 – Edward Gurney, U.S. Senator from Florida from 1969 to 1974 (died 1996)
- January 31 – Carey Loftin, actor and stuntman (died 1997)
- February 5 – William S. Burroughs, writer and artist (died 1997)
- March 25 – Norman Borlaug, agronomist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate (died 2009)
- April 17 – Dovey Johnson Roundtree, civil rights activist, ordained minister and attorney (died 2018)
- May 9 – Denham Fouts, prostitute (died 1948)
- June 2 – Johnny Bulla, golfer (died 2003)
- June 6 – H. Adams Carter, mountaineer, journalist and educator (died 1995)
- June 12 – Bill Kenny, African American tenor vocalist (died 1978)
- June 19 – Alan Cranston, U.S. Senator from California from 1969 to 1993 (died 2000)
- July 14 – Baruch Korff, rabbi (died 1995)
- September 9 – Marjorie Lee Brown, mathematician (died 1979)
- September 26 – Francois Henri "Jack" LaLanne, fitness and dietary health trainer (died 2011)
- October 22 – Jack Parsons, rocket engineer and occultist (died 1952)
- October 28 – Jonas Salk, medical researcher (died 1995)
- November 25 – Joe DiMaggio, Major League Baseball center fielder (died 1999)^[2]
- December 18 – Chuck Apolskis, American footballer (died 1967)
- December 20 – Harry F. Byrd Jr., U.S. senator from Virginia from 1965 to 1983 (died 2012)



Joe DiMaggio

Deaths

- January 28 – Shelby Moore Cullom, U.S. Senator from Illinois from 1883 to 1913 (born 1829)
- February 14 – Augustus Octavius Bacon, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1895 to 1914 (born 1839)
- February 23 – Henry M. Teller, U.S. Senator from Colorado from 1876 to 1882 and from 1885 to 1909 (born 1830)
- March 26 – Benjamin Franklin Keith, vaudeville theatre owner (born 1846)
- March 28 – Randolph McCoy patriarch of the McCoy clan during the Hatfield-McCoy feud (born 1825)
- May 9 – C. W. Post, businessman, founder of Post Foods (born 1854)
- May 23 – William O'Connell Bradley, U.S. Senator from Kentucky from 1895 to 1899 (born 1847)
- June 14 – Adlai E. Stevenson, 23rd Vice President of the United States from 1893 to 1897 (born 1835)
- August 6 – Ellen Axson Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, First Lady of the United States (born 1860)
- August 25 – Powell Clayton, U.S. Senator from Arkansas from 1868 to 1871 (born 1833)
- September 13 – Charles N. Felton, U.S. Senator from California from 1891 to 1893 (born 1832)
- September 28 – Christian Fleetwood, U.S. Sergeant Major in the 4th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment during the Civil War (born 1840)
- November 20 or 21 – Thaddeus C. Pound, businessman and politician (born 1832)
- December 22 – William Stanley West, U.S. Senator from Georgia in 1914 (born 1849)



Adlai Stevenson I



Ellen Axson Wilson

See also

- List of American films of 1914
- Timeline of United States history (1900–1929)

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