

Reaching Out in Time of War

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY



WAR Hits Home 1910-1919



UNC Marches On

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and com-

THE MELTING POT SIMMERS

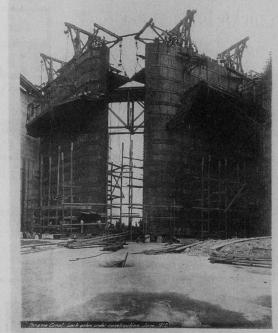
More immigrants entered the United States between 1910 and 1919 than any other decade in the nation's history. The number totaled 8,795,386.

LOSING A LITERARY GENIUS

Mark Twain, born Samuel Clemens, died in 1910. His most famous writings, including "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," are still hailed as classics in American literature.



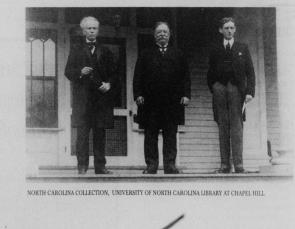
THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE, HARTFORD, CONN.



PANAMA CANAL INFORMATION OFFICE

BRIDGING THE GAP:

In 1914, the 51-mile-long Panama Canal opened, connecting the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. The lock gates shown above were part of America's 10-year, \$380 million project. The S.S. Ancon made the first official ocean-to-ocean transit on Aug. 15.



ENDING A UNC TRADITION

Isaac William Rand, a freshman from Smithfield, was hazed by a group of sophomores on Sept. 13, 1912. He fell from the top of a barrel, cut his jugular vein on a broken bottle and bled to death. Three of the sophomores were found guilty of manslaughter, which was a landmark case for UNC and the state.

That year, University officials cracked down on freshman hazing, which was a widespread practice at the time, by expelling four more students and suspending 12 others. Student leaders wanted to eradicate hazing altogether by 1916. They put an end to acorn battles, which injured several students' eyes, and the marching of freshmen from class to class.



- The entire **student council resigns** over an incident in which they had suspended a student and, in reaction, the faculty reinstated him. This was a transition period for the University toward more student control.
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 Storage for batteries for electric current are installed for daytime
- use on campus.
 The **Boy Scouts** are established.
- "The Crisis" starts publication as the official magazine of the NAACP. It was known for its protests against lynching and radical prejudice.
- Halley's Comet, which passes through the Earth's atmosphere every 75 years, makes its 20th century debut.
- The School of Law admits its first woman, Lillian Fry of Bryson City.
- At graduation, University degrees are awarded to 106 of the more than 300 students of the classes of 1861-68 who left campus to serve the Confederacy.
- Roald Amundsen becomes the first person to reach the South Pole.
- The Supreme Court orders the break up of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co., which at the time controlled 85 percent of the domestic oil trade.
- Irving Berlin composes "Alexander's Ragtime Band," which establishes ragtime as the most popular music in America.
- On April 14, the luxury liner *Titanic*, on its maiden voyage, collides with an iceberg near Newfoundland. The tragedy, one of the worst in maritime

history, kills 1,513 passengers and crew.

- Universal Pictures film studio is founded.
- New Mexico and Arizona become the 47th and 48th states admitted to the union – the only ones during this decade.
- UNC ranks in the first division of American colleges.
- The Girl Scouts are established.
- Prizes appear in Cracker Jack boxes.
- Silent Sam is built to honor those who died in the Civil War.
- The "Armory Show" in New York City introduces new trends in European art, including **cubism**, into the United States.
- Ford organizes the first assembly line **Model T**.
- Knute Rockne shocks the world and revolutionizes football forever with his use of the forward pass in a Notre Dame victory over heavily favored Army.

1913

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated in Sarajevo, sparking the break out of World War I
- in Europe.

 DECLARATIONS OF WAR:
 Austria-Hungary on Russia,
 Germany on Russia,
 Germany on France.
- Great Britain on Germany.
- Charlie Chaplin debuts on screen.
 Feminist Margaret Sanger coins the term **birth control** in the feminist
- magazine "Women Rebel."

 Mohandas Gandhi returns to India and begins a nonviolent campaign against British rule.

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