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Doctor Carr, of New York City, was elected forty-fifth president of the Association at the 1907 meeting in Minneapolis. In his presidential address the following year, Doctor Carr deplored the lack of interstate recognition of dental licenses, and said the main barrier to such recognition was the variation in pre-dental educational requirements.

Doctor Carr, dentist and physician, practiced dentistry in New York City. Later, he was dean of the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York, which, largely through his efforts, became the Dental School of Columbia University in 1923. He was active and influential in the elevation of professional standards through both statutory regulation and education. He was born in 1842 and died in 1925.

Financial panic began in the United States in 1907. Railroads were found guilty of illegally giving rebates. Oklahoma was admitted to the Union as the 46th state. State-wide prohibition went into effect in Georgia. The first of the tunnels under the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey opened.