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*John V. Longzett*

# John Vander Bie Konzett

1919-1920

Doctor Konzett, of Dubuque, Iowa, became the fifty-seventh president of the Association at the 1919 meeting in New Orleans. In his presidential address, Doctor Konzett spoke of the "tremendous burden of responsibility" placed on the dental profession by the development of the concept of focal infection in medicine.

Doctor Konzett was president of the Iowa State Dental Society in 1905. He served as chairman of the National Board of Dental Examiners for many years. He was active as a lecturer and clinician in dental study clubs, and was the author of many articles in the dental literature. Doctor Konzett was active in the Research Commission of the American Dental Association and the Dental Educational Council of America. He was born in Iowa in 1866 and died in 1944.

The Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles. The League of Nations held its first meeting at Geneva, Switzerland, in January 1920. The Volstead Act (National Prohibition Act) was passed over President Wilson's veto. G. C. Bergdoll, a millionaire draft dodger from Philadelphia, was sentenced to five years in prison.