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H. Edmund Friesell

1920-1921

Doctor Friesell, of Pittsburgh, became the fifty-eighth president of the Association at the 1920 meeting in Boston.

For 43 years Doctor Friesell was professor of operative dentistry and dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh. He was known for his research in dental caries, anatomy, histology and operative dentistry. He served as president of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, the American Association of Dental Schools, the National Association of Dental Faculties, the American College of Dentists and the American Academy of Dental Surgeons. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1873 and died in 1946.

An explosion on Wall Street, New York City, killed 30 persons and injured 100. Warren G. Harding, Republican, was elected president in 1920 over James M. Cox, Democrat. The first general radio broadcast was arranged by the Westinghouse Electrical Company. William Howard Taft was confirmed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.