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W. A. Liffen

William A. Giffen

1923–1924

Doctor Giffen, of Detroit, became the sixty-first president of the Association at the 1923 meeting in Cleveland. There were 196 members of the House of Delegates and nine trustees.

Doctor Giffen was in general practice in Detroit. He was recognized as an expert in denture construction. Doctor Giffen served as president of the Detroit Dental Society, the Michigan State Dental Society and the Michigan State Board of Dental Examiners. He was born in Canada in 1866 and died in 1929.

It became known that Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall had secretly leased Teapot Dome oil reserves to Harry F. Sinclair, in one of several Harding administration scandals. As one of the leaders of the November 1923 “beer hall putsch” in Munich, Adolf Hitler was arrested and sent to prison, where he wrote *Mein Kampf*.