

Chronology of the Year 1921

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INTERNATIONAL

Jan. 11—United States withdrew its representatives from council of ambassadors.
Jan. 13—President Wilson asked that allies guarantee Russia from outside aggression preliminary to his undertaking mission for Austria.
Jan. 25—Supreme council, after rejecting proposal to turn Austria's financial problem over to the League of Nations, appointed committee to examine economic status of Europe with reference to Austria.
Jan. 26—Supreme council decided Latvia and Estonia should be recognized as sovereign states.
Jan. 29—Supreme council fixed German reparations at 20,000,000 gold marks payable in annual installments, and 12 per cent tax on exports during the period of payment.
Feb. 5—France and Poland signed military agreement for aid against invasion by Germany and Russia.
Feb. 16—Germany declared war on Georgia, and the Reds started attack, taking Tiflis.
The United States formally withdrew from League of Nations.
Feb. 21—Supreme council in London opened Near East conference.
Feb. 22—Tehran, capital of Persia, taken by Red Cossacks, and the Shah made prisoner.
Feb. 23—League of Nations council rejected proposal to return to the League of Nations of island of Yap in territories subjected to mandate of Japan, and demand for a voice in disposal of former German colonies.
Feb. 27—Panama defeated Costa Ricans in disputed territory of Coto.
March 2—League of Nations council rejected proposal that it was not concerned with the allocation of Yap to Japan, and invited United States to take part in discussions on Turkish and Adriatic mandates.
March 3—German counter proposals on reparations rejected by allies.
March 5—Germany accepted reparations given until March 7 to accept terms laid down in Paris.
March 8—Occupation of German cities of Dusseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort by French troops carried out as penalty for Germany's failure to meet reparations demands.
March 16—Trade agreement under which commercial relations will be resumed by Great Britain and Russia signed at London.
Allies' reparations commission notified German government it must pay \$250,000,000 before March 22.
Russia and Turkey signed treaty; Armenia divided among Georgia, Turkey and Azerbaijan.
March 15—Peace signed at Riga by representatives of Russia, Ukraine and Poland.
March 21—Plebiscite held in Upper Silesia to determine the future national status of that region. Germany received 870,000 votes and Poland 889,000.
March 22—Germany in her reply to ultimatum of allies reparations commission refused to pay 1,000,000,000 gold marks due March 23 and disputed commission's figures showing balance of 12,000,000,000 marks due May 1.
March 25—Greeks began offensive against Turks in Asia Minor.
March 30—Turkey protested to allies against Greek offensive.
April 1—Greeks defeated by Turks at Eskişehir.
April 2—Washington government informed Germany United States would not countenance Germany's escaping full responsibility for the war or getting out of paying its obligations to the limit of her ability.
April 3—Secretary of State Hughes sent to allies a note, taking firm stand concerning island of Yap, and mandates in general.
April 8—French government supported United States in Yap controversy.
April 20—Japanese cabinet declined to yield on Yap.
April 21—Germany asked President Harding to act as mediator of reparations dispute, but he refused.
April 27—Specific reparations bill of 132,000,000,000 gold marks presented to Germany by allies' commission.
April 28—United States rejected German reparations proposals at Geneva.
France called out troops for occupation of the Ruhr.
May 3—Poles invaded Upper Silesia and military law was proclaimed.
May 4—Poles and plebiscite control forces fought in Upper Silesia.
German cabinet resigned as result of reparations dispute.
May 6—Supreme council handed Germany reparations ultimatum and protocol, granting six months for payment.
German debt fixed at 135,000,000,000 gold marks.
May 6—President Harding resumed American representation in councils of the allies.
May 10—Dr. Wirth formed new ministry for Germany and the Reichstag voted, 221 to 175, to accept the ultimatum.
May 20—France warned Germany the sending of troops or munitions into Upper Silesia would be considered a warlike act.
May 22—Germans evacuated Upper Silesia.
Germans attacked Poles in Upper Silesia.
May 23—Trial of four German soldiers and officers for war crimes opened in Leipzig.
May 24—Germany reassured France concerning Upper Silesia, and Premier Briand declared he would maintain the entente with Great Britain, Italy and the United States.
June 4—Lieut. Neumann, who sank British hospital ship Dover Castle, acquitted because he obeyed orders.
June 7—Great Britain rejected Germany's offer to return to Upper Silesia, and British troops began clearing Poles from disputed territory.
June 18—Allies ordered Greeks not to attack Turkish nationalists at Greece.
June 24—Council of League of Nations awarded Aland islands to Finland.
June 25—Greece refused to accept ultimatum with Turkey, offered by entente, and refused to defer offensive.
Poles agreed to allies' plan for Upper Silesia.
June 28—Germany paid 41,000,000 gold marks to reparations commission.
June 29—Greeks opened offensive against Turk nationalists.
July 9—Poles and Russians fighting on old German-Russian front.
July 10—President Harding informally invited Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to conference on limitation of armaments and on Far Eastern problems, in Washington.
July 20—Greeks occupied Eskişehir, Asia Minor.
July 24—France-British compromise reached on Silesian question.
July 25—Japan accepted invitation to Washington conference, with certain reservations.
July 27—United States demanded release of American prisoners in Russia.
July 29—Soviet Russia agreed to release American prisoners in return for American famine relief.
Aug. 10—Supreme council decided on Greek neutrality concerning the Greco-Turkish question.
Aug. 11—United States sent formal invitation to Washington conference on armaments and Pacific question, to open November 11.
Aug. 12—Supreme council decided to refer the Upper Silesian question to the League of Nations and to send reinforcements to Silesia.
Aug. 13—Russian soviets and American Red administration agreed on relief terms.
Aug. 21—United States government notified Panama the arbitration award ceding disputed territory to Costa Rica must be accepted, and sent battalion of marines to Panama.

DOMESTIC

Jan. 1—President Wilson sent Gen. Crowder to confer with President of Cuba on conditions in the island.
Jan. 3—President Wilson vetoed bill to revive War Finance corporation and senate re-passed it.
Capitol building of West Virginia destroyed by fire.
Jan. 4—House passed bill to revive War Finance corporation, over President's veto.
Jan. 5—President-elect Harding resigned as U. S. senator from Ohio.
Jan. 11—Congress set limit of regular army at 175,000 men.
Jan. 13—House decided its membership should not be increased; 11 states lose and eight gain representatives.
Jan. 23—Soviet Russian 'Ambassador' Maysky told allies he could not pay January installments of reparations.
Jan. 24—Senate passed the packers' regulation bill.
Jan. 31—Supreme court held Judge Landis had no lawful right or power to preside over trial of Victor Berger and other Socialists.
Feb. 5—President vetoed army reduction resolution and house re-passed it.
Feb. 7—Senate re-passed army reduction resolution.
Feb. 16—Senate passed emergency tariff bill.
Feb. 19—Harding announced appointment of Charles E. Hughes as secretary of state.
Feb. 21—H. Daugherty appointed attorney general by Harding, and Henry Fletcher named under-secretary of state.
Feb. 22—Harding completed his cabinet by selecting Edwin Doney for secretary of the navy; Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, and James J. Davis, secretary of labor; Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury; John W. Weeks, secretary of war; Will Hays, postmaster general; Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, and Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior.
Feb. 28—Senate adopted resolution repealing wartime laws.
March 2—President Wilson vetoed emergency tariff bill.
March 4—Warren G. Harding inaugurated President of the United States.
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SPORTS

Jan. 1—California university defeated Ohio State at football, 23-0.
Jan. 2—Johnnie Walker, American, killed in automobile accident in Indianapolis.
Jan. 3—Col. F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of American Legion, killed in automobile accident in Indianapolis.
Jan. 4—Baseball magnates signed agreement giving Judge Landis full powers as head of the commission in football.
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DISASTERS

Jan. 15—Pacheco, Mexico, inundated by breaking of dam, many killed or injured.
Jan. 20—British submarine and crew of 56 lost.
Jan. 24—Four-million-dollar fire in business section of Athens, Ga.
Feb. 26—United States destroyer Woolsey sunk in collision off Panama, 16 lost.
Feb. 27—Thirty-seven killed, many injured in railway collision at Porter, Ind.
March 25—Thousand houses destroyed by fire in Tokyo, Japan.
April 1—Fire in Manila rendered 15,000 homeless; damage \$3,000,000.
April 14—Four thousand buildings destroyed by fire in Haikou, China.
April 15—Hundred killed by tornado in southern states.
May 29—United States ambulance plane wrecked in storm off Indian Head, near Washington; Lieut. Col. Archie Miller, former Congressman Maurice Connolly, H. A. Batchelder and four army officers killed.
June 3—Terrible floods in eastern Colorado killed hundreds of persons in Pueblo and elsewhere and caused vast property losses.
Aug. 6—Steamer Alaska wrecked near Eureka, Cal.; 45 lives lost.
Aug. 24—Zirc, stant dirigible built in England for United States, broke in two and exploded over Hull on trial trip; 46 killed, including 16 members of American crew.
Sept. 10—Disastrous flood in San Antonio, Tex., and vicinity; several hundred lives lost.
July 12—About 1,500 killed, thousands injured and town of Oppau, Germany, destroyed by explosion in nitrate plant.