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MOMENTS IN HISTORY



The year was 1911. The Ladies Aid Society of the Richardson Presbyterian Church becomes the Missionary Society and begins the study of missions. In Dallas, Elm Street becomes "the great white way" after the installation of 110 electric streetlights. Irving Berlin's *Alexander's Ragtime Band* becomes a national craze after Sophie Tucker belts it out in a Chicago vaudeville act. In March, twenty thousand U.S. troops are sent to the Mexican border as the Mexican Revolution continues. In May, Mexican President, Porfirio Diaz, is overthrown by revolutionary leader Francisco Madero. Ray Harroun wins the first Indy 500 with an average speed of 74.5 miles per hour. Undaunted by 100 aviation deaths this year, Calbraith P. Rodgers lands in Pasadena, California, completing the first cross-country airplane flight in 82 hours and 4 minutes. Cadillac introduces an innovative new electric starter which liberates drivers from the strain (and often injury) of starting their vehicles by hand cranking. Axe wielding Carrie Nation's death at the age of 64 ends her lifelong crusade to stamp out alcohol. Willis Carrier designs the first practical air conditioning system. More next week...