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MOMENTS IN HISTORY



The year was 1915. The first wedding is celebrated in the new church building on Polk and Dallas Highway (Greenville). The happy young couple is Mr. Roy Chick and Miss Ollie Prigmore. Southern Methodist University is opened in Dallas. Long distance telephone service is inaugurated between New York and San Francisco. *Hello Frisco* becomes the song of the year. *The Woman Rebel*, a birth control magazine, is published by Margaret Sanger. The U.S. tanker, *Gulflight*, is sunk by German submarines. One hundred, twenty-four Americans die when a German submarine sinks the British liner *Lusitania*. German Zeppelin airships begin bombing attacks on Britain. *I Didn't Raise My Son to be a Soldier* becomes popular with American mothers as war fever rages. One million immigrants per year from Europe prompt President Wilson to quote from a play by Israel Zangwill "There is here a great melting pot in which we must compound a precious metal. That metal is the metal of nationality." U. S. Marines land in Haiti after the assassination of Haitian President, Vilbrun Guillaume (the military occupation will last for 20 years). Corning Glass Works markets the first glass cookware. Nevada passes a divorce bill, requiring only six months residence. The United States establishes direct wireless service with Japan. British writer, Somerset Maugham, publishes *Of Human Bondage*. More next week...