

INTERPRET:

**“AMERICA’S PRESENT NEED IS NOT HEROICS, BUT HEALING;
NOT NOSTRUMS, BUT NORMALCY; NO REVOLUTION, BUT
RESTORATION;...NOT SUBMERGENCE IN INTERNATIONALITY,
BUT SUSTAINMENT IN TRIUMPHANT NATIONALITY.”**

- President Warren G. Harding

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UNITED STATES

HISTORY

with Mr. Willis

UNIT 4 - DAY 5

hARDING'S “nORMALcy”

IT'S 1920 & AMERICAN SOCIETY IS RECOVERING FROM WORLD WAR I...

AMERICANS WERE WEARY & TIRED



THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO THE SIMPLER TIMES OF THE GILDED AGE

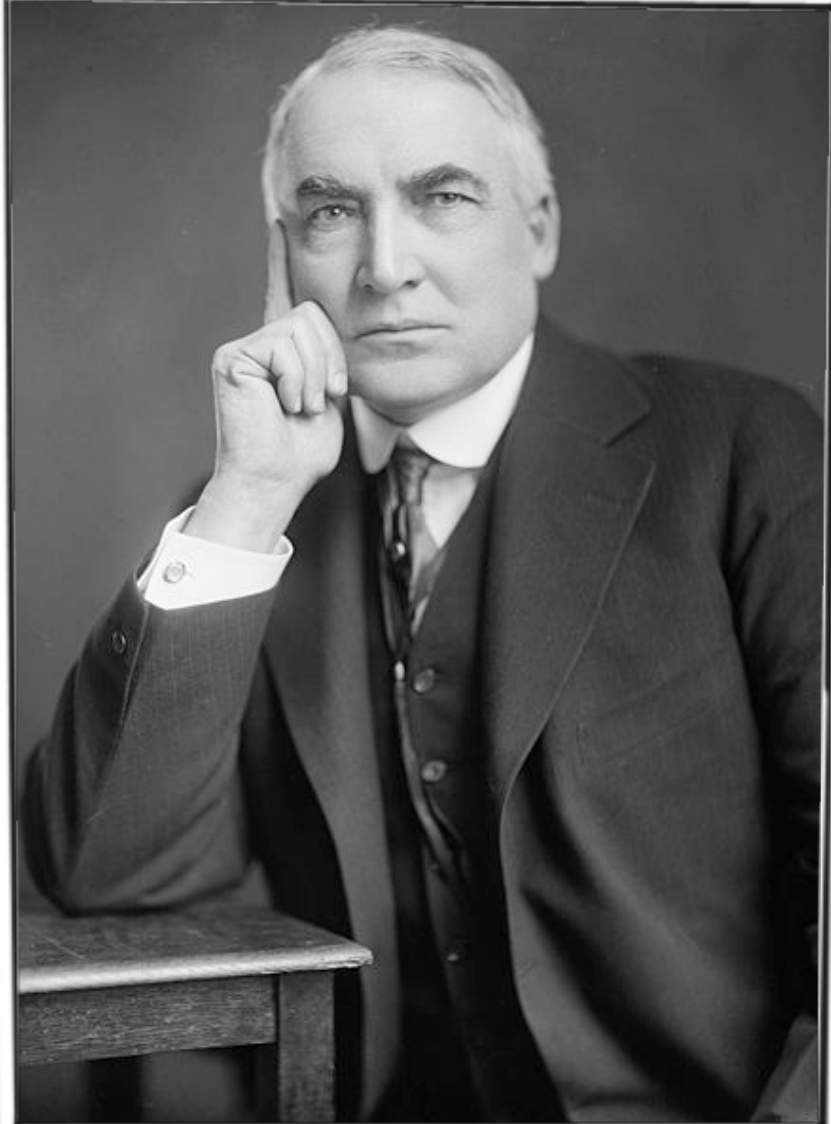


THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO ISOLATIONISM



AND IT LEADS TO...

HARDING'S PRESIDENCY



HARDING'S LEGACY

**INCOMPETENCE, SCANDAL,
AND "HANDS OFF" POLITICS**

WARREN G. HARDING looked presidential but was anything but HE WAS A GOOD OL' BOY OF THE GOP GOOD NATURED, HE WAS FOND OF GAMBLING, DRINKING, WOMANIZING POOR JUDGMENT IN CABINET SELECTIONS

His presidency focused on rolling back progressive reforms & shrinking gov. as a puppet of the old guard conservative GOP

FIRST THING'S FIRST...

**WE HAD TO SETTLE
WORLD AFFAIRS!**

MOVES FOLLOWED!

LINGERING EFFECTS OF WAR



Harding focused on settling **trade**, **war debts**, and **disarmament**

KELLOGG-BRIAND PACT

1928 - 15 world powers sign agreement to **disarm their navies** and "**outlaw**" war
W/ NO way to enforce it, it was useless

FORDNEY-McCUMBER TARIFF

1922 - US raises tariffs on imports to **protect US businesses**

UK & France **couldn't repay** their debts

DAWES PLAN

1924 - US investors **loan Germany \$2.5 billion** to pay reparations to UK/France
UK & France used that \$ to **repay debts**



NOW...

**hARdING Takes on
domESTIC issues!**

HARDING'S ADMINISTRATION

HARDING'S PHILOSOPHY

**LOW TAXES, LESSEN GOV ROLE
IN BUSINESS AND SOCIETY**

Harding appointed **CORRUPT CRONIES**
to his cabinet

*IN ADDITION, HARDING DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
POLITICAL ISSUES*

The "**Ohio Gang**" were a group of
poker-playing friends Harding had
RUNNING HIS CABINET

*THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HARDING'S LACK
OF KNOWLEDGE TO TAKE BRIBES & UNDO
REFORMS BEHIND HIS BACK*

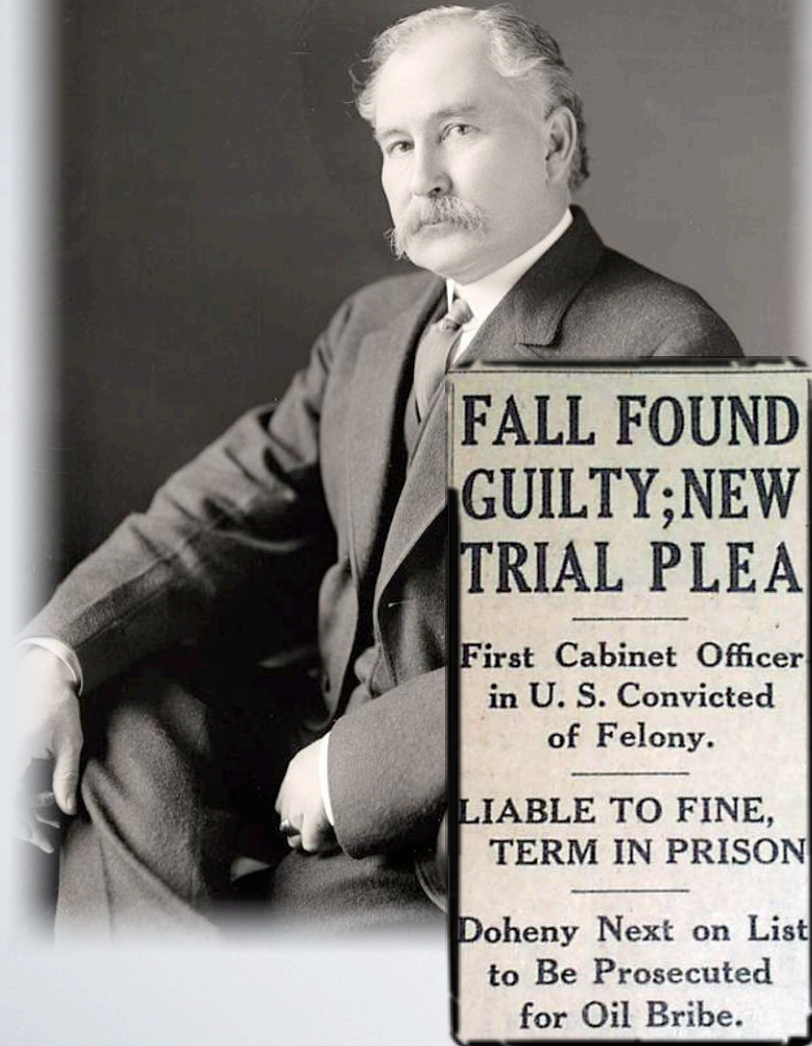


WHICH BRINGS ABOUT...

The Teapot

dome scandal

THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL



Committed by: **ALBERT B. FALL**

CRIME: Sec. of Interior Fall sold oil-rich gov land to his oil friends for \$

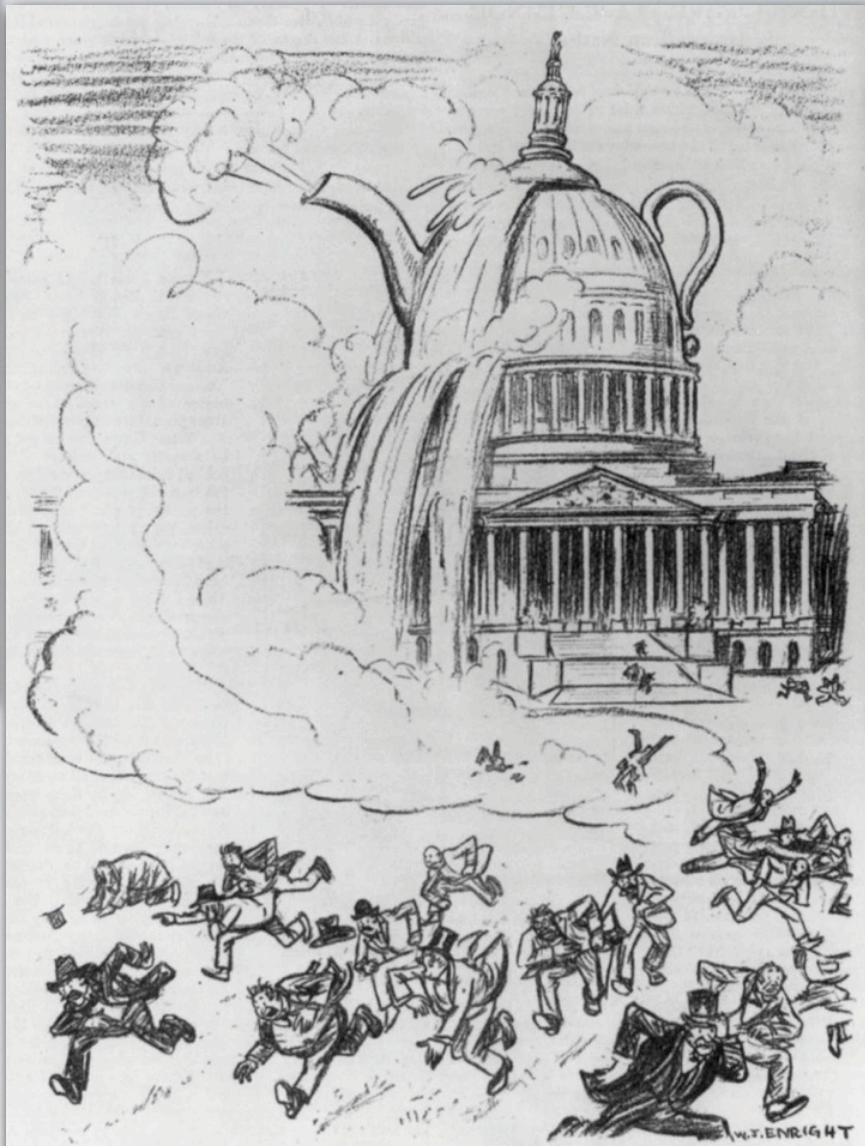
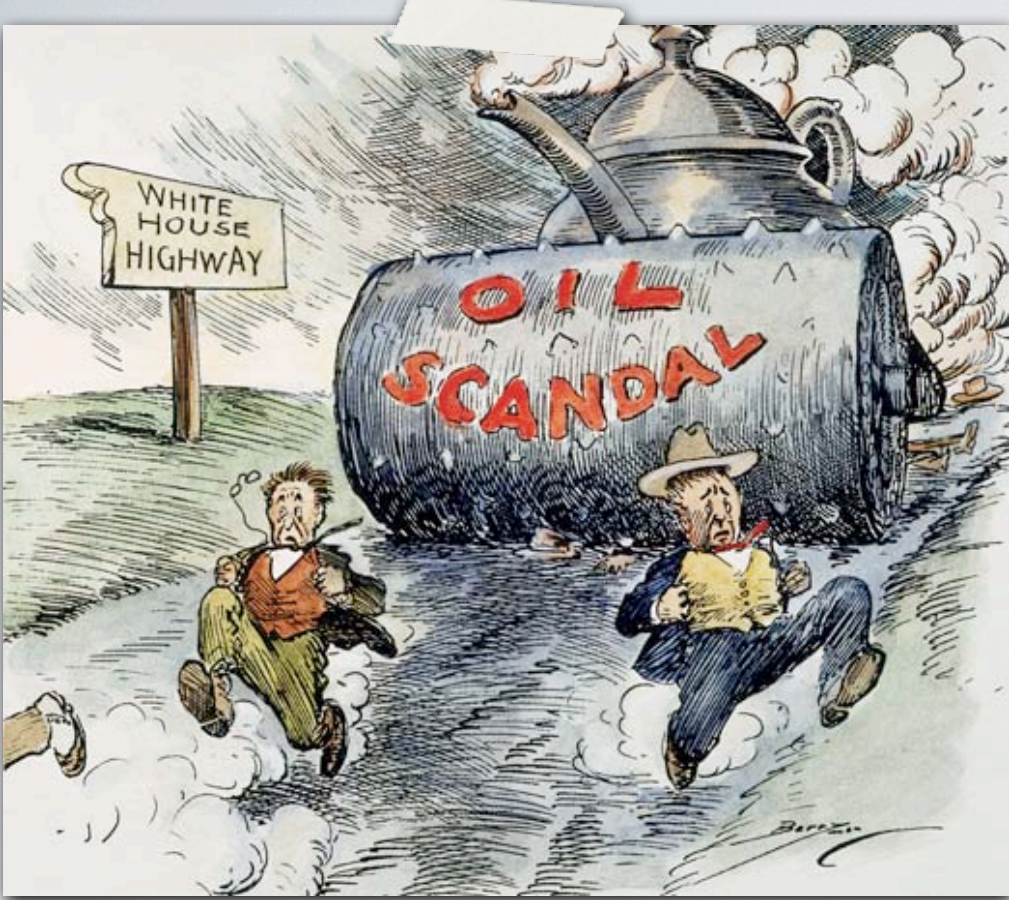
How it unfolded:

FALL ILLEGALLY MOVED LAND IN WY & CA
TO HIS CONTROL

HE SOLD THE CONSERVED LAND TO HIS
FRIENDS WHO OWNED OIL COMPANIES

HE USED HIS CABINET SPOT TO POCKET
OVER \$400K FROM THE SALE

Fall was the 1st cabinet member in
history to be convicted of a felony



Who Says a Watched Pot Never Boils?

**THEN SUDDENLY IN 1923 PRESIDENT
HARDING DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO..**

AMERICANS MOURNED HARDING



**THE LIKE-ABLE POTUS HADN'T HAD
HIS SCANDALS COME TO LIGHT YET**



**HIS MODEST VP CALVIN COOLIDGE IS
SWORN IN BY HIS FATHER IN VT**



AND IT LEADS TO...

COOLIDGE'S PRESIDENCY



COOLIDGE'S LEGACY

CONTINUATION OF HARDING'S POLICIES

"Silent Cal" was a polar opposite to Harding in terms of personality
HE WAS QUIET, HUMBLE, RESERVED

He focused on maintaining & broadening Harding's policies
A PRO-BUSINESS STANCE OF LOW TAXES,
HIGH TARIFFS, LITTLE REGULATION

His scandal-free administration restored faith in GOP

HARDING AND COOLIDGE

The **IMPORTANCE** of their
PREsidencies

CONTRIBUTED TO THE ROARING TWENTIES BY

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR **Laissez Faire** POLITICS THRU
THE **ENTIRE DECADE**

SETTING THE **ECONOMIC CLIMATE** THAT WOULD LEAD TO
PROSPERITY BUT ULTIMATELY **ECONOMIC DEPRESSION**

SIGNALING THE END OF THE ERA OF "HANDS OFF
GOVERNMENT"