



EVENTS & CONTROVERSIES!

Sacco-Vanzetti Trial



The case ended with the two men being executed in an electrical chair. That happened on August 23, 1927. They were never actually proved guilty. It's said that 34 years later when new testing came out that the gun that had been found on Sacco when he was first arrested was the same gun used to kill the guard. There was no proof that Sacco was actually the one that killed him though.

This started on the night of April 15th, 1920 when a paymaster and a guard were carrying \$15,776 on them down main street of South Braintree, Massachusetts when they came across two men who pulled out guns and started firing at them.

Once the two men were murdered the guys snatched up all the money and jumped into a car and sped away.

Witnesses that saw the crime said the the two men were Italian. Both Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were Italian immigrants and anarchists which is why the judge accused them of being guilty and sentenced them to death.

This is when the Red Scare occurred.

The Red Scare was when people started to suspect foreigners and immigrants because they feared communism. Communists wanted to abolish capitalism everywhere.

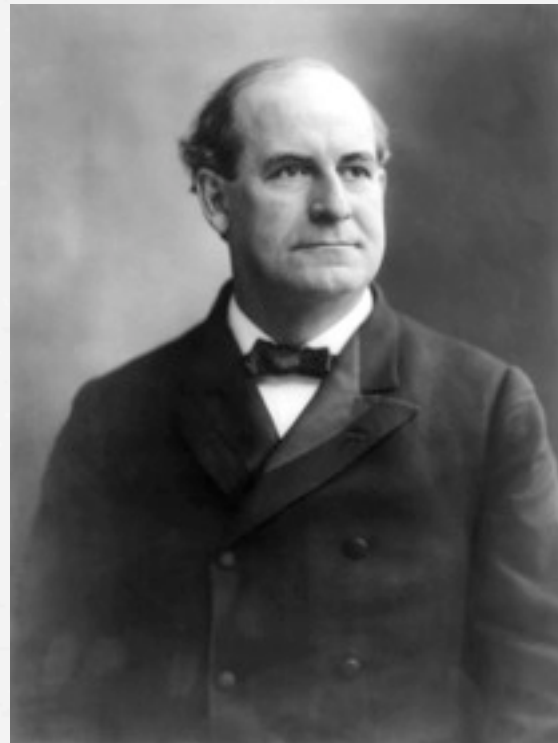
Many people felt bad for the two men because they believed they basically got arrested because they were immigrants.

Scopes “Monkey” Trial



Clarence Darrow

Was an American legal case that happened in 1925 where a high school biology teacher, John Scopes was accused of breaking the state law known as the Butler Act which says you can't teach evolution.



William Jennings Bryan

In many years to come you would be able to talk about both theories in schools but if this case wouldn't of happened then who knows..

This was huge because this is was the first time someone was addressing an idea different from the whole jesus and god theory.

Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan were two of the best lawyers at this time. William Jennings Bryan argued for prosecution when Clarence Darrow spoke for Scopes.

This trail became so big that the judge moved the hearing to outdoors so all the thousands that wanted to hear this case could. It was basically a lot of back and forth argument between Darrow and Bryan. The trial ended with Scopes being found guilty and had to pay a \$100 fine.

This was the start of a lot of talk about if we happened in the religious way of adam and eve or through monkeys in the evolution theory.

Rise of the K.K.K



Different groups began to rise due to the Red Scare and anti-immigrants. They used anti-communism as an excuse just so they could bully another group unlike their own, such as way the KKK formed.

The KKK was very racist and only cared about Americans, white people.

They believed that blacks should know there place.

The KKK caused a lot of damage such as destroying saloons, unions and driving religions such as Roman Catholics and Jews out of the country.

They showed this by the burning of towns, buildings and religious crosses.

If you were a member of the KKK

your job was to get others to join you into their world of racial violence.

In 1924, it's recorded that the KKK had about 4.5 million members.

At this time they had most of the

political power over many states but to find out that by the end of the decade the

Klans power would only decrease.

