

**“Boom & Bust”**

**1920-1932**

# President Harding

**Warren G. Harding won the  
Presidency in 1920**

**Retreated from Wilson's  
venture on the world stage**

**Cabinet appointments:**

- **Charles Evans Hughes  
(SecState)**
- **Herbert Hoover (SecCom)**
- **Albert Fall (SecInt)**
- **Harry Daugherty (AttGen)**



## **Domestic Policy**

**“Old Guard” crushed reform  
and wanted government and  
business to work together**

***Adkin’s v Children’s Hospital***

**Antitrust laws were ignored  
or circumvented**

**Wartime controls were  
abolished**

## **Foreign Policy**

**Oil in Middle East**

**Disarmament**

- Nine-Power treaty**
- Kellogg-Briand Pact**



# Tariffs and Isolationism



**In 1922 Congress passed the Fordney-McCumber Tariff law**

**President could raise/lower tariff as he saw fit w/ advice and consent of Congress**

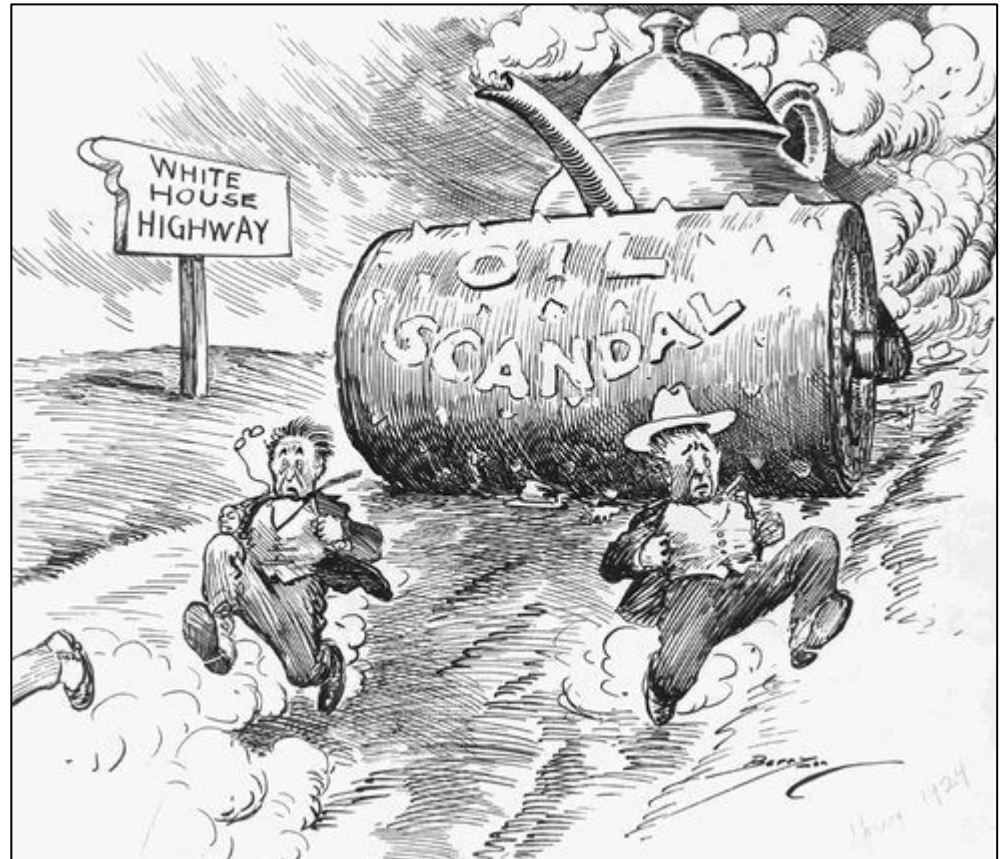
**Europe threw up their own protectionist barriers and US let them**

# Teapot Dome Scandal

**Control of Naval oil reserves were transferred to the Department of the Interior**

**SecInt Fall leased the land to 2 oil companies after receiving large cash bribes**

**As details leaked out, this scandal broke Americans' confidence in their elected officials**



A black and white portrait of Calvin Coolidge, a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression.

# **Election of 1924**

**3 way contest between Coolidge (R), Davis (D), and La Follette (Progressive)**

**Farmers, angry after the veto of the McNary-Haugen Bill, (gov surplus) threw their support to the Progressive candidate, but Coolidge won easily**

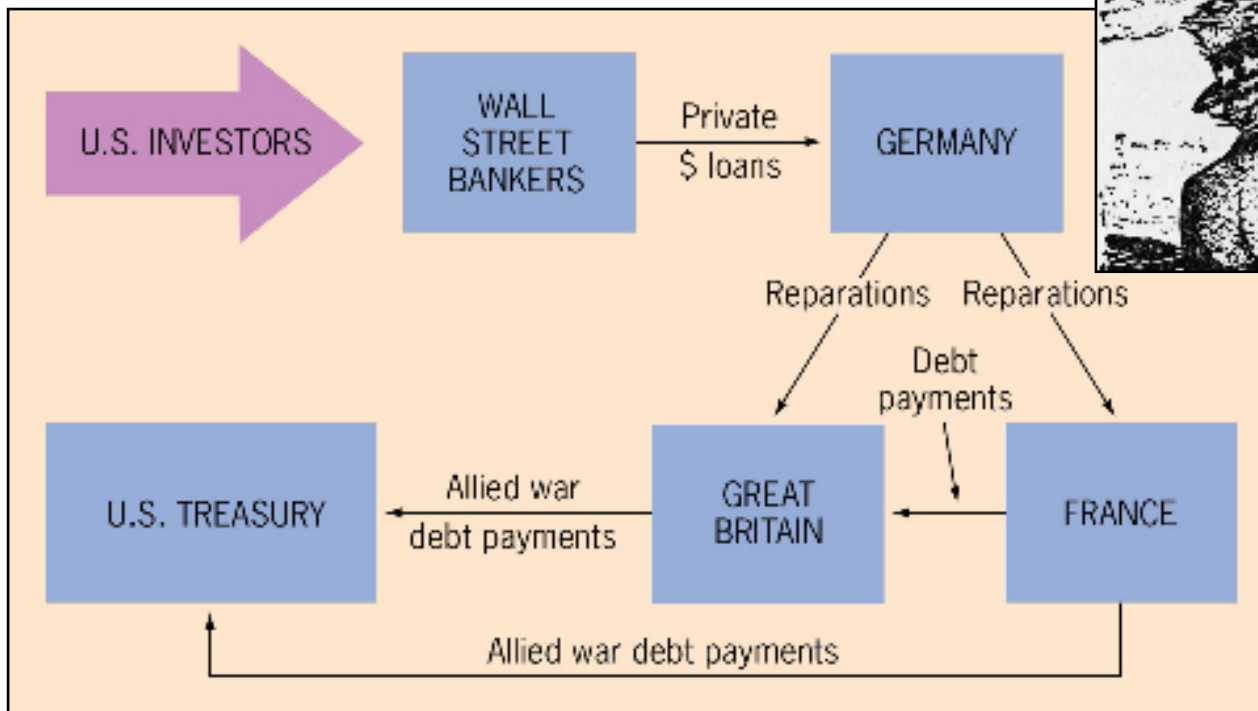
**His policies in regards to the economy were very laissez faire**

# International Debt

**Dawes Plan:**

**Restructured Germany's reparations payments and allowed for private loans to Germany**

**Based on loans from US Investors**



# Great Depression

## Causes:

### Tariff Policies:

**Hawley-Smoot (1930)**

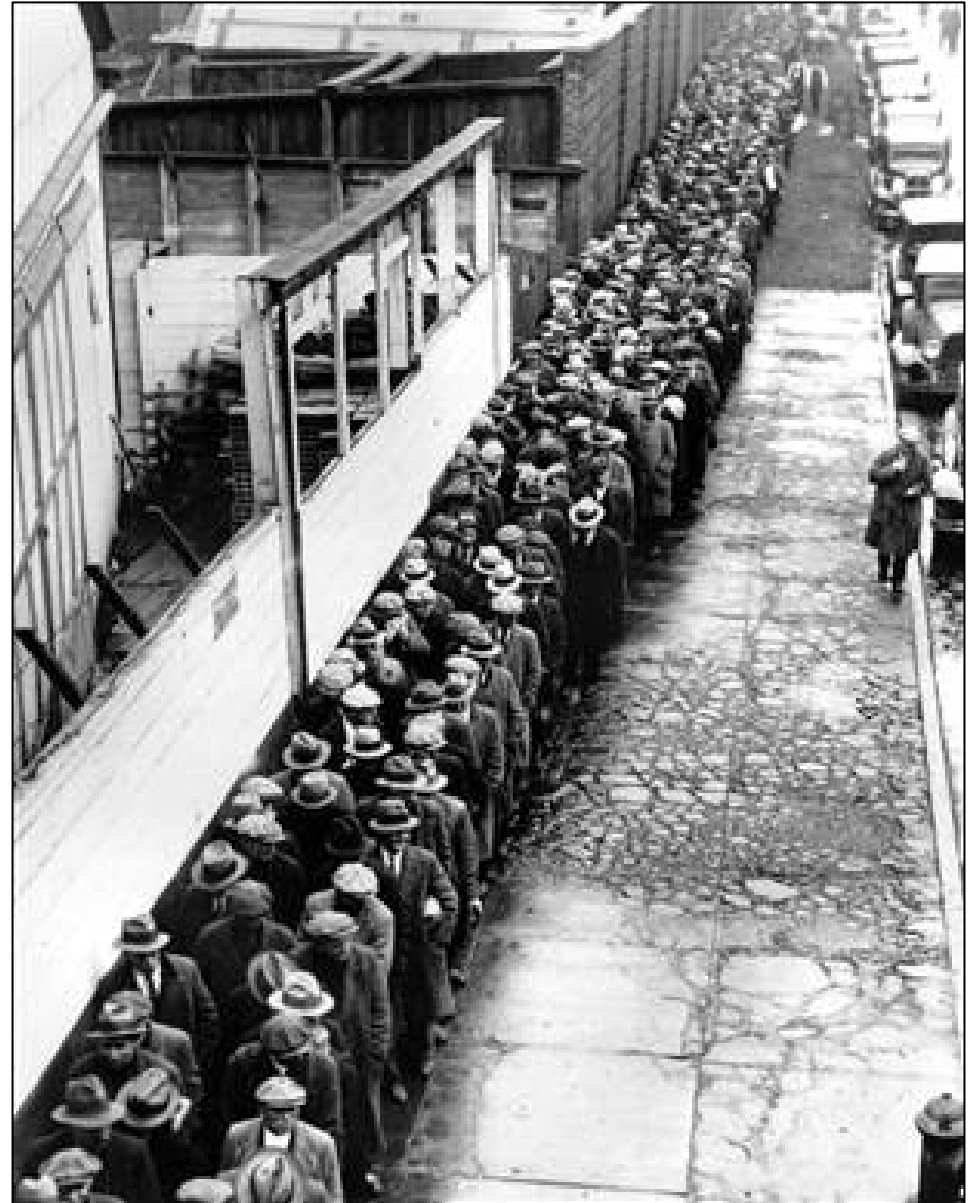
**Agricultural Markets tanked**

**“Massive Concentration” of industry through mergers**

**“Maldistribution” of Income**

**Buying stocks on margin**

**Stock Market Crash (1929)**



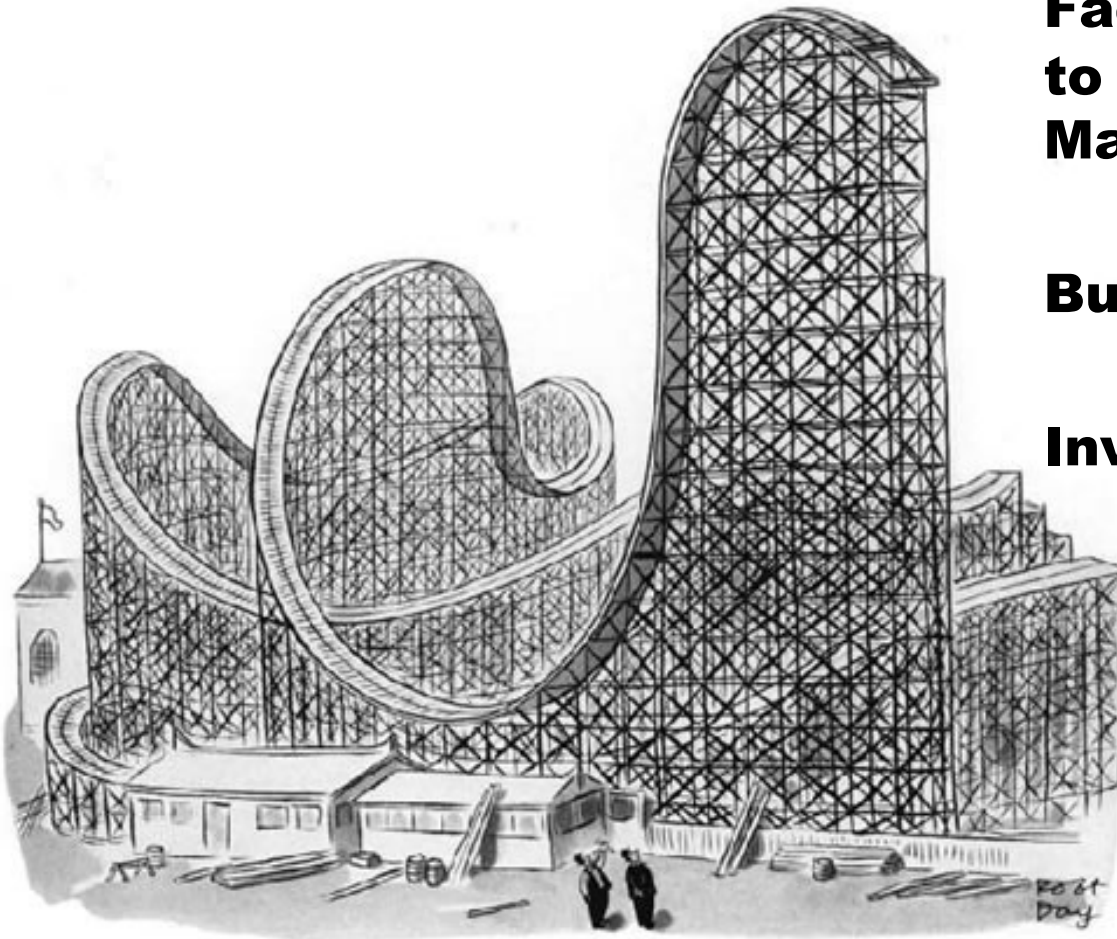


# “The Crash”

**Factors that contribute to a crash in the Stock Market:**

**Buying on margin**

**Investors confidence  
“herd mentality”**



**STOCK MARKET. THE RIDE**

# **Hoover Fights the Great Depression (1928)**

**Hoover had to turn away from his convictions about government welfare**

**Urged Congress to fund government projects**

**Reconstruction Finance Corporation:**

**Provided indirect relief through loans to corporations, banks, and agricultural organizations**





# **Bonus Army**

**Thousands of WWI veterans protested in DC during the summer of 1932**

**They wanted the bonus promised them in 1924**



**Lead by Marine corps major general Smedly Butler**

**Hoover and the federal government, beset by the same Depression-era finances that motivated the marchers, refused their requests**