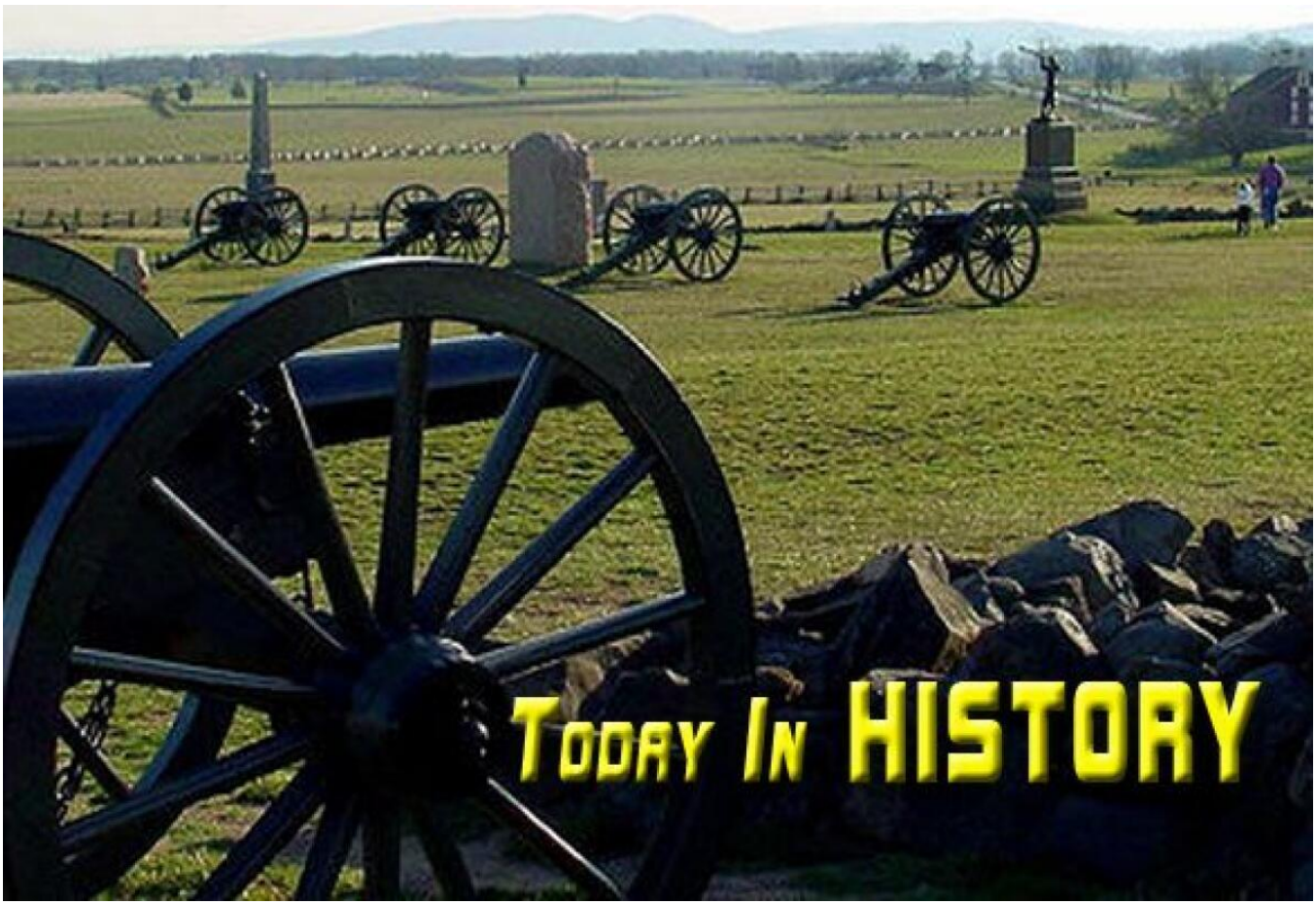

Today In History – November 19

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Today in History in 1863 U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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November 19 is the 323rd day of the year (324th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 42 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

461 - Libius Severus is declared Emperor of the Western Roman Empire.

1404 - Severe flooding occurs in the Netherlands, as 3000 hectares of land are washed away, with the flood waters also completely wiping out the towns of Ijzendijke and Hugevliet.

1421 - A major flood in the Netherlands kills between 2,000 and 10,000 people.

1493 – Christopher Columbus goes ashore on an island he first saw the day before. He names it San Juan Bautista (later renamed Puerto Rico).

1806 - French troops occupy Hamburg during the Napoleonic Wars.

1816 - In Poland, Warsaw University is founded.

1819 – The Museo del Prado in Madrid opens.

1847 - The second Canadian railway line is opened between Montreal and Lachine.

1850 - Alfred Tennyson is named Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom by Queen Victoria.

1863 – U.S. President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

1869 – The Hudson's Bay Company sells Ruperts Land to Canada.

1881 - A meteorite lands southwest of Odesa, present-day Ukraine.

1885 - Serbo-Bulgarian War: Bulgarian victory in the Battle of Slivnitsa officially unifies the Kingdom of Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia.

1887 - In the English Channel, Dutch ocean steamer W. A. Scholten sinks after a collision with a British freighter, killing 132 people.

1911 - The Doom Bar in Cornwall claims two ships, Island Maid and Angele, in which the entire crew, except the captain, is killed.

1912 - The five hundred-year rule of the Ottoman Empire over Macedonia is ended.

1916 - Goldwyn Pictures is founded by Samuel Goldwyn and Edgar Selwyn.

1941 - World War II: The warships HMAS Sydney and HSK Kormoran sink each other off Western Australia, with the loss of 645 Australians and 77 Germans.

1942 - World War II: Battle of Stalingrad - Soviet Union forces under Georgy Zhukov launch Operation Uranus counter-attacks at Stalingrad, turning the battle in the USSR's favour.

1942 - Mutesa II is crowned as the last Kabala (King) of Buganda.

1946 – Afghanistan, Iceland and Sweden join the United Nations.

1950 - Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes Supreme Commander of NATO Europe.

1952 - Alexander Papagos becomes Prime Minister of Greece.

1967 - TVB is founded, as the first wireless commercial television station in Hong Kong.

1969 – Apollo 12 lands on the Moon. Charles Conrad and Alan LaVern Bean become the 3rd and 4th people respectively to walk on the Moon.

1969 – Brazilian footballer Pelé scores the 1,000th goal of his career.

1977 – Egyptian President Anwar Sadat becomes the first Arab leader to officially visit Israel, when he meets with Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin seeking a permanent peace settlement.

1979 – Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini orders the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the US Embassy in Tehran.

1984 - Oil depot explosions in Mexico City cause a large fire, which kills around 500 people.

1985 – Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev meet.

1990 – Pop group Milli Vanilli are stripped of their Grammy Award because they did not sing at all on the Girl You Know It’s True album.

1994 - The United Kingdom's first National Lottery draw is held.

1995 – Aleksander Kwasniewski is elected President of Poland.

1996 – The case of the Port Arthur massacre comes to trial.

1998 – The United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee begins impeachment hearings against U.S. President Bill Clinton.

1998 - Vincent van Gogh's Portrait of the Artist Without Beard sells at auction for $ 71.5 million.

1999 - The People's Republic of China launches the Shenzhou 1 spacecraft.

1999 - Russia withdraws its military from Georgia.

2002 – The Prestige oil tanker breaks apart near the coast of Galicia, Spain, causing a large oil spill.

2010 – Twenty-nine miners are trapped after an explosion in the Pike River Mine near Greymouth in New Zealand. They are pronounced dead after a second explosion five days later.

2013 - A storm affecting Sardinia causes heavy rain, flooding and kills 18 people.

2013 - Bomb attacks in Beirut, Lebanon, kill at least 22 people.

2014 - Nicola Sturgeon becomes the 5th, and first female, First Minister of Scotland, succeeding Alex Salmond.

2016 - The German Wikipedia publishes its two-millionth article.

2017 - Talks about forming a governing coalition fail in Germany, after September's election to the Bundestag.