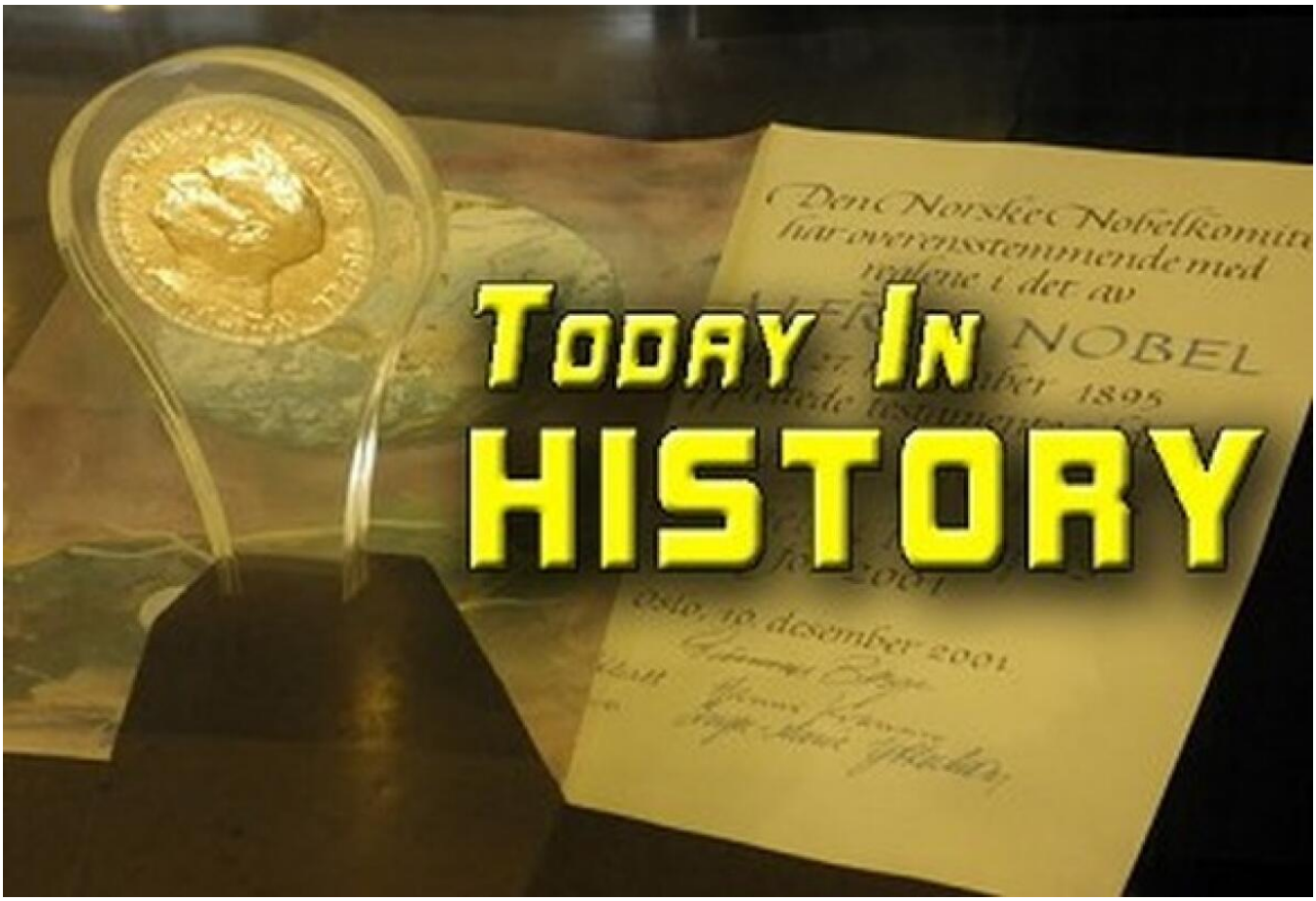

Today In History – November 27

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Today in History in 1895 Alfred Nobel signs his last will and testament, leading to the establishment of the Nobel Prizes.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

November 27 is the 331st day of the year (332nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 34 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

25 - Louyang is declared capital of the Eastern Han Dynasty.

176 - Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius grants his son Commodus the rank of 'Imperator'.

511 - The Kingdom of the Franks is divided between Theodoric I, Chlodomer I, Childebert I and Chlothar I.

1095 - Pope Urban II declares the First Crusade.

1703 - The Great Storm of 1703 affecting Great Britain destroys the first Eddystone Lighthouse.

1727 - The foundation stone is laid for Jerusalem's Church of Berlin.

1807 - Portugal's Royal Family leaves Lisbon to escape from Napoleonic troops.

1815 – Adoption of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Poland.

1830 - Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Catherine Labouré in Paris, originating the creation of the sacred medal which came to be known as the Miraculous Medal.

1839 - The American Statistical Association is founded in Boston, Massachusetts.

1856 - Coup of 1856 in Luxembourg.

1863 - American Civil War: Confederate cavalry leader John Hunt Morgan and several of his men escape the Ohio Penitentiary Prison and return safely to the South.

1863 - American Civil War: Battle of Mine Run.

1886 – German judge Emil Hartwich suffers fatal injuries in a duel. The incident becomes the background for Theodor Fontane's novel Effi Briest.

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1901 - The United States Army War College is created.

1912 – Spain declares a protectorate over the north shore of Morocco.

1924 – In New York City the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held.

1934 - Bank robber Baby Face Nelson is killed in a shoot-out with the FBI.

1940 - World War II: Members of the Fascist Iron Guard kill 60 allies of King Carol II of Romania, and dissidents.

1942 - World War II: At Toulon, the French navy destroys its ships and submarines to protect them from German attack.

1944 - The RAF Fauld Explosion at a Royal Air Force dump in Staffordshire, England, kills 70 people.

1945 - A magnitude 8.2 earthquake in Iran kills 4,000 people.

1954 - Alger Hiss is released from prison after serving 44 months for perjury.

1957 – Cold War: Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru appeals to the United States and the Soviet Union to end nuclear testing and to start nuclear disarmament.

1963 - A Trans-Canada Douglas DC-8 crashes in Montreal, killing all 118 people on board.

1968 - Penny Ann Early becomes the first woman to play major professional basketball.

1971 - The Soviet space program's Mars 2 orbiter lands on the planet Mars.

1973 – The United States Senate votes 92 to 3 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President of the United States (on December 6, the House confirmed him 387 to 35).

1975 – Guinness Book of World Records co-founder Ross McWhirter is shot dead by members of the Provisional IRA.

1978 – The Mayor of San Francisco George Moscone and his supervisor Harvey Milk are killed by former supervisor Dan White.

1978 – The Kurdish PKK terror group is founded in Riha (Urfa), Turkey.

1983 – Avianca Flight 011, a Boeing 747, crashes near Madrid Barajas Airport, killing 181 people.

1989 – Avianca Flight 203, a Boeing 727, explodes over Colombia, killing all 107 on board and 3 people on the ground. The Medellin drug Cartel claims responsibility.

1990 – The British Conservative Party chooses John Major to succeed Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister of the

United Kingdom.

1990 – Appenzell Innerrhoden becomes the last Canton in Switzerland to give women the right to vote.

1991 – The United Nations Security Council adopts UN Security Council Resolution 721, leading the way to the establishment of peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia.

1992 - For the second time in a year, military forces try to overthrow President Carlos Andrés Pérez of Venezuela.

1997 - 25 people are killed in the second Souhane Massacre in Algeria.

1999 – Helen Clark becomes the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history.

2001 - A hydrogen atmosphere is discovered on the extrasolar planet Osinis by the Hubble Space Telescope.

2001 - Anders Fogh Rasmussen becomes Prime Minister of Denmark.

2005 – The first partial human face transplant is successfully completed in Amiens, France.

2006 – The Canadian House of Commons endorses Prime Minister Stephen Harper's motion to declare Quebec a nation within a unified Canada.

2009 – A passenger train is derailed by a bomb between Moscow and St. Petersburg, killing 28 people.

2011 - Wales national football team manager Gary Speed commits suicide, aged 42.

2014 - Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes dies aged 25, as a result of being hit on the neck by a ball two days earlier.

2018 - Ukraine declares martial law after an armed incident in which the Russian Federal Security Service coast guard fired on and captured three Ukrainian Navy vessels attempting to cross from the Black Sea to the Sea of Azov through the Kerch Strait.

2019 - A crackdown on protesters in Iraq results in at least 24 deaths.