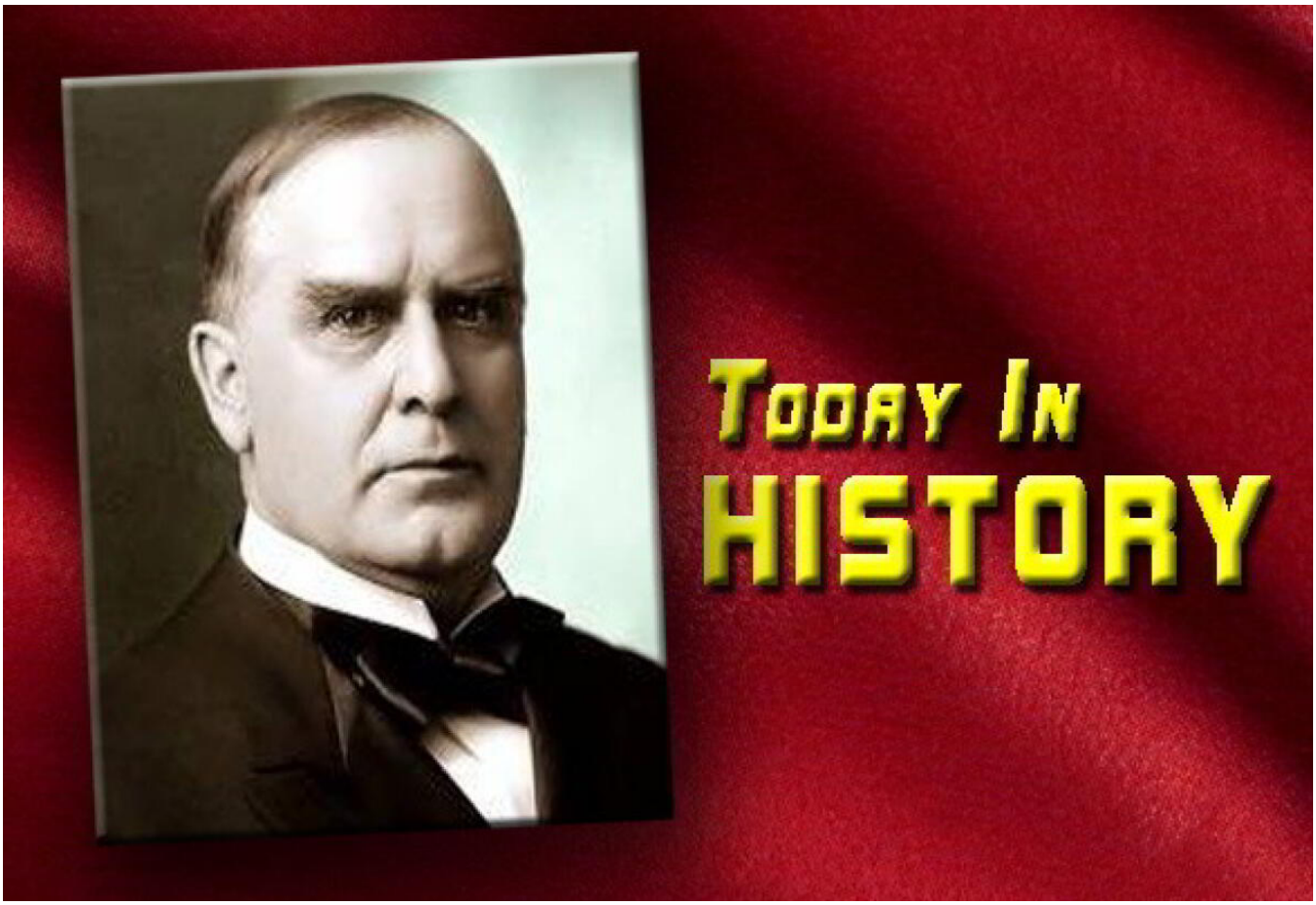

Today In History – September 6

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Today in History in 1901 American anarchist Leon Czolgosz shoots and fatally wounds U.S. President William McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. McKinley dies on September 14 from his injuries.

Our on this day in history archives contain over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

September 6 is the 249th day of the year (250th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 116 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

3761 BC – The first day of the Hebrew Calendar.

394 – Battle of Frigidus: The Christian Roman Emperor Theodosius I defeats and kills the pagan usurper Eugenius and his Frankish general Arbogast.

1492 – Christopher Columbus leaves La Gomera in the Canary Islands, his last land-stop on the way of his voyage that takes him to the Caribbean.

1522 – The Victoria, one of the surviving ships of Ferdinand Magellan's expedition, returns to San Lucar de Barrameda in Spain, becoming the first ship to circumnavigate the world, with captain Juan Sebastian de Elcano.

1620 – The Pilgrims sail from Plymouth, England, on the Mayflower to settle in North America.

1628 – Puritans settle Salem which will later become part of Massachusetts Bay Colony.

1634 – Thirty Years' War: In the Battle of Nordlingen, the Catholic imperial army defeats the Protestant armies of Sweden and Germany.

1689 – Imperial China and Russia agree on their border, which runs along the Amur River.

1776 – A tropical storm strikes the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, killing 6,000 people.

1781 – The Battle of Groton Heights takes place with the result of a British minor victory.

1803 – British scientist John Dalton begins using symbols to represent the atoms of different elements.

1839 – Polynesian atoll Ahe in the Tuamoto Archipelago, in the Pacific Ocean, is discovered and mapped by US naval officer Charles Wilkes.

1847 – Henry David Thoreau leaves Walden Pond and moves in with Ralph Waldo Emerson and his family in Concord, Massachusetts.

1861 – American Civil War: Forces under Union General Ulysses S. Grant bloodlessly capture Paducah, Kentucky, which gives the Union control the mouth of the Tennessee River.

1863 – American Civil War: Confederates evacuate Battery Wagner and Morris Islands in South Carolina.

1870 – Louisa Ann Swain of Laramie, Wyoming, votes in the morning, becoming the first woman in the United States to cast a vote legally after 1807.

1870 – The ship HMS Captain sinks in a storm off Cape Finisterre, Galicia, Spain, killing almost 500 people.

1885 – Eastern Rumelia declares its union with Bulgaria.

1888 – Charles Turner becomes the first bowler to take 250 wickets in an English season – a feat since accomplished only by Tom Richardson (twice), J. T. Hearne, Wilfred Rhodes (twice) and Tich Freeman (six times).

1891 – The first Paris-Brest-Paris cycling race is held, finishing on September 9.

1898 – Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands is allowed to reign in her own right, having turned 18 the previous week, after Emma of Waldeck and Pyrmont acted as regent for her over the previous eight years.

1901 – American anarchist Leon Czolgosz shoots and fatally wounds US President William McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. McKinley dies on September 14 from his injuries.

1915 – The first prototype tank is tested for the British Army for the first time.

1929 – Finnish steamship Kuru sinks, killing 150, many of them school children.

1930 – Democratically elected President of Argentina Hipólito Yrigoyen is deposed in a military coup.

1937 – Spanish Civil War: The start of the Battle of El Mazuco.

1939 – World War II: South Africa declares war on Germany.

1940 – King Carol II of Romania abdicates the throne. His son, Michael of Romania, succeeds him.

1941 – Holocaust: The requirement to wear the Star of David with the word Jew inscribed, is extended to all Jews over the age of 6 in German-occupied areas.

1943 – The Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico is founded.

1943 – The Pennsylvania railroad's premier train derails at Frankford Junction in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1944 – World War II: Ypres, Belgium, is liberated by Allied forces.

1944 – World War II: Soviet forces capture the city of Tartu, Estonia.

1946 – United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes announces that the US will follow a policy of Economic Reconstruction in post-war Germany.

1948 – Juliana becomes Queen of the Netherlands. This comes after the abdication from the throne of Queen Wilhelmina.

1949 – Allied military authorities relinquish control of former Nazi Germany assets back to German control.

1952 – Canada's first TV station, CBFT-TV opens in Montreal.

1952 – A prototype aircraft crashes at the Farnborough Air Show in Hampshire, England, UK, killing 29 people.

1965 – War of 1965: India attacks Pakistan and announces that its forces will capture Lahore in an hour.

1966 – In Cape Town, the South African architect of Apartheid, Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd is stabbed to death during a parliamentary meeting.

1968 – Swaziland becomes independent.

1970 – Jimi Hendrix performs what turns out to be his last concert, on the German Baltic Sea island of Fehmarn, on the last day of the Love and Peace Festival.

1970 – Four passenger jets are simultaneously hijacked. Two are taken to Dawson's Field.

1972 – Munich Massacre: Israeli athletes and coaches are killed when police assault Black September members in a failed hostage rescue in Munich, West Germany.

1975 – An earthquake in Lice, Turkey kills 2,400 people.

1976 – Cold War: Soviet air force pilot Lt. Viktor Belenko lands a MiG-25 jet fighter at Hakodate on the island of Hokkaido in Japan and requests political asylum from the United States.

1983 – The Soviet Union admits shooting down Korean Air Flight KAL-007, stating that the pilots did not know it was a civilian aircraft when it violated Soviet airspace.

1985 – Midwest Express Airlines Flight 105, a Douglas DC-9 crashes just after takeoff from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, killing 31.

1986 – In Istanbul, two Arab terrorists from Abu Nidal's terror organization kill 22 and wound six inside the Neve Shalom synagogue during Shabbat services.

1991 – The Soviet Union recognizes the independence of the Baltic states: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

1991 – The name Saint Petersburg is restored to Russia's second largest city, which had been renamed Leningrad in 1924.

1995 – With the jury absent, Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman invokes his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in the murder trial of O. J. Simpson.

1995 – Cal Ripken Jr. breaks Lou Gehrig's record of playing 2131 consecutive baseball games.

1997 – The funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales at Westminster Abbey draws large crowds.

1997 – Uranus' moons of Caliban and Sycorax are discovered.

2000 – In New York City, the United Nations Millennium Summit begins with more than 180 world leaders present.

2001 – United States v. Microsoft: The United States Justice Department announces that it was no longer seeking to break up software maker Microsoft and will instead seek a lesser antitrust penalty.

2003 – EU foreign ministers categorise Hamas as a terrorist organisation.

2006 – The Germany national football team scores its biggest-ever away win, defeating the San Marino national football team 13-0.

2008 – The 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing begin, running until September 17.

2009 – The ferry SuperFerry 9 sinks off the Zamboanga Peninsula in the Philippines with 971 people on board. All but 10 are rescued.

2012 – 61 people die and 48 are injured after a fishing boat capsizes off Izmir Province, Western Turkey, near Greece's Aegean Islands.

2017 – Hurricane Irma sweeps across the Lesser Antilles in the Eastern Caribbean; Almost every building on the island of Barbuda is destroyed.

2018 – Homosexuality is legalised in India, following a decision by the Supreme Court of India.

2018 – Brazilian Presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro is stabbed while campaigning; he survives the attack and is later elected President.

2022 – Liz Truss is appointed the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom by Queen Elizabeth II.