

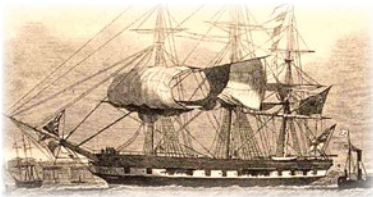


THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

On This Date

1851 – The *Marco Polo*, a three-masted wooden clipper ship, left Saint John, New Brunswick, on her way to Australia. The ship became known as “the fastest ship in the world” after making the round trip in less than six months.



1967 – Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson announced the creation of the Order of Canada. The medal honors outstanding citizens for their “service to Canada or humanity at large.”

2011 – HBO broadcast the first episode of *Game of Thrones*, based on George R. R. Martin’s novels.

Daily Trivia

Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town* is notable for its lack of elaborate scenery and props. The actors have a few chairs and a ladder and pantomime the rest. The audience can focus on the characters and the everyday moments of their lives.

Quote of the Day

“We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.”

~ Thornton Wilder

Happy Birthday!

Thornton Wilder (1897–1975) was an influential American playwright and novelist. Renowned for his exploration of the human experience, he achieved widespread acclaim for works like *Our Town* (1938) and *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* (1927), both of which earned him Pulitzer Prizes. Wilder’s narrative techniques and



ability to capture the essence of ordinary life made him a prominent figure in American literature. He also had success as a teacher and lecturer. His impact extended beyond the stage, influencing generations of writers and playwrights.



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Today is Ellis Island Family History Day. On this day in 1907, more immigrants (11,747) entered the U.S. through Ellis Island than on any other day in its history. In total, 17 million immigrants came through Ellis Island.

Wild Kingdom

Crows are known to be incredibly intelligent creatures that have a knack for collecting trinkets. One theme park in France has capitalized on their intelligence by teaching crows to pick up trash. The park's falconer, Christophe Gaborit, had trained crows to deliver a rose to a princess in a castle during one of the park's shows. He simply used the same training methods to teach crows to pick up garbage and deposit it in trash cans. Each time a crow deposited the trash, it received a treat. Now if only people could be trained to do the same.

Word Wise

Which word is not like the others?

jointer cornet
ocarina banjo

ANSWER: A jointer is a mason's tool; the others are musical instruments.

Only Human



There *is* such a thing as a teenage brain, and anyone who has spent time with a teenager understands all too well that they think differently. Science has determined that the young brain has both fast-growing synapses and entire sections that remain unconnected. The last section to connect (between the ages of 25–30) is the frontal lobe, which is responsible for processes such as reasoning, planning, and judgment. The end result is that teens are easily influenced by their environment and prone to impulsive and often risky behavior.

Riddle Me This

What's been around for millions of years but is no more than a month old?

ANSWER: The moon