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### From today's featured article



The **USS *Constellation*** captured the French *L'Insurgente* in a single-ship action

between the [frigates](#) on 9 February 1799. The previous year, French [privateering](#) attacks against American vessels had led to the [undeclared Quasi-War](#). Four US naval [squadrons](#) were sent to the [Caribbean](#) with orders to seize armed French vessels and prevent attacks on American ships. The squadron under Commodore [Thomas Truxtun](#) was on assignment in the waters between [Puerto Rico](#) and [Saint Kitts](#) when his [flagship](#) *Constellation*, cruising independently, met and engaged *L'Insurgente*, commanded by Michel-Pierre Barreaut. After chasing the French ship through a storm, Truxtun forced an engagement. The French frigate surrendered after 74 minutes with heavy casualties; the Americans sustained only a few casualties. *L'Insurgente* was taken to Saint Kitts and commissioned into the United States Navy as *USS *Insurgent**. The action was the first victory over an enemy warship for the newly formed navy, and Truxtun was praised by the American government and public. ([Full article...](#))

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- In [association football](#), the [Africa Cup of Nations](#) concludes with [Cameroon](#) defeating [Egypt](#) in **the final** (*man of the match* *Benjamin Moukandjo* pictured).
- Protests in Romania** grow over the [Romanian government's](#) proposals to decriminalize certain corruption cases.
- In [American football](#), the [New England Patriots](#) defeat the [Atlanta Falcons](#) to win **Super Bowl LI**, the first to go into overtime.
- The [United Nations](#) releases a report stating that the [Myanmar Army](#) has committed serious **human rights violations against the Rohingya people**, including mass killings, systematic sexual violence, and the killing of children.



Benjamin Moukandjo

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**February 9**

- 1825** – After no presidential



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- ... that the design of the **Roosevelt dime** (*pictured*) has remained almost intact through its more than 70 years of production?
- ... that poems by **Martin Greif** inspired music by **Max Reger**, **Alban Berg**, **Anton Webern**, and possibly **Gustav Mahler**?
- ... that by royal edict, only members of certain families could be masters in the **guild** for makers of **Limoges enamel**?
- ... that at 14 years of age, **Minami Itahashi** was the youngest person to win a springboard diving event at the Japanese national championships?
- ... that New York's **Constitution Marsh**, an **Important Bird Area**, is adjacent to what was once "the most **cadmium** polluted site in the world"?
- ... that King **Razadarit** once sent Queen **Thuddhamaya** in a golden **litter** to one of his top commanders, despite her objections?
- ... that the Ethiopian **Debo Band** was founded by amateur **klezmer** musicians?



Roosevelt dime

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candidate  
 received a  
 majority of  
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 the United  
 States House of  
 Representatives [elected John Quincy Adams](#) (*pictured*)  
 president.



John Quincy Adams

- **1920** – The **Svalbard Treaty** was signed, recognising Norwegian sovereignty over the Arctic archipelago of **Svalbard**, but all signatories were also given equal rights to engage in commercial activities on the islands.
- **1943** – **World War II**: Allied forces declared **Guadalcanal** secure, ending the **Guadalcanal Campaign** as a significant strategic victory for Allied forces fighting Japan in the **Pacific War**.
- **1969** – The **Boeing 747** made its first flight, with test pilots Jack Waddell and Brien Wygle at the controls and Jess Wallick at the flight engineer's station.
- **1996** – Breaking a seventeen-month ceasefire, the **Provisional Irish Republican Army** **detonated a powerful truck bomb** in **Canary Wharf**, London, killing 2 people and injuring more than 100 others.

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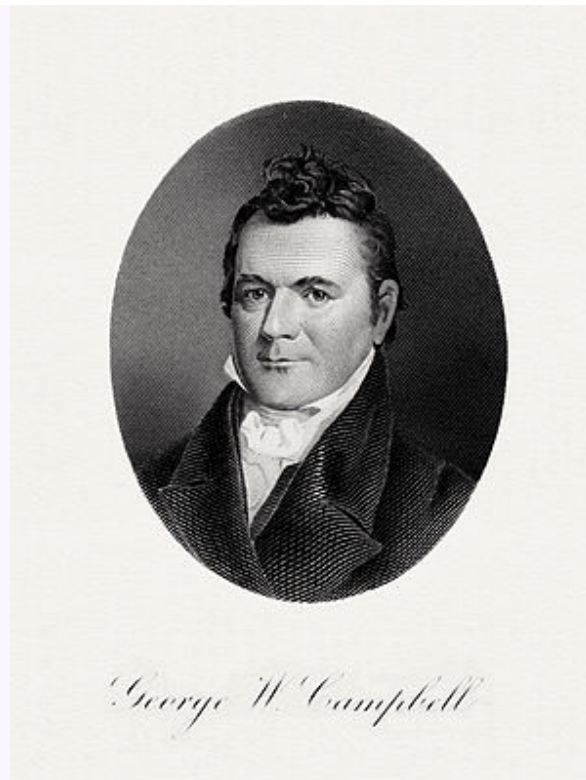
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**George W. Campbell** (1769–1848) was an American statesman who served as a **U S**



who served as a U.S. Representative, Senator, Tennessee Supreme Court Justice, and U.S. Ambassador to Russia. Appointed fifth United States Secretary of the Treasury by James Madison, he faced national financial disorder brought on by the War of 1812. Campbell was unsuccessful in his efforts to raise enough money through government bond sales and he resigned after only eight months in office, disillusioned and in bad health.

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