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[SS Choctaw](#) was a steel-hulled American [freighter](#) in service between 1892 and 1915 on the [Great](#)

[Lakes](#) of North America. She was a so-called monitor vessel, containing elements of traditional [lake freighters](#) and the [whaleback](#) ships designed by [Alexander McDougall](#). *Choctaw* was built in 1892 by the [Cleveland Shipbuilding Company](#) in

[Cleveland](#), Ohio. On her regular route between Cleveland and the [Michigan](#) cities of [Detroit](#), [Escanaba](#), and [Marquette](#), she carried coal upbound and iron ore downbound. In foggy conditions on July 11, 1915, *Choctaw* was on [Lake Huron](#) upbound for Marquette when she was rammed east of [Presque Isle Light](#) by the downbound Canadian [canaller](#) *Wahcondah*. Although *Choctaw* sank in only 17 minutes, her crew of 22 escaped, and was picked up by *Wahcondah*. The wreck was located on May 23, 2017, lying on her starboard side with the bow partly buried in the lake bottom. It was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) on December 10, 2018. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that **Joe Felmet** was sentenced to a **chain gang** for his participation in the **Journey of Reconciliation**, considered a precursor to the **Freedom Riders**, in 1947?
- ... that in the late 1800s, **Hong Kong's small Jewish community** was divided into two groups that would not even pray together?
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the captured **USS Philadelphia** in the harbor of **Tripoli** (*depicted*), denying her use to the **Barbary States**.



Painting of *Philadelphia* burning by **Edward Moran**

- **1859** – The French government passed a law setting the musical note **A₄** to a frequency of 435 hertz, in the first attempt to standardize **concert pitch**.
- **1923** – English **Egyptologist** and archaeologist **Howard Carter** unsealed **Tutankhamun's** tomb, **KV62**, in the **Valley of the Kings**.
- **1959** – **Fidel Castro** was sworn in as **Prime Minister of Cuba**, beginning his decades-long rule over the country.
- **2013** – At least 91 people were killed and 190 others injured after **a bomb hidden in a water tank exploded** at a market in **Hazara Town**, Pakistan.

Henry Raspe (d. 1247) •

Henry Wilson (b. 1812) •

Heinz-Wolfgang Schnaufer (b. 1922)

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