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Les Holden (6 March 1895 – 18 September 1932) was a [fighter ace](#) of World War I. He joined the [Australian Light Horse](#) in May 1915, serving in Egypt and France. In December 1916, he volunteered for the [Australian Flying Corps](#) and qualified as a pilot. As a member of [No. 2 Squadron](#), he gained the sobriquets "Lucky Les" and "the homing pigeon" after a series of incidents where he limped back to base in bullet-riddled aircraft. Holden was awarded the [Military Cross](#), achieved five aerial victories, finishing the war as an instructor with [No. 6 \(Training\) Squadron](#) in England, earning the [Air Force Cross](#). After leaving the Australian Flying Corps in 1919, he became a manager at [Holden's Motor Body Builders](#). He joined the part-time [Citizen Air Force](#) before starting an air service as a commercial pilot. In 1929, he located [Charles Kingsford Smith](#) and [Charles Ulm](#) in the north-west Australian desert after the pair were reported missing. Holden died while a passenger in a plane that crashed in Australia. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that the [Grain Belt Brewery](#) (*pictured*) was built with four distinct architectural sections, in homage to the four companies that combined to form it?
- ... that [Madmuin Hasibuan](#)'s father punished him for not fasting in Ramadan by not giving him food for three days?
- ... that [SZA](#) named [a song](#) after [a well-known film director](#), but was shocked to get his blessing days after release?
- ... that [a former French secret-service agent](#) was responsible for seven out of the 26 [Formula One](#) drivers qualifying for the [1980 South African Grand Prix](#) being French?



Grain Belt Brewery

- ... that **Josaphat Park**, according to tradition, was named for its valley's striking resemblance to the **Valley of Josaphat** in the **Holy Land**?
- ... that **Deborah D. Rogers** used **Ann Radcliffe's commonplace book** to show that Radcliffe was not driven mad by her **Gothic novels**, but that she just had asthma?
- ... that ***Mammillaria luethyi*** was not seen for 44 years after being discovered growing in a coffee can on the windowsill of **Mrs Crosby's**?
- ... that **Zulu** prince **Hayseed Stephens** played in the **American Football League**?
- ... that **syncing zombie cookies** can create a **cookie** that is **almost impossible to delete**?

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- **A wildfire** (*pictured*) in Japan's **Iwate Prefecture** becomes the largest in the country for at least five decades.
- Chinese architect **Liu Jiakun** is awarded the **Pritzker Architecture Prize**.
- The United States **imposes tariffs on Canada and Mexico** and **increases tariffs on China**, incurring retaliatory tariffs from Canada and China.
- **Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost** soft-lands on the Moon as part of **NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services** program.



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On this day

March 6

- **845** – The **Abbasid Caliphate** executed **42 Byzantine officials** who had been captured in the **sack of Amorium** of 838 for refusing to convert to Islam.
- **1447** – Tommaso Parentucelli **was elected** as **Pope Nicholas V** in Rome.
- **1904** – **Scottish National Antarctic Expedition**: Led by **William Speirs Bruce** (*pictured*), the Antarctic region of **Coats Land** was discovered by the ***Scotia***.
- **1988** – **The Troubles**: In **Operation Flavius**, the **Special Air Service** killed three **volunteers** of the **Provisional Irish Republican Army** conspiring to bomb a parade of British military bands in **Gibraltar**.
- **2000** – The **Marine Parade Community Building**, the **mural** cladding of which is the largest installation art in Singapore, was opened.



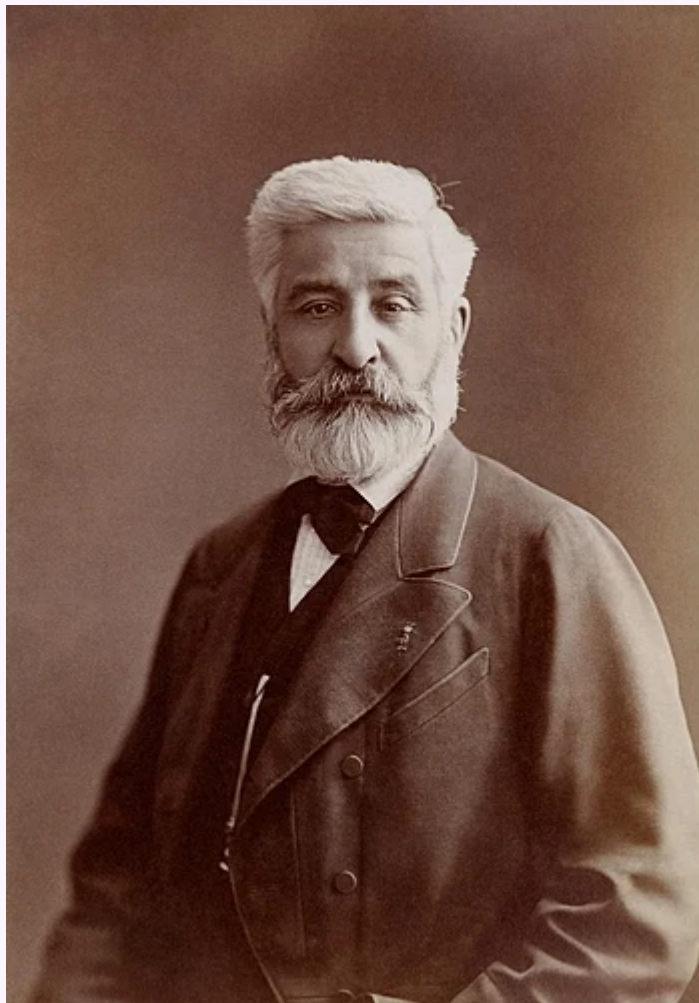
William Speirs Bruce

Clark Shaughnessy (b.. 1892) · **Joseph Berchtold** (b.. 1897) · **Shaukat Aziz** (b.. 1949) · **Cyprien Ntaryamira** (b.. 1955)

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Philippe Chaperon (1823–1906) was a French painter and [scenic designer](#), particularly known for his work at the [Paris Opera](#). He produced stage designs for the premieres of numerous 19th-century operas, including Verdi's *[Don Carlos](#)* and *[Aida](#)*, Massenet's *[Le Cid](#)*, Saint-Saëns's *[Henry VIII](#)*, part two of Berlioz's *[Les Troyens](#)*, and the first performances in France of Verdi's *[Otello](#)* and *[Rigoletto](#)* and Wagner's *[Tannhäuser](#)*. His painting style was influenced by his architecture studies, such as his debut work exhibited at the [Paris Salon](#), *[Ruines d'un Temple dans l'Inde](#)*. This photographic portrait of Chaperon, taken around 1900, was produced by the studio (a.k.a. [atelier](#)) of the French photographer [Nadar](#).

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
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