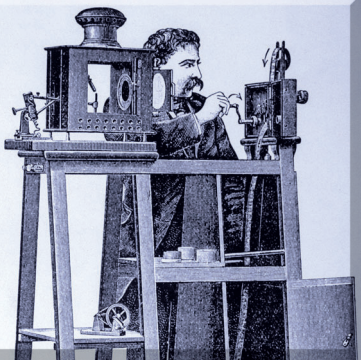


Sunday, December 28

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1895: Antoine and Louis Lumiere unveiled their Cinematograph in the basement of the Grand Cafe in Paris**

1908: Up to 100,000 people died in the most destructive earthquake in European history, in Messina, Sicily

1917: Bessarabia proclaimed its independence as the Moldavian republic, now Moldova

1947: The death of Victor Emmanuel III, King of Italy from 1900-46, brought an end to the Italian monarchy

2006: In Somalia, Ethiopian and Somali transitional government troops captured the capital, Mogadishu, without resistance