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ON THIS DAY



▲ 1853: Women's rights campaigner Amelia Bloomer caused a shock by wearing loose-fitting pantaloons, subsequently dubbed "bloomers"

1834: French impressionist painter and sculptor Edgar Degas, noted for his portrayals of dancers, was born

1907: The Emperor of Korea, then a Japanese protectorate, was forced to abdicate in favour of his son

1997: Charles Taylor won Liberia's presidential election, after a seven-year civil war that claimed 150,000 lives

2007: The largest haul of Viking treasure discovered in Britain for over 150 years was unveiled