

**Sunday, August 23**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1926: Distraught fans mourned screen idol Rudolph Valentino, who died from peritonitis aged only 31**

**1821: Mexico was declared independent of Spain**

**1921: Feisal I was installed as King of Iraq**

**1980: The Polish government agreed to negotiate directly with striking Gdansk shipworkers**

**2007: A 10 million-year-old fossil found in Ethiopia raised the possibility that the last common ancestor of gorillas and humans existed two million years earlier than previously thought**