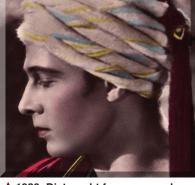
## Sunday, August 23

## 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