

**Wednesday, March 31**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1855:** English writer Charlotte Brontë, the eldest of three literary sisters and best known for her novel *Jane Eyre*, died during pregnancy

**1901:** Gottlieb Daimler named his latest car after his daughter, Mercedes

**1949:** Newfoundland joined the Canadian Confederation

**1959:** The Dalai Lama fled Tibet and was granted political asylum in India

**2009:** U.S. President Barack Obama made his first overseas tour since taking office, attending the G20 summit in London and NATO's 60th anniversary celebrations in France and Germany