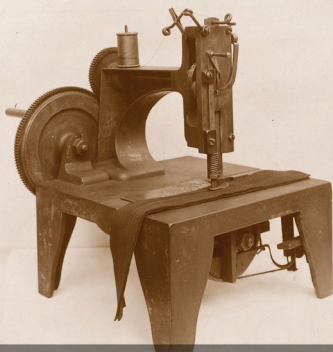


**Thursday, August 12**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1851: Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine**

**1848:** George Stephenson, builder of the world's first practical steam locomotive, *The Rocket*, died

**1908:** The first Model T Ford rolled off the factory floor in Detroit

**1944:** The first "PLUTO" (Pipe Line Under the Ocean) supplying petrol from Britain to the Allied forces in France, went into operation

**2009:** The Russian navy was deployed to find the MV *Arctic Sea*, a missing cargo ship reportedly hijacked in the Baltic Sea three weeks earlier