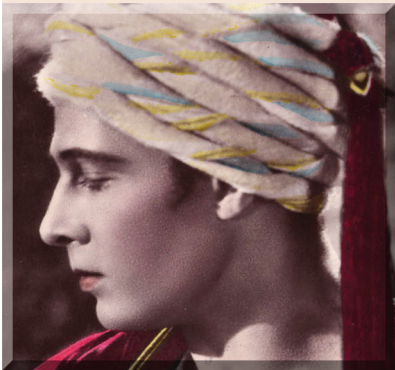


Monday, August 23

ON THIS DAY



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

1754: King Louis XVI of France, who would be guillotined during the French Revolution, was born at Versailles

1921: Feisal I was installed as King of Iraq

1989: Citizens of the Baltic states formed a 300km human chain for freedom to mark the 50th anniversary of the Soviet-Nazi pact which led to their incorporation into the Soviet Union

2009: Greek firefighters raced against time to contain wildfires threatening areas north of Athens