

**Monday, October 18**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1469: Isabella of Castile married Ferdinand II of Aragon, uniting most of the Christian dominions of Spain under a single monarchy**

**1799: German scientist Christian Friedrich Schonbein, discoverer of ozone, was born**

**1867: The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million, or approximately two cents an acre**

**1916: The Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed**

**2009: Britain's Jenson Button won the F1 World Championship; his fifth place in Brazil giving him enough points to secure the title**