



# Today in History

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▲ **The Chinese government blocked access to U.S. search engine Google in an attempt to censor information available to China's 46 million internet users**

**1854:** German composer Engelbert Humperdinck was born. His best known works are his fairy-tale operas 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Die Konigskinder'

**1923: An earthquake devastated Tokyo and Yokahama, killing 142,000**

**2003:** The Netherlands became the first country to allow pharmacies to dispense cannabis

**2004: Chechen terrorists seized a school and over 1,300 hostages in the city of Beslan**