



Today in History

February 21, 1613

▲ Mikhail Romanov was elected Tsar of Russia, marking the start of the Romanov dynasty's 300-year rule that ended with the execution of Tsar Nicholas II

1842: The first sewing-machine was patented by John Greenough

1885: The Washington Monument was dedicated in the U.S. capital

2011: Benghazi and much of eastern Libya were in rebel hands after army units sided with the rebels

2012: Russian punk band Pussy Riot performs anti-Putin songs on the altar of Moscow's main cathedral. Jail sentences later attract international criticism