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▲ A stampede left 39 people dead at the Hindu Kumbh Mela festival in Nashik, India, as tens of thousands of pilgrims attempted to bathe in the Godavari River

1813: Napoleon defeated a superior allied force of Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden

1910: Thomas Edison demonstrated the first talking motion pictures

1998: Russia's Central Bank ceased trading in the rouble

2003: Mars passed within 55,758,004km (34,646,418 miles) of Earth, the closest the two planets had been to each other in some 60,000 years