



## Today in History

*December 19, 1915*

▲ French singer Edith Piaf, nicknamed the “Little Sparrow”, was born. Her songs include *La Vie en Rose* and the legendary *Non, Je ne Regrette Rien*

**960:** The reconstruction of Japan’s Imperial Palace in Kyoto began after it was damaged by fire

**1863:** Londoner Frederick Walton patented linoleum floor covering

**1996:** In Italy, Formula 1 team owner Frank Williams was charged with the manslaughter of driver Ayrton Senna

**2009:** Five Eurostar trains got stuck in the Channel Tunnel, trapping 2,000 people for 16 hours, after icy weather caused electrical failures