



Today in History

December 23, 1834

▲ Englishman Joseph Hansom patented his “safety cab”. Light enough to be pulled by a single horse, they became popular in major cities around the globe

1958: The Tokyo Tower, the world’s highest self-supporting iron lattice tower, was dedicated in Japan

1972: Sixteen people were rescued from a plane that crashed in the Andes, having survived 72 days by eating the flesh of dead companions

2007: Nepal decided to abolish the country’s 240-year-old monarchy

2011: A Chinese court jailed dissident Chen Wei, 42, a leading human rights activist, for nine years