

—MIGHTIEST SPECTACLE EVER PRODUCED—



THE BIRTH OF A NATION

D.W. GRIFFITH'S
STUPENDOUS MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION OF
THOMAS DIXON'S FAMOUS STORY

'THE CLANSMAN'

Today in History

EMPLOYING THE SERVICES OF 18,000 PEOPLE

February 8, 1915

▲ The motion picture Birth of a Nation, directed by D.W. Griffith and considered the first great movie production, premiered in Los Angeles

1725: Peter the Great of Russia died

1865: Gregor Mendel, who first discovered the laws of genetics, reported his studies of pea plants

1983: The Aga Khan's Derby-winning horse Shergar was kidnapped from his stable in Co. Kildare, Ireland and despite a ransom demand, was never seen again

1995: French scientists published evidence that Stone Age man burned coal as a fuel 74,000 years ago