



## Today in History

*September 16, 1620*

▲ Seeking religious freedom, the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth, England, aboard the Mayflower to establish a colony in North America

**1884:** U.S ophthalmologist Carl Koller first used cocaine as a local anaesthetic in eye surgery

**1908:** General Motors (GN) was incorporated with a capital of \$2,000. Within 12 days the company had generated \$12 million in cash

**1975:** Papua New Guinea achieved full independence from Australia

**2003:** Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet fired top ballerina Anastasia Volochkova, claiming that she was overweight