



Today in History

December 22, 1895

▲ German scientist Wilhelm Roentgen made the first X-ray image, of his wife's hand, allowing the inner workings of the body to be observed without surgery

640: The Saracens destroyed the library at Alexandria; burning books warmed the public baths for six months

1715: James Stuart, known as the "Old Pretender", landed in Scotland from exile in France to claim the British throne

1885: LaMarcus Adna Thompson patented the first rollercoaster at New York's Coney Island

1885: Prince Ito Hirobumi, a samurai, became Japan's first Prime Minister