



## Today in History

*November 21, 1916*

▲ **Emperor Franz Josef, ruler of the vast Austro-Hungarian Empire since 1848, died. His declaration of war on Serbia in 1914 helped plunge Europe into World War I**

**1620:** The Pilgrim Fathers aboard the Mayflower off Cape Cod signed a plan for governing the new American colony

**1783:** Two Frenchmen made the first successful flight in a hot air balloon, flying over Paris for 25 minutes

**2006:** Pierre Gemayel, a leading anti-Syrian Lebanese cabinet minister, was assassinated in Beirut

**2013:** NASA launched its MAVEN spacecraft to study how Mars lost its thick water-rich atmosphere