



Today in History

June 20, 1597

▲ Dutch explorer Willem Barents died after a year stranded in the Arctic on an expedition to search for the Northeast passage. The Barents Sea is named after him

1819: The Savannah became the first steamship to cross the Atlantic

1895: The Kiel Canal, the world's busiest artificial waterway, opened, linking the North Sea to the Baltic

1973: Juan Peron returned to Argentina after 18 years in exile. He was later re-elected president for a third term

2007: French government ministers were banned from using BlackBerrys over fears that the U.S. could intercept state secrets