



Today in History

July 6, 1988

▲ **The Piper Alpha oil platform exploded in the North Sea, killing 167 people. It remains the world's worst offshore accident in terms of lives lost**

1928: The first all-talking feature film, *The Lights of New York*, was premiered

2003: Ould M'Bareck, a former slave turned politician, became prime minister of Mauritania, which only abolished slavery in 1980

2013: A runaway train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in the Canadian town of Lac-Mégantic, killing 47

2016: Nintendo released its augmented reality game, *Pokémon Go*, which became an instant hit