



# Today in History

*January 23, 1719*

▲ **Liechtenstein became an independent principality within the Holy Roman Empire. It lies entirely within the Alps, bordered by Switzerland and Austria**

**1579:** The Union of Utrecht was signed, unifying the northern provinces of the Netherlands

**1849: British-born Elizabeth Blackwell qualified in the United States as the first woman doctor**

**1909:** A 7,000 mile-long telegraphic link between London and India was established

**2004: The ESA's Mars Express orbiter confirmed the presence of water ice at the south pole of Mars**