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▲ **The Leaning Tower of Pisa was closed to tourists for the first time in its 800-year history to allow work on reducing its tilt to a safer angle to get underway**

**1785:** Dr John Jeffries and Jean Pierre Blanchard made the first crossing of the English Channel in a hot-air balloon

**1830:** Mount Clare railway station, which claims to be the world's oldest, opened in the U.S. city of Baltimore

**1895:** Korea proclaimed its independence from China

**2015:** Islamist extremists attacked the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris, killing 12 people