



## Today in History

*January 29, 1886*

▲ German engineer Karl Benz patented the first successful petrol-driven motor car. It had three rubber-tyred wheels and travelled at 9.3mph

**1896:** U.S. physician Emile Grubbe became the first to use radiation treatment for breast cancer

**1996:** La Fenice, Venice's beautiful 204-year-old opera house, was gutted by fire

**1996:** President Jacques Chirac announced an end to France's underground nuclear test programme

**2011:** Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak sacked his cabinet as protests continued in Cairo's Tahrir Square