



Today in History

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▲ The first complete specimen of the extinct woolly mammoth, which died around 23,000 years ago, was dug out of the icy wastes of northern Siberia

1867: The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2m. The handover ceremony, in Sitka, is commemorated each year

1916: The Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed

1922: The British Broadcasting Company, better known as the BBC, officially came into being

1955: The first antiprotons, a new atomic subparticle, were detected