



Today in History

July 16, 1819

▲ **Madame Blanchard was the first woman to be killed in an aviation accident when fireworks ignited the gas in her balloon during an exhibition flight over Paris**

1918: Russia's last Tsar, Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra and their five children were murdered by the Bolsheviks

1945: The U.S. detonated the world's first atomic bomb, codenamed Trinity, in the New Mexico desert

2015: Japan approved a law allowing its military to participate in foreign conflicts for the first time since WWII

2018: Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Donald Trump met for their first official meeting