



Today in History

November 27, 1893

▲ A general election was held in New Zealand, the first in the world in which women were allowed to vote. Women's suffrage was granted after a 20-year campaign

1826: The first friction match was made, using a splint of wood tipped with potassium chlorate and antimony sulphide

1895: Alfred Nobel left his fortune to fund prizes for those who had "conferred the greatest benefit on mankind"

1942: The French fleet anchored in Toulon was scuttled by its own crews as German forces entered the city

2005: The first partial human face transplant was carried out in France