



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1901** – The invention of celluloid led to the manufacture of the ping-pong ball, allowing the first table tennis tournament to be held at London’s Royal Aquarium and Winter Garden.

**1911** – The expedition led by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was the first to reach the South Pole, five weeks ahead of a rival British expedition led by Robert Falcon Scott.



**1948** – The Supreme Court of Canada lifted the country’s ban on margarine that had been in place since 1886. Dairy farmers were furious, certain that butter sales would plummet due to margarine’s lower cost.

## More to Explore

Before reaching the South Pole, Amundsen accomplished what other heroic feat of exploration?

*ANSWER: In 1906, he was the first to sail the Northwest Passage.*

## Quote of the Day

“First, I have a think, and then I put a line around it.”

~ Roger Fry, on his painting technique

## Happy Birthday!

**Roger Fry** (1866–1934) was an influential English artist, writer, and art critic specializing in the Old Masters. The Londoner is best known as the art scholar who named the French Post-Impressionist genre and for raising the profile of Britain’s modern art scene. Fry was also an esteemed painter in his own right. Some of his key works include portraits of Edward Carpenter, Virginia Woolf, and Edith Sitwell. Fry was a part of the Bloomsbury Group (also called the Bloomsbury Set), a group of prominent English



artists, writers, and intellectuals including Virginia Woolf, John Maynard Keynes, and E. M. Forster.