



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

## On This Date

**1631** – Mount Vesuvius erupted in Italy. This event was less destructive than the disasters in AD 79 and 472, but was the first eruption in 500 years and destroyed six villages.

**1913** – Canadian-born silent film director Mack Sennett hired English actor Charlie Chaplin for his movie



studio Keystone Pictures. Chaplin soon created “The Tramp,” a screen persona that made him a cultural icon within a few years.

**1992** – New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island signed an agreement to build the first bridge connecting the island to the mainland. The Confederate Bridge was completed in 1997.

## Did You Know?

Mack Sennett’s Keystone Pictures Studio produced 140 “Keystone Comedies” during its first year.

## Quote of the Day

“I choose what I believe and say nothing. For I am not as simple as I may seem.”

~ *Catherine of Aragon*

## Happy Birthday!

**Catherine of Aragon** (1485–1536) was the daughter of Ferdinand and



Isabella, the Catholic monarchs of Spain. She was the princess of Wales until her teenaged husband, Arthur Tudor, died.

She then became the English ambassador of the Argonese crown, the first woman to hold the position. Soon after, Catherine became queen of England when she married Henry VIII, the brother of her late husband. The couple’s controversial divorce brought on the Reformation in England, when the Church of England split from the Catholic Church.