



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1789 – The French Revolution began with the storming of the Bastille prison. Festivities are held annually on the Champs-Élysées in Paris to mark the occasion. Not only is it a public holiday in France but the date is also celebrated in many countries throughout the world. It is considered the day freedom was born in France.

1865 – The first ascent of the Matterhorn was completed by a party of eight mountain climbers, four of whom died in the descent. It is estimated that over 500 alpinists have died on the Matterhorn since that first climb, making it one of the deadliest peaks in the world.

Volcanic Trivia

Volcanoes are aptly named after Vulcan, the ancient Roman god of fire. He was married to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.



Quote of the Day

“One feels oneself in contact with something that is infinite and one finds joy that is beyond expression in sounding the abyss of science and the secrets of the infinite mind.”

~ *Florence Bascom*

Happy Birthday!

Florence Bascom (1862–1945) was an innovative pioneer in the field of geology. Heralded as America’s first female geologist, she was the first woman to get a PhD in geology from Johns Hopkins University and the second woman to earn the degree in the United States. The daughter of a college professor and a women’s rights activist, Bascom was raised to achieve academically and enter professional life. She made important findings on erosion and volcanic rock formations and was also a teacher.

