



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1854 — The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead, England, took hold, overtaking a warehouse stocked with highly flammable materials, resulting in a colossal explosion that reigned fire, debris, and burning sulfur down on inhabitants and neighboring buildings. In the end, over 50 people were lost, over 500 were injured, and over 800 structures were destroyed.

1857 – The American Chess Association held its first national tournament in New York City.

1889 – Thomas Edison showed his first motion picture using a kinoscope, or peephole viewer.

1893 – Millers in North Dakota created Cream of Wheat, a hot cereal, to profit from a wheat byproduct. The name was chosen because their product was white in color.

Fun Fact

In a Greek wedding tradition, the bride writes the names of her single female friends on the sole of her shoe. After the traditional wedding dance, the shoe is examined, and those whose names have worn off are said to be next in line for the altar.

Quote of the Day

“I have brightness in my soul,
which strains toward heaven.
I am like a bird!”

~ *Jenny Lind*

Happy Birthday!

Jenny Lind (1820–1887) was a Swedish opera singer who was born Johanna Maria Lind. Her angelic voice earned her the moniker “the Swedish Nightingale.” Lind headlined operas across Europe in the 1840s. She then undertook a popular American concert tour (spurring what newspapers at the time called “Lind Mania”) in collaboration with P. T. Barnum over the following decade. She donated much of the fortune she amassed to fund public education in Sweden. Eventually, she settled in London, where she raised three children with her husband, Otto Goldschmidt.

