



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1812 – French Emperor Napoleon’s Grande Armée began its ill-fated invasion of Russia. About 80% of Napoleon’s force of 500,000 men died during the invasion and subsequent retreat.

1873 – Samuel Clemens, also known as Mark Twain, received a patent for a self-pasting scrapbook. His innovation was to coat the pages with a dried paste that would later be moistened to hold the pictures.

1880 – In Quebec City, Calixa Lavallée first performed his song “O Canada” at a Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day banquet. The lyrics, by Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier, were at the time only in French.

Daily Trivia

Ambrose Bierce was the 10th of 13 children whose father gave all of them names beginning with the letter *A*. In order of birth, the Bierce siblings were: Abigail, Amelia, Ann, Addison, Aurelius, Augustus, Almeda, Andrew, Albert, Ambrose, Arthur, Adelia, and Aurelia.

Humor of the Day

“Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.”

~ *Ambrose Bierce*

Happy Birthday!

Ambrose Bierce (1842–1914?) was a journalist, short story writer, and Civil War veteran. His parents were



a poor but literary couple who instilled in him a deep love for books and writing. Bierce is probably best known for his much-quoted book

The Devil’s Dictionary. His short stories are considered among the best of the 19th century. Several are based on his Civil War experiences, such as “An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge.” Bierce vanished without a trace in 1913 while reporting on the Mexican Revolution.