

Today in History, April 9

By [The Moscow Times](#)

April 09, 2013



Photo: With this check, the U.S. paid less than 2 cents per acre for the purchase of Alaska.

146 years ago today, on April 9, 1867, the U.S. Senate passed by a single vote a treaty with Russia to buy Alaska for \$7.2 million. Moscow, which wanted to sell the territory, fearing it might lose it in a war with Britain, went on to regret the sale after the Americans found gold there, and many Russians today believe that Alaska rightfully should belong to Russia.

Original url: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2013/04/09/today-in-history-april-9-23075-a23075>