

## Today in History, Oct. 18

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A picture of the cheque used to close the deal to buy Alaska from Russia.

146 years ago today, on Oct. 18, 1867, the U.S. bought Alaska from Russia. The land was sold for \$7.2 million and the U.S. flag was raised for the first time over the city of Sitka, formerly Novoarkhangelsk.

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