

Today in History, Nov. 19

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Painting depicting the 1824 flood in St. Petersburg **Unknown**

189 years ago today, on Nov. 19, 1824, St. Petersburg experienced its most catastrophic flood to date. Heavy rainfall caused the Neva River and surrounding canals to overflow their banks, flooding the entire city by more than a meter and destroying much of its infrastructure.

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