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A street light during snowfall.

283 years ago today, on Nov. 27, 1730, the Senate issued a decree on the need for street lighting during Winter in Moscow, which kick-started the installation of permanent glass lanterns in the city. The treasury paid for the lights, but their upkeep was the responsibility of ordinary Muscovites. Those who lived on streets that were to get lights, but had not yet done so, had to keep two to four candles lit on their windowsills.

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