

Today in History, Dec. 17

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A watercolor of the fire in the Winter Palace by Boris Green.

176 years ago today, on Dec. 17, 1837, the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg caught fire and burned for three days. Thirty guards died in the inferno and it took more than two years to repair the damage.

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