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NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1908

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Sullivan Smoking Act Passed In New York; Bans Women Smoking

PRES. ROOSEVELT NOTES BIRTH OF BLAKE DAY



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Blake Day on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1908.

The White House sent a bouquet of carnations, the flower for the month of January, to the family.

Celebrities Share Jan 1st Birthday

January 1st seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Xavier Cugat, Dana Andrews, Don Novello, Frank Langella, Nancy Lopez, and Paul Revere.

It's interesting to note that as of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, Blake will have been alive for 36,891 days!

Cubs Win 1908 World Series

CHICAGO - It was celebration time in Chicago as the Cubs captured the 1908 world title. It was a hard loss for the Detroit Tigers of the American League, as the National League team took the series four games to one.



Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$4,070.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that sixteen cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that twenty-one cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$563.00, many members of the House felt that five cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to nineteen cents, he said that the American public had, in 1908, more buying power than ever before.



NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1908

- USA Severs Relations With Venezuela
- Earthquake Kills 150,000 In Sicily
- Portugal's King Carlos Assassinated
- Bulgaria Becomes Independent Of Turkey
- Britain & German Relations Deteriorate

Chinese Celebrate Year of the Sheep

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Blake Day might be a cause for great joy in the Chinese community.

After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar year of 4,575, the year of the Sheep, a very auspicious year! Persons born in this year are said to be elegant, creative and timid.

Today's fortune cookie says, "Keep Your Secrets Better!"



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '08

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "She Sells Sea Shells," and "Are You Sincere?," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "I Remember You," or stop humming, "Take Your Girl To The Ball Game," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1908 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Astronomers Note New Moon

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY - Heralding the birth of Blake Day was the new moon. Because Blake was also born during the month of January, this moon is also known as a so-called "Wolf Moon".

Today, Wednesday, the Moon's unilluminated side is facing the Earth. The Moon is not visible (except during a solar eclipse). The lighted side of the Moon faces away from the Earth. This means that the Sun, Earth, and Moon are almost in a straight line, with the Moon in between the Sun and the Earth. The Moon that we see looks very dark.