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1861 Missouri politicians met to consider emergency procedures in the face of the outbreak of fighting. Though it had no authority to do so, the convention declared the top state offices to be vacant. (Governor Claiborne Jackson was fighting against the union) The convention set up a provisional government that helped Missouri survive the war.

1867 The first big baseball game between a St. Louis team and an Eastern club was played at the Union Club's grounds on Grand near Morgan. The Washington Nationals beat the Unions 113 to 26! Each member of the Washington team scored at least ten runs.

1877 The great railroad strike spread to East St. Louis. Workers took over the railyards and the streets. The next day, the great excitement swept the city, as a general strike spread to St. Louis. For several days, the strikers ruled the streets, led by a socialist organization. Business ground to a halt. But the authorities waited until things cooled down to march on the strike headquarters. There was no violence and the workers returned having gained nothing.

1883 Ralph Clayton died at the age of 95. He had donated 100 acres of land to the county as the site for a new courthouse--100 Acres of what is now prime real estate in the city that bears his name. Clayton was married to Rosanna McCausland, whose family owned a large farm west of the Clayton family land.

1893 Jesse "Pop" Haines was born in Clayton, Ohio. Haines pitched for the Cardinals from 1920 to 1937, winning 218 games. On July 17, 1924, he threw the first no-hitter in Cardinal history. Pop won two games in the 1926 World Series. Haines still ranks number two on the all-time Cardinal win list, behind only to Bob Gibson. He was named to the Hall of Fame in 1970.

1909 The largest pipe organ in the world was sold by Eugene Handlan of St. Louis to John Wannamaker of Philadelphia. The organ had been displayed at Festival Hall on Art Hill during the fair, then stored in a warehouse. Wannamaker installed the organ in his department store. You can still here in the Grand Court of what is now a Lord and Taylor store.

1922 The Cardinals moved into first place with a win over Boston. It marked the first time that both St. Louis teams had been in first at the same time. The Cards and the Browns would not win a pennant in the same season until 1944. (That was the only time the Browns won a pennant)

1925 Federal agents and St. Louis Police arrested 179 people in a sweep of hidden stills and speakeasies. The *Post-Dispatch* reported that Jennie Buttee of 5115 Daggett told police that she didn't know anything at all about the 5,000 gallons of mash stashed away in a sub basement at her home.

1928 The Lewis Bridge over the Missouri and the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi at Alton were opened to traffic. The bridge owners touted their span as the safest way to travel to St. Louis, since it eliminated several railroad and grade crossings.

1930 The St. Louis Police Department announced its new radio system was ready to begin operations. Seventy cars were equipped with radios, the largest fleet in the nation. The chief warned short wave owners it was illegal to divulge any police messages they received.

1947 The St. Louis Chamber of Commerce announced plans for a world's fair in 1953-54 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. The fair was expected to cost \$53 million and draw 39 million visitors.

1951 The Mississippi River here crested at the highest level since 1844. The flood was already blamed for \$1 million in damage. A large crude oil pipeline had ruptured in St. Charles County. The spreading oil slick had officials concerned about the possibility of fire.

1959 It was reported that east side rackets kingpin Frank "Buster" Wortman had moved from his digs at an East St. Louis hotel. Wortman moved into a home southwest of Collinsville that was surrounded by a moat.

1964 Eleven civil rights demonstrators were arrested after they refused to leave the Old Courthouse at closing time. The Congress of Racial Equality had organized the protests over alleged discrimination in hiring practices at the Arch construction site. A few days earlier, two demonstrators had climbed the Arch.

1968 Cardinals great Joe "Ducky" Medwick was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Medwick had a lifetime average of .324 and won the Triple Crown in 1937. But he is best remembered for being taken out of game seven of the 1934 World Series for his own protection. Tiger fans pelted him with debris when he returned to his position after sliding hard into the Tiger third baseman, Marv Owen.

1972 Government and business leaders on both sides of the Missouri were organizing a campaign to speed construction of a new bridge at St. Charles. At least 60,000 cars were crossing the bridge each day, more than 12,000 over capacity. The group wanted the state to move the bridge project up from 1980 to 1976.

1979 Football Cardinal tight end J.V. Cain died of a heart attack on his 28th birthday. He collapsed during a practice at Lindenwood College. Along with Mel Gray, Cain was a favorite target for quarterback Jim Hart during the "Cardiac Cardinals" days of the mid-70's. The team retired his number 88.

1982 Ronald Reagan made his first visit to St. Louis as president. At Mathews-Dickey Boys Club, Reagan praised the organization as an example of how the private sector

could help the disadvantaged. Reagan presented the Presidential Citizens Award to co-founders Martin L. Mathews and Hubert "Dickey" Ballantine.

1989 The "Red Head," Red Scheondienst, was among several players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

1992 Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton ended his 1200 mile bus caravan with a noon-time rally here. An estimated 30,000 people waited in the sweltering heat 40 minutes past the scheduled start time to hear Clinton and V.P. candidate Al Gore.