

June 9

1837 Huge crowds greeted statesman Daniel Webster as he arrived aboard the *Robert Morris*. City leaders chartered the boat to meet the Webster family at Jefferson Barracks and take them on a tour of the riverfront. Webster made a speech at the National Hotel, now the site of One Memorial Drive, home of KMOX and KMOV.

1874 A three-car St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute passenger train became the first to use the new Eads Bridge and the tunnel beneath downtown St. Louis. (Today, the tunnel carries Metro trains) General William T. Sherman drove the last spoke for the railroad tracks on the bridge. The bridge was actually dedicated on July 4, 1874.

1876 *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain was released in England. Bootleg copies appeared in the U.S., but it would be nearly a year before the book was officially released in the states. The cheap bootlegs hurt sales. Fewer than 25,000 legitimate copies were sold in the first year. Sales picked up in 1885, when *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was released with the subtitle *Tom Sawyer's Comrade*.

1904 The massive in Festival Hall at the World's Fair was dedicated. The organ had 10,159 pipes and could create 17,179,868,183 different tonal combinations. Philadelphia department store magnate John Wanamaker bought it after the fair. It took 13 train cars to transport the organ, which was dedicated on June 22, 1911. The organ is still the largest in the world. You can still hear it in the Grand Court of Wanamaker's. (Now Lord and Taylor)

1911 Carry Amelia Moore died in Leavenworth, Kansas. "Carrie Nation" lived for a time in Belton, Missouri, where she married a physician who later died of alcoholism. She came to St. Louis in 1901 to change trains at Union Station. Cops had to stop her from busting up a saloon on Market. In 1904, she spoke at a revival in St. Louis, denouncing the World's Fair as "the Devil's carnival."

1927 A special committee announced plans for a three-day celebration to welcome Charles Lindbergh when he arrived back in St. Louis on June 17th. The plans called for a parade from Forest Park to downtown. Lindy was also scheduled to attend the Cardinals game on the 18th and help raise the 1926 championship flag. It would all wrap up with a huge celebration in Forest Park on the 19th.

1927 KSD announced it would be part of a link-up of 57 N-B-C stations forming a "network" to carry an eleven-hour program covering Lindbergh's arrival in Washington on June 11th. It marked the first time so many stations had been linked to carry such a lengthy program.

1931 A group of 70 residents protested the announcement by the Missouri Highway Commission of a new super highway from the county to the city limits. The plans called for the highway to roughly follow the routes of Clayton and Conway Roads. The residents asked officials to consider a plan that would not affect so many fine homes.

1939 The city of Overland was incorporated. Overland is named for the Overland Trail. Originally, the town was to have been named Ritenour City, after a local landowner.

1947 Red Scheondienst set a National League record for futility. Red went 0-for-12 as the Cardinals split a double header in Philadelphia.

1950 St. Louis welcomed President Harry Truman. He was here for a reunion of his old World War One outfit, the 35th Division. He attended a reception at the Busch Estate at Grant's Farm. The following day, he led the 35th in a parade through downtown.

1956 McDonnell Aircraft announced that their work force had reached a new high of 16,000. Payroll was put at a record \$1.7 million per week, the largest in the state. Company officials reported a backlog of Air Force and Navy and Air Force orders totalling \$627million.

1965 It appeared as if the Arch might not be finished in time, due to a shortage of electricians. The *Globe-Democrat* reported that nearly all of the electricians had quit. They complained of claustrophobia and a tilting sensation after working for hours inside the curving legs.

1980 Whitey Herzog was named manager of the Cardinals, replacing Kenny Boyer. Under the "White Rat," the Kansas City Royals had won three consecutive AL West Titles from 1976-78. Herzog would also take over the General Manager position in August 1980. Herzog managed the Cardinals to three pennants and one World Championship in his ten years behind the bench. He resigned in disgust in 1990, with the Birds mired in last place.