

November 25

1820 Governor Alexander McNair signed a bill making St. Charles the capitol of Missouri upon admission to the union. On June 4, 1821, legislators met for the first time on the second floor of adjoining buildings at 206 Main. Charles and Ruluff Peck ran a dry goods store on the first floor of their building. Chauncy Shepard ran a carpentry shop on the first floor of the other. The capitol moved to Jefferson City in 1826.

1828 At the request of Bishop Joseph Rosati, the Sisters of Charity arrived in St. Louis to staff the first hospital west of the Mississippi. John Mullanphy donated a tract of land at Fourth and Spruce for the building.

1844 Carry Amelia Moore Nation was born. She settled near Belton, Missouri in 1855. In 1877, she left her drunken husband, who later died of alcoholism. She found her calling speaking out against the evils of drink and smashed up her first Kansas saloon in 1900. During a 1901 visit here, she boldly yanked cigarettes from the mouths of smokers at Union Station. Police prevented her from smashing up the Carrie Nation Saloon on Market Street. She returned here in 1904, blasting the World's Fair as a tool of the devil.

1863 Governor Thomas Fletcher called out the militia to search for Missouri's most notorious outlaw. Samuel Hildebrand and his men had recently plundered Farmington and were responsible for at least 30 murders. Hildebrand turned bushwacker after Union vigilantes murdered his brother. He continued killing after the war before he was finally shot to death at Pinkneyville, Illinois in 1872.

1871 Businessmen launched a movement to build a magnificent new Merchant's Exchange on the block bounded by Pine, Chestnut, Third and Fourth Streets. Built at a cost of \$1.5 million, it was torn down to make room for Interstate 70.

1884 Swiss-born scientist John B. Meyenberg of Highland, Illinois received a patent for evaporated milk. He came to Highland because many Swiss dairy farmers had settled. Meyenberg convinced 66 of them to buy shares in the new Helvetia Milk Company. By 1895, Helvetia's top selling product was named "Our Pet" Milk. The company grew into today's Pet Incorporated.

1893 The massive train shed at Union Station was completed. At the time, it was the largest in the world. It covers almost ten acres.

1927 The biggest crowd to see a football game here to that date saw the resumption of competition between St. Louis University and Washington University at Sportsmen's Park. Over 19,000 fans came out. The rivalry had been broken off because of bad feelings between the student bodies following a scoreless tie in 1921.

1927 The *Globe-Democrat* reported that T.S. Eliot, the grandson of the founder of Washington University, had renounced his American Citizenship and had become a British subject.

1947 Sam Breadon sold the Cardinals to Postmaster Robert Hannegan and Fred Saigh. For \$4 million, the new owners got the club, 16 minor league franchises, and the lease on Sportsmen's Park.

1954 The Missouri Tigers came to television for the first time. ABC TV carried the action as Mizzou lost to Maryland, 74-13.

1959 City officials announced that the landmark Grand Avenue viaduct over the Mill Creek Rail yards would be torn down. It was replaced with a generic looking six-lane structure. The end of the viaduct also spelled doom for the Grand Avenue streetcars.

1963 At the hour of president Kennedy's funeral in Washington D.C. the city and county of St. Louis came to a standstill. Buses and streetcars were halted for one minute in tribute. Public and parochial schools were closed. The major department stores closed until after the funeral.

1966 Mark Whiten was born in Pensacola, Florida. On September 7, 1993 in Cincinnati Whiten slugged four home runs and drove in 12 in the second game of a doubleheader. Sunny Jim Bottomley of the Cardinals is the only other Major League player to drive in 12 runs in one game. He did it in 1924. Whiten is the only Cardinal to hit four home runs in a game.

1987 The movie *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, starring John Candy and Steve Martin premiered. Much of the film was shot in and around Lambert Field. In one scene, their characters are supposedly driving from Jefferson City to St. Louis. But the shot shows them crossing into St. Louis from Illinois. It also takes the pair two days to drive from St. Louis to Chicago. That's a five-hour drive - tops.

1994 A pilot landed his small airplane on I-55 about a mile north of Lindbergh. The maneuver jammed traffic, but no one was injured. The pilot reported engine trouble on take-off from Parks Airport in Cahokia.