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1820 Alexander McNair was inaugurated as the first Governor of Missouri at the Missouri Hotel. William Ashley was named first lieutenant governor and John Scott became the first representative in Congress. The first state General Assembly was meeting in St. Louis to begin the process of getting the state ready to join the union. For the next ten months, Missouri had a government not yet officially recognized by the federal government.

1864 A force of 12,000 rebels led by Sterling Price entered southwest Missouri and marched toward St. Louis. Price's army was made up of untested soldiers, and as many as ¼ had no weapons at all. He hoped to seize more weapons from the Arsenal here. When his spies informed him that reinforcements had been rushed to St. Louis, Price headed toward Fort Davidson, near Pilot Knob.

1883 A St. Louis barber was acquitted in what was considered to be a landmark case. Ignatz Scherringer was charged with violating the law banning unnecessary necessary labor on Sunday. The jury took five minutes to decide that shaving was just as necessary on Sunday as any other day of the week.

1895 A St. Louis commission denounced the practice of confining children accused of crimes with the adult population at the city jail. Currently, there were ten boys between the ages of nine and 13 charged with petty larceny in the jail.

1902 The area was experiencing a shortage of horses and mules because of World's Fair construction and a crash program of road building and repair because of the fair. Mules were going for up to \$190 each, with draft horses fetching about \$185. Teamsters could demand \$5 dollars per day, up from \$3.50 a year earlier.

1903 The Missouri Athletic Club opened at Fourth and Washington in the Boatmen's Bank Building. It boasted a swimming pool in the basement, considered an engineering marvel. The building was the site of the deadliest fire in St. Louis history in 1914. The current MAC building on the site opened in 1916.

1934 Bruno Richard Hauptmann was arrested and charged with the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby. No witnesses were ever found to link him to the crime. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and died in the electric chair at the New Jersey State Prison in Trenton on April 3, 1936.

1934 - Jay Randolph was born. The son of US Senator from West Virginia Jennings Randolph, Jay came to St. Louis to work at KMOX in 1966. He served as sports director for KSD-TV Channel 5 from 1967-88 and became a staple on Cardinal broadcasts..

1938 The radio station owned by the *St. Louis Star-Times* newspaper signed on the air. At the time, KXOK was at 1250 AM. It moved to the familiar 630 dial position in 1940.

1949 A \$100 million plan for development of the development of the Meramec River Basin for recreation was unveiled. Planners assumed that three dams recommended by army engineers would be built. Congress had already approved them. For the next 28 years, a battle would rage over the Meramec Basin.

1976 Democratic presidential nominee, Jimmy Carter, was in St. Louis, one day after the notorious *Playboy* interview hit the stands where he admitted "lusting in his heart." He appeared at the Bevo Day celebration, where his reception was described as "polite." His campaign appeared to be in deep trouble.

1986 Two St. Louis businessmen who had bought the *Globe-Democrat* said they would shut the paper down unless the State Supreme Court approved a new form of state-backed industrial bonds to build a new printing plant. When the court refused to hear a friendly lawsuit in the case, the *Globe* was doomed.

1998 Helicopter traffic reporter Alan Barklage was fatally injured in the crash of his experimental helicopter at Parks Airport in Cahokia. Barklage reported traffic for KSDK TV and KEZK FM. He was famous for his on-air aerial rescues. He also shot a woman to death when she tried to hijack his helicopter to break her boyfriend out of prison.

2001 Albert Pujols of the Cardinals set a new National League rookie record for RBIs in a season. Albert drove in three runs as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-2, giving him 120 RBI's. Wally Berger of the Boston Braves set the old record in 1930.

2003 The United Auto Workers announced agreement on a four-year contract for workers at the Hazelwood plant. The deal would keep the plant open until at least September 2007. Early in 2003, Ford had announced plans to close the plant by 2005.

2006 Five days after she was kidnapped, newborn Abigail Woods of Lonedell was found alive. Shannon Beck, who lived near Abbie's family, was accused of kidnapping the baby and trying to pass the infant off as her own.