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## From today's featured article



**Vardar** was the eventual name of a [Sava-class river monitor](#), originally built for the [Austro-Hungarian Navy](#) as *SMS Bosna*, that went into service on 9 July 1915. During [World War I](#) she fought the [Serbian Army](#), the [Romanian Navy and Army](#), and the [French Army](#). After briefly serving with the [Hungarian People's Republic](#) at the end of the war, she was transferred to the newly created [Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes](#) (later [Yugoslavia](#)), and renamed *Vardar*. She remained in service throughout the interwar period. During the first few days of the [German-led Axis invasion of Yugoslavia](#) in April 1941, she laid mines in the [Danube](#) near the [Romanian](#) border as the flagship of the 1st Monitor Division. She fought off several attacks by the *Luftwaffe*, but was forced to withdraw to [Belgrade](#). Due to high river levels and low bridges, navigation became difficult, and she was scuttled on 11 April by her crew, who were later killed or captured. ([Full article...](#))

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## Did you know...

- ... that ***Hypericum olympicum*** (*pictured*), an [Award of Garden Merit](#) winner, is toxic to dogs, cats, and horses?
- ... that **Isabelle Story**, a member of [Eleanor Roosevelt's](#) press corps, published a weekly column called "Chatting With The First Lady"?
- ... that [Newcastle Falcons](#) were relegated to play in the **2019–20 RFU Championship** after the [RFU](#) rejected a plan to expand [Premiership Rugby](#)?
- ... that **Wang Xiji**, chief designer of China's first [space launch vehicle](#) and recoverable satellites, advocated the construction of a solar power station 36,000 km (22,000 mi) above Earth?
- ... that abnormal structures inside white blood cells called **critical green inclusions** can indicate



*Hypericum olympicum* flower

## In the news

- In [association football](#), the **FIFA Women's World Cup** concludes with the [United States](#) (*Golden Ball* winner *Megan Rapinoe* pictured) defeating the [Netherlands](#) in the **final**.
- The **African Continental Free Trade Agreement** becomes operational.
- [Iran](#) announces an increase in [uranium enrichment](#) beyond the limit set in the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action**.
- **An airstrike on a migrant center** outside [Tripoli](#), [Libya](#), kills at least 53 people and injures 130 others.



Megan Rapinoe

**Ongoing:** [Cricket World Cup](#) · [Hong Kong protests](#)

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## On this day

**July 9:** Independence Day in [Argentina](#) (1816)

- 869 – **An earthquake and subsequent tsunami** struck the area around [Sendai](#), [Japan](#), leaving sand deposits up to 4 km (2.5 mi) inland.
- 1701 – The **Battle of Carpi**, the first battle of the [War of the Spanish Succession](#), took place near [Legnago](#), [Italy](#).
- 1790 – [Russo-Swedish War](#): During the **Second Battle of Svenskund** in the [Baltic Sea](#), the [Swedish Navy](#) captured one third of the [Russian fleet](#).
- 1962 – The [United States](#) conducted the **Starfish Prime** high-altitude nuclear test,



Donkey Kong arcade game

impending death?

- ... that after leaving Nauvoo, Illinois, **John Lyman Smith** traveled with the Mormon pioneers in 1847 to the Salt Lake Valley, where he became a Utah Territory politician?
- ... that the **Occupation of Ma'an** has been called "one of the most confused chapters" of Jordan's history?
- ... that pool player **David Alcaide** became the Spanish national eight-ball champion at age 14?

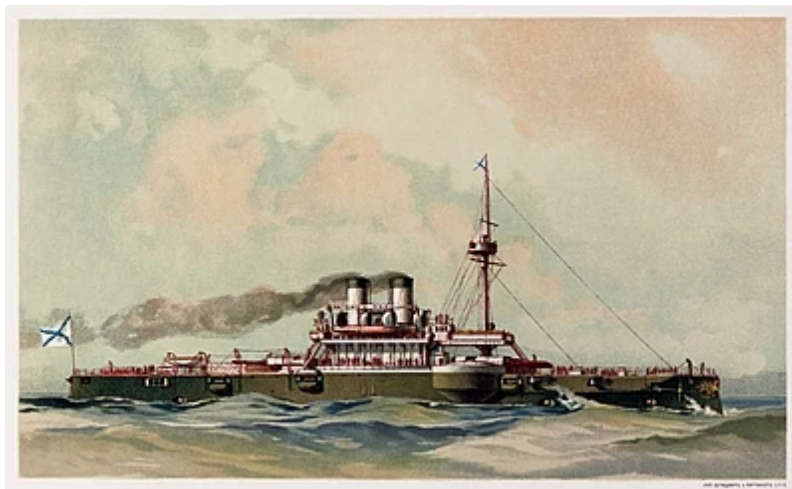
the largest nuclear explosion in outer space.

- 1981 – Nintendo released the arcade game ***Donkey Kong*** (*pictured*), which featured the debut of **Mario**, one of the most famous characters in video game history.

**Ann Radcliffe** (b. 1764) · **Clarence Campbell** (b. 1905) · **Shin Jae-chul** (d. 2012)

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## Today's featured picture



**Chesma** (Russian: Чесма, also transliterated *Tchésma*) was the second ship of the *Ekaterina II*-class battleships built for the Imperial Russian Navy in the 1880s. Named after the Russian victory at the Battle of Chesma in 1770, she was built by the Russian Steam Navigation Company at Sevastopol. When the ship was completed, she proved to be very overweight, which meant that much of her waterline armor belt was submerged. She served in the Black Sea Fleet until she was turned over to the Sevastopol port authorities and decommissioned in 1907.

This picture is a chromolithograph print of *Chesma*, dated 1892; it is now in the collection of the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

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