On This Date

1866 – A British soldier, Private Timothy O’Hea, entered a burning Grand Trunk Railway boxcar, ripped the lids from munitions boxes, and doused the flames with buckets of water. He became the only person to earn the Victoria Cross for an incident in Canada.

1905 – Albert Einstein’s analysis of quantum theory and its application to light was published. The article won Einstein a Nobel Prize.

1984 – A fleet of tall ships arrived at Halifax to begin the celebration of the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier’s discovery of Quebec. The fleet visited several Canadian cities before arriving at Quebec.

Daily Quiz

Q: How many of the 20 highest peaks in the world are in North America?

A: None. All of the 20 highest peaks in the world are in the Himalayas in Asia.

Quote of the Day

“One’s dignity may be assaulted, vandalized, and cruelly mocked, but cannot be taken away unless it is surrendered.”

~ Michael J. Fox

Happy Birthday!

Michael J. Fox, born in 1961, is a beloved Canadian American actor, author, and activist. Fox found fame in the early 1980s with his role of Alex P. Keaton on NBC’s hugely popular sitcom Family Ties. Fox then reached superstar status with his portrayal of the loveable Marty McFly in the Back to the Future film series. He’s married to actress Tracy Pollan, who played his girlfriend on Family Ties. The couple have four children. In 1991, Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, and has become a committed advocate for finding a cure.