On This Date

1772 – Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle wrote “La Marseillaise,” the French national anthem. The original name of this beautiful song was “Chant de guerre pour l’armée du Rhin” (Marching Song of the Rhine Army).

1830 – Catholics on Prince Edward Island were granted the right to vote with the passage of the Catholic Emancipation Act.

1910 – Theodore Roosevelt made his “The Man in the Arena” speech honoring those who are involved in dangerous situations (as opposed to “those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat”).

Celebrity Trivia

Q: Because of a contract dispute, Shirley Temple missed out on starring in what famous film?

A: *The Wizard of Oz*. In 1939, the part was given to Judy Garland because 20th Century Fox refused to lend Shirley to MGM.

Quote of the Day

“Any star can be devoured by human adoration, sparkle by sparkle.”

~ Shirley Temple Black

Happy Birthday!

Shirley Temple Black (1928–2014), was probably the most famous child actress ever. She began working at age three and had made 20 films by age six. She was voted the number one box office star in 1935. Black was appointed as U.S. delegate to the United Nations in 1967 by President Nixon and served as U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia. In 1972, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and became the first celebrity to publicly discuss having a mastectomy.