

WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS GOING ON IN 1818?



James Monroe was President; Daniel D. Tompkins was Vice-President

- **Jan 1** Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus" is published anonymously by a small London publishing house
- **Feb 12** Chile gains independence from Spain
- **Feb 17** Baron Karl von Drais de Sauerbrun patents the "draisine" (early bicycle)
- **Apr 4** Congress decides on the US flag: 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars
- **Apr 16** Senate ratifies Rush-Bagot amendment (unarmed US-Canada border)
- **Apr 28** US President James Monroe proclaims naval disarmament on Great Lakes and Lake Champlain
- **May 24** General Andrew Jackson captures Pensacola, Florida
- **May 28** First steam vessel to sail Great Lakes launched
- **Oct 19** US Government and Chickasaw Indians sign a treaty giving us modern-day western Tennessee and southwestern Kentucky
- **Oct 20** The Treaty of 1818 between the U.S. and the United Kingdom establishes the boundary between the U. S. and Canada as the 49th parallel, also creating the Northwest Angle
- **Oct 24** Felix Mendelssohn, age 9, performs his first public concert in Berlin
- **Dec 3** Illinois becomes the 21st state
- **Dec 13** Mary Todd Lincoln, who would become First Lady of the United States, is born (died in 1882)
- **Dec 24** First known Christmas carol "Silent Night" ("Stille Nacht") composed by Franz Xaver Gruber is first sung at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, Austria
- **Dec 25** Handel's Messiah premieres in the US in Boston



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