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### From today's featured article



Portrait of B. Max Mehl.

**B. Max Mehl** (1884–1957) was a prominent coin dealer in the U.S. for more than 50 years. He was born in **Congress Poland**, which was then part of **Imperial Russia**, but his family moved to present-day Lithuania, and then to the U.S.; Mehl lived in **Fort Worth** for most of his life. He started selling coins as a teenager, and joined the **American Numismatic Association** aged 18. By 1910 he was one of the most prominent dealers in the U.S. His customers included **Franklin D. Roosevelt** and **Winston Churchill**. He auctioned coins from the collections of prominent **numismatists**, and he was the first dealer to advertise in non-specialist publications, helping to broaden the hobby's appeal. To generate interest and sell his books, he offered to buy a **1913 Liberty Head nickel** for \$50, knowing there were none in circulation. His great auction sales were in the 1940s, but he later became less active, dying in 1957. He was elected to the Numismatic Hall of Fame in 1974, and the CoinFacts Dealer Hall of Fame in 2010. **(Full article...)**

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- ... that the keepers of **Carl Griffith's sourdough starter** (*loaf pictured*), which traveled the **Oregon Trail** in 1847, are sworn to keep no other sourdough starter in their homes?
- ... that reviewers wondered whether there were so many facts in ***The Shorter Cambridge Medieval History*** that it had become chronicle rather than history?
- ... that ***The Occupation of the American Mind*** sought to explore the United States' steadfast support for Israel in the face of the latter's controversial actions?
- ... that **Gustav Mahler's Fourth Symphony** was premiered to boos, anger, and confusion in the audience?
- ... that the police officers who **murdered Jared Lakey** on July 4, 2019, shocked him more than 50 times with **tasers** even though he was unarmed and not combative?
- ... that ***My Child Lebensborn*** was among the first wave of video games that were **allowed to show the swastika in Germany**?
- ... that the **1967 Fairmont State Falcons** won West Virginia's first national title in **football**?
- ... that rather than the usual supplies of ammunition, a bored British commander used a **Popham panel** to request the actress **Mae West**?

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Loaf of bread baked with Carl Griffith's sourdough starter

### In the news

- The **Double Asteroid**



Artist's impression of the DART mission approaching Dimorphos

- Redirection Test** (DART) mission is launched to attempt to deflect the course of the asteroid **Dimorphos** (*illustrated*).
- Magdalena Andersson** resigns shortly after being elected as the first female prime minister of Sweden.
- At least 46 people are killed in a **bus crash and fire** near **Bosnek**, Bulgaria.
- Abdalla Hamdok** is reinstated as **Prime Minister of Sudan** in an agreement following the **October coup**.

**Ongoing:** COVID-19 pandemic  
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### On this day

**November 25: Evacuation Day** in New York City (1783); **Thanksgiving** in the United States (2021)

- 1510** – Afonso de Albuquerque, the governor of **Portuguese India**, led an armada to **conquer Goa**.
- 1678** – **Trunajaya rebellion**: After a series of difficult marches, allied **Mataram** and **Dutch** troops **successfully assaulted** the rebel stronghold of **Kediri** in eastern **Java**.
- 1936** – Nazi Germany and the Empire of Japan signed the **Anti-Comintern Pact**, agreeing that, if the Soviet Union attacked one of them, they would consult each other on what measures to take to "safeguard their common interests".
- 1975** – Upon Suriname's independence from the Netherlands, **Johan Ferrier** (*pictured*) became its **first president**.



Johan Ferrier

**Johann Georg Pisendel** (d. 1755) · **Maurice Denis** (b. 1870) · **John F. Kennedy Jr.** (b. 1960)

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Other issues: **Colony of Connecticut** · **Delaware Colony** · **State of Georgia** · **Province of Maryland** · **Province of Massachusetts Bay** · **State of New Hampshire** · **Colony of New Jersey** · **Colony of New York** · **Province of North Carolina** · **Province of Pennsylvania** · **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations** · **State of South Carolina** · **Colony of Virginia**

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