Some Eventful Highlights of AP’s First Century

(One hundred years ago, the Associated Press came into being. Here are some of the most memorable events in which the world’s foremost news organization has figured.)

By the Associated Press

David Sarnoff, inventor of the radio, is shown in New York City’s days of the early phonograph, as he begins his work on the subject of wireless telegraphy. He was later to become the founder of the radio industry and the inventor of many other electrical devices.

A century later, men of the modern Associated Press trace the walls of the New York Times’ office to see the birth of the wire service. In 1892, two brothers, Joseph and Horace, started the Associated Press.

End of a War... Beginning of an Era

It is April 1945, and an anonymous Associated Press Branch office sends a story of the victory of Allied forces in the war against Japan. The Associated Press is now a worldwide network of news bureaus, with offices in more than 100 countries.

Death of a Man... Birth of a Phrase

It is a quiet evening. AP reporter Harold F. Reed is in his apartment in New York when a call comes in from a correspondent in London. The correspondent has just arrived at the office of the Associated Press and is reporting a story of the death of a man named John, who was a member of the Associated Press.

Rush of Flood Waters... Woman Above Empire

A 75-foot wall of water, the highest ever recorded, swept through San Francisco in 1906, killing over 3,000 people and destroying much of the city. The Associated Press covered the story, and the phrase “Great San Francisco earthquake” was coined.

Death of a Pope... SOS Sent by Titanic

In the breathless hours of November 1912, Leo XIII, the Pope, died. The Associated Press was there to cover the story, and the world was shocked.

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