

exposition, to be opened Labor day in Denver. As the acceptance of the in-vitation would mean an abandonment of Mr. Taft's present plan to conduct his personal campaign without travel, his regrets were sent. Three baby "William Howard Tafts" have appeared in New York. Indiana and Illinois, according to letters from the parents to the candidate. Each baby will get an autograph letter from the original bearer of the name, and perhaps something besides. The Hoosier Taft was born while the Re-publican nominee was delivering his speech of acceptance. The parents of the Illinois William Howard chose the name nearly a year ago, but not for political reasons, as their statement is that the boy weighed 25¼ pounds is that the boy weighed  $25\frac{1}{4}$  pounds at birth.

TERRIFIC THUNDER STORMS. Vienna, July 31.—A series of ter-rific thunder and rain storms have caused destruction and heavy loss of life in Austrian Tyrol. The Bukowina district and the Siller valley suffered especially. Corpses are floating down the streams, and houses and stock have been washed away. The death roll in Bukowina is said to be 50, while in the Siller valley upwards of 20 persons have lost their lives. The village of Mehrn near Brixlegg has been overwhelmed by a landslide and 16 persons are reported to have been killed.

is that the boy weighed 25¼ pounds at birth. The New York baby is credited with the real "Taft smile." His father a **pharmacist** writes: "From the way the youngster smiles every time I ask him if the Republican party is going to win I feel sure you will be our next president." New Taft clubs were reported from New York City Philadelphia Beau-mont Cal; Kendalville Ind.; Knox-ville Tenn. (colored); East Grange, N. J.; Middletown O; Lanesboro, Minn.; West Milton, Pa.; Phoebus, Va.; Cinicnnatl and Woodstock, Va. This disdatch from Samuel P. Pow-ers, president of the Middlesex club of Boston, was received today: "Sitting by the shore of the loud resounding sea, the Middlesex club to-day at its annual holiday banquet sends you assurance of its affectionate regard and admiration and of its certainty of your overwhelming elec-tion."

Many congratulatory letters on the acceptance speech were received by Mr. Taft today. Mr. Taft has not yet indicated whether a reply will be made to Mr. Bryan's comments on the speech.

## NEVADA GYPSUM COMPANIES HAVE PAID NO TAXES

Reno, Nev., July 31.-State Bullion Tax Collector Haley, who has been in Carson City for the past week inves-tigating the revenue resources of the state and securing opinions from Atty.-Gen. Stoddard on the revenue laws of Nevada, has created a sensa-tion by discovering that the Adams laws of Nevada, has created a sensa-tion by discovering that the Adams Gypsum plant at Empire and the West-ern Gypsum company in Reno, and other gypsum plants have not been paying any taxes for the output of their plaster. He has also discovered that the revenue laws have not been en-forced as they should have been in Carson, and has notified the authorities of Carson City to collect certain blouor of Carson City to collect certain liquor licenses in that city or close up the places that have been selling liquor without Boonses without licenses.



Indianapolis, July 31 .- John W. Kern,

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KERN ADDRESSES

Kern will take up the matter tomor-row and it is expected a decision will shortly be reached. Some of the Dem-ocratic leaders of Indiana are urging Mr. Kern to postpone the notification until the latter part of September, when the campaign in his state will be on in earnest. They assert it would have an important effect to carrying the state for the Democratic ticket.

# **TWENTY-THREE MINERS**

but some 600 or 700 yards of rock and coal had to be dug through before the men could be reached. Special trains with mine officials and doctors abourd

missing.

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ENTOMBED BY A "BUMP"

# eight cadets from west rollit i for hazing. Gifford Pinchot came to see the president regarding the work of the national conservation commission, n which the president is greatly in-terested. He said that the work was beginning favorably. Secy. Loeb de-barted this afternoon by automobile for New York on his month's vaca-He will go to Maine by train SECY. WRIGHT AT SEAGIRT.

Seagirt, N. J., July 31.-Into the three hours that Gen. Luke E. Wright secretary of war, spent here today much of interest was crowded. A public reception was held in his hon or, at which he met many distinguish ed men, former governors, I States congressmen and others, United and

ance to submit to the president and Gen. Wright for their approval. When Mr. Bishop sails for Panama next Monday from New York he un-

next Monday from New York he un-doubtedly will carry with him com-plete instructions. When questioned tonight regarding a report from Panama which stated that the people there believed that the ultimate result of the American operations on the isthmus would be the seizure by the United States of the republic of Panama, Secy. Bishop said this was absurd. He remarked that the people of Panama did not seem to understand that the United States was there to dig the canal and do nothing else. Gen. Wright had nothing to say concerning the conference with the

States congressmen and others, and then reviewed the national guardsmen in camp here. Gen. Wright was accompanied by Gen. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army, and members of Gov. Fort's staff. He reviewed the troops from a carriage. In honor of the fact that Secy. Wright was in the confederate army during the Civil war, the band played "Dixie." After lunch, Secy. Wright and Gen. Bell started for New York, from which place the secretary will go to Ovster Bay. vill yo to Oyster Bay

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### TIMBER RESOURCES DATA.

St. Paul, July 31.—The government department of commerce and labor has begun the work of gathering data in regard to the timber resources of the country, and will soon have full infor-mation as to how much standing tim-her there is in the United direction.

mation as to how much standing tim-ber there is in the United States, and where It is located. W. B. Hunter, D. L. Wing and W. B. Woodson, special agents of the de-partment, have been detailed to gath-er the data in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, constituting what is called the Lake district. They expect to take several months for the work.

### GREAT HEAT IN MONTANA.

Butte, July 31.-This city today experienced the hottest persented the hottest weather in 15 years, the thermometer touching 94 in the shade, and probably for the first time in Butte's history, a death from heat prostration is recorded. George Mathews, a former policeman, dropped dead from sunstroke. Bart Monahan, a broker was prostrated a broker was prostrated.

Helena, Mont., July 31.—Weather Di-rector R. F. Young this evening report-ed Miles City to have had a tempera-ture of 108 today. This is the highest recorded in the state. Helena had 104 and Helena 98. No deaths or prostra-tions were reported here. tions were reported here.

Great Falls, Mont., July 31 .- This was the hottest day ever experienced in Great Falls, according to the weather bureau records. It was 99.

Missoula, Mont. July 31.—The tem-perature passed the 100 mark today. The official maximum given by the in-struments of the government observa-tory, was 101. This is said to be the highest recorded for five years.

### HANNA MINE DISASTER.

# State Mine Inspector Says Certain

Laws Were Violated.

Laws Were Violated. Cheyenne, Wyo, July 31,-In a re-port made to Gov, B. B. Brooks to-day on the Hanna coal mine disaster of last March, costing 59 lives, State Coal Mine Inspector, Nohh Young de-clares that certain laws governing the operation of the coal mines had been violated by the Union Pacific Coal company in its haste to open up an entry in which there had been a fire, thereby causing no explosion. The inspector suggests that the mine be sealed forever as a tomb for the men whose bodies were noi recovered and makes recommendations for new sta-ting underground.

## GOV. JOHNSON AT DISPOSAL OF DEMOCRATIC TICKET

St. Paul, July 31.—In a letter to W. J. Bryan, mailed today, Gov, John-son places himself at the disposal of the national Domocratic committee for working purposes. He says he will be available about Sept. 1, and will go where wanted. The latter may be available about Sept. 1.

The letter was in answer to one re-ceived from Mr. Bryan several days ago, calling attention to the fact that he was wanted for speaking purposes in many states and asking him if he could respond. The letter was for-

Falls N V July 31.-Emp Fernie, B. C., July 31.—A "bump" occurred in No. 2 mine, Coal creek, this morning about 8 o'clock, and as a re-sult 23 miners were entombed. All

Glen Falls, N. Y., July 31.—Employes at the Fort Edward and Glen Falls mills of the International Paper com-pany were notified tonight that two mills would be shut down Sunday morn-ing for an indefinite period. About 800 ing for an indefinite period. About men will be thrown out of work. sult 23 miners were entomode. All means of escape appeared to be cut off and grave fears were entertained for their getting out alive, as the mine fill-ed with gas and the work of rescue was very slow on this account. A large number of rescuers went to work trying to get fresh air to the men, but scores 600 or 700 works of nock and

New York, July 31.—Alonzo N. Bur-bank, treasurer of the International Paper company, tonight denied a report that the mills had shut down because the workmen refused to accept a cut of 10 per cent. Mr. Burbank said that some of the mills are to be shut down shortly because August is the month for alterations.

### GIRL'S STRANGE ADVENTURE.

when maked from the Fernie to the scene of the disaster. At 4 o'clock this afternoon, when all hope had been given up, 20 of the min-ers were rescued. Three men are still Pittsburg, July 31.-Clara Konter, 18 years old, residing near Shousetown, left her home Monday afternoon to

# NEXT WEEK IN HISTORY.

### AUGUST 6.

1811—William Williams, "signer," sol-dier and statesmen, died; born 1731, 1857—Eugene Sue, author of "The Wan-dering Jew" and other romances, died; born 1801.
1898—President McKinley announced of-ficially the terms upon which he officially the terms upon which he of fered to make peace with Spain.

AUGUST 2.

AUGUST 3.

1492—Columbus sailed from Palos Spain, on his first voyage of dis-covery.

1868-Charles G. Holpine (Private Mile)

1868—Charles G. Holpine (Private Miles O'Rellly), Anterican writter and sol-dier, died: born 1820.
1902—Guiseppe Sarto of Venice elected to succeed Pope Leo XIII. He as-sumed the Ille Plus X,
1907—Standard Oli company of Indiana fined \$29,240,000 by Judge Landis of the United States supreme court for accopting railway rebates in viola-lion of law, Augusts St. Gaudens, sculptor, died; born 1848.

### AUGUST 4.

1781—Isaac Hayne, American patriot, hanged at Charleston; born 1745.
 1823—Oliver Perry Morton, faimous as war governor of Indiana; died 1877.
 1862—President Lincoln proclaimed a draft for 300,000 men, the first im-unessment ordered.

draft for 300,000 men, the first im-pressment ordered. 1886-Samuel Jones Tilden, Democvratic statesmin, died; born 1812 1901-Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, queen consort of the late Emperor Frederick, mother of the reigning kaiser and eldest daughter of Queen Victoria of England, died; born 1840

### AUGUST 5.

ACGUST 5. 465 B. C.-Xerxés, the noted king of Persia, murdered by Artabanus. 1777-Battle of Oriskany. 1864-Farragut's battle in Mobile hay. Mobile bay was planted with Con-federate torpedoes at the time of Farragut's attack. For agut or-dered his flagship, the Hartford, to take the lead in order to show his contempt for the torpedoes. 1888-Phillp Henry Sheridan, general of the army of the United States, died: horn 1831. the army born 1831.

Russian and Japanese peace envoys met on board the yacht May-flower at Oyster Bay, N. Y. AUGUST 6.
1775—Daniel O'Connell, Irish orator and patriot, born, died 1847.
1792—Frederick North, British states-man known as Lord North, dled; born 1733. North became prime min-ister in 1770 and precipitated the trouble with the colonies which led to the Revolution. The result was disastrous to his fame.
1907—French and Spanish troops landed at Casablanea under fire from the Moors. French cruiser shelled the town.

#### AUGUST 7.

AUGUST 7. 1785-Joseph Rodman Drake, poet, author of the "Ode to the Ameri-can Flag," born: died 1820, 1898-Spain accepted the terms of pcace imposed by the United States: the terms called for the evacuation of Cuba, cession of Por, to Rico and virtual surrender of the Philippines to United States control,

1812—John Rodgers, admiral and son of the more famous John, born; died 1882.

1887. Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren, not-cd corps leader of the Army of the Potomac, died; born 1833.
1599- Porto Rico devastated by a hur-ricane; deaths estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 and the property loss at \$20,000,000.

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