



Today in History

August 6, 1890

▲ A convicted U.S. murderer was the first person to be executed in the electric chair, raising a storm of controversy over whether the method was humane

1824: During the Peruvian War of Independence Simon Bolivar and Colombian patriots decisively defeated the superior Spanish cavalry at the Battle of Junin

1914: Austria-Hungary declared war on Russia and Serbia declared war on Germany at the start of WW1

1962: Jamaica gained independence after 300 years of British rule

2007: NASA reported a cosmic collision of four gigantic galaxies