



## Today in History

*August 16, 2020*

▲ **Mass protests intensified in Belarus calling for President Alexander Lukashenko to step down following his contested re-election**

**1896:** Gold was first found in a tributary of Canada's Klondike River, starting the famous gold rush of 1898

**1916:** The U.S. and Canada agreed a treaty to protect migrating birds

**1989:** A solar flare created a geomagnetic storm strong enough to halt trading on Toronto's stock market

**2020:** A temperature of 54.4C (130F) was recorded in Death Valley, California, amid an intense heatwave in the western United States