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## BALLINGER WILL SEE TAFT

## Forestry Service May Be Transferred to Interior Department,

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 6 .- Lively speculation is being indulged in around the Summer capital regarding results that may follow the visit of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger to Beverly this week. Mr. Ballinger will bring with him the reports called for by the President from various officials of the Interior Department Mr. Ballinger, after scanning these papers in Washington, announced that the department had nothing to fear as to the course of Its officials

One of the hints thrown out recently is to the effect that an effort may be made to transfer the forestry service from Department of Agriculture to Department of Interior. Patronize our Advertiders.

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Cook Rejoices at Peary's Success.

Copenhagen, Sept. 6 .- When the report that Commander Peary had discovered the North Pole reached here, Dr. Cook said:

"I hope the news is correct. If Peary has reached the Pole, his descriptions of that region will confirm mine."

## MILLS ALL SHUT DOWN

Manufacturers of Shingles Forestall Threatened Strike.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 7 .- With placards labeled "This Plant Will Close Indefinitely," every sningle mill on Grays Harbor, with the siggle exception of one in Hoquiam, today forestalled the threatened strike of the weavers for an increase in wages and the war between the weavers and owners is on.

The lockout is the result of an action taken by the millmen at a session held Monday. At the meeting the workmen decided to submit their demand for an increased scale and that if the demand was refused a strike would be called at once.

The mill owners declare they have not made a cent since November, 1907, and that they will be ruined if they accede to the demands of the men.

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