

WASHINGTON MAN REPORTED MISSING

Robert Castelberg Has Disappeared.

HAD MANY VALUABLE GEMS

It is Said That \$50,000 Worth of Diamonds Were Owned by Gotham Firms.



ROBERT CASTELBERG, JR. Believed to Have Had \$50,000 Worth of Jewels in Possession at Time of Disappearance.

Robert Castelberg, son of the head of the Castelberg Jewelry Company, with offices in this city, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Norfolk, and prior to February 1 a member of the firm, has been missing from his home in Baltimore since July 27. Castelberg has been absent from business circles for a month, and it is said he had \$50,000 worth of diamonds in his possession, which he obtained on consignment from four New York firms.

The first part of the year, it is said, Castelberg became dissatisfied with his connection with the jewelry company. His father consented to his withdrawal under the conditions that he would enter the business and hold the same account. He was idle for several months, on the lookout for an opening.

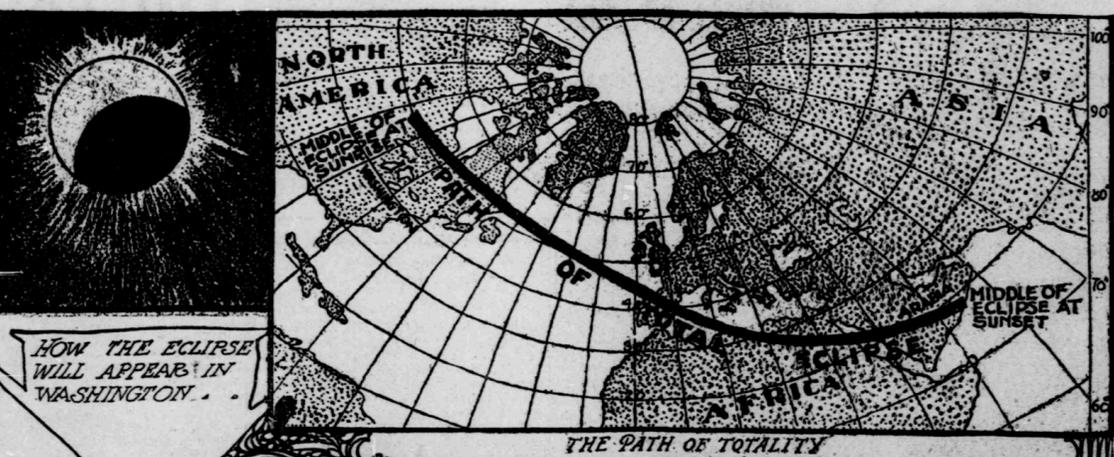
Considerable discussion in regard to Castelberg's whereabouts has been going on among importers in New York and the only reason the mysterious disappearance has been kept secret so long is because of the respect which is held for Mr. Castelberg, sr.

In some circles foul play has been hinted at, while others contend there is every reason to believe the young man alive, because of a mysterious message received on August 10, by four firms interested in the affair. While it is thought Castelberg received diamonds from various concerns the following are believed to be the ones from which he received the most valuable consignments: Sol Lindendorf, of 179 Broadway; Bonner & Co., of Maiden Lane; B. H. Davis & Co., of 68 Nassau street; and Charles Marks, all dealers in diamonds.

At the Castelberg Jewelry Company's store in this city, it was said this morning that Robert Castelberg had severed his connection with the business on February 1. At that time notices were published in all the papers stating that the business would go under the same name, but that young Mr. Castelberg was no longer interested. He was in this city last in April, four weeks ago, a letter was received from him in Baltimore. This was shortly before he was missed, and since then nothing has been heard of him in this city.

Father Here. Jacob Castelberg, father of Robert Castelberg, arrived in this city at noon today. He stopped at the store, 625 Pennsylvania avenue, a few minutes and then went to his son's house to consult with his daughter-in-law, Mr. Castelberg said to a Times reporter that the whole affair about his son had been greatly exaggerated, and that everything would come out all right in a few days.

GET UP EARLY TOMORROW AND SEE THE SUN'S PARTIAL ECLIPSE; SCIENTISTS HAVE GONE FAR FOR VANTAGE POINTS TO OBSERVE IT



HOW THE ECLIPSE WILL APPEAR IN WASHINGTON.

to give Castelberg diamonds to the value of \$50,000 as security for which they had merely his word.

No Response to Call. On August 10, Bonner & Co., made a call for their consignment. There was no response, they say, and a member of the firm consulted an attorney. Since then negotiations have been opened by a combination of diamond importers, who are interested in Castelberg.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS HOLD SMALL MEETING

The last meeting of the Spanish War Veterans, prior to their convention at Milwaukee, Wis., was held last night at their hall, 729 Sixth street northwest. The meeting was presided over by District Commander John L. Smith. The reports from the different committees of the convention were submitted and adopted.

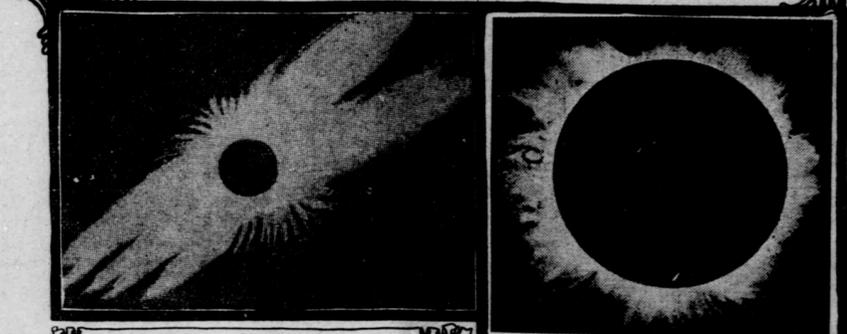
COMMEMORATIVE DIPLOMAS FROM ST. LOUIS FAIR

W. V. Cox, who served as secretary of the United States Government board at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, has just received from John H. McGibbons, the secretary of awards, 391 commemorative diplomas which were awarded to the Government department and offices participating in the exposition, and the collaborators and other individuals responsible for the making of the elaborate exhibits of the Government at St. Louis last year.

HOW TO FIND OUT

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains the linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it, or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What to Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50-cent and \$1 sizes.



THE COBONA OF 1900. WHAT THE COBONA WILL LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR.

PARTIAL ECLIPSE WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW

From 5:29 A. M. Until 7:30 o'Clock the Sun Will Be Partly Hidden When the Moon Passes Between It and the Earth.

All conditions being favorable Washington will tomorrow morning see a partial eclipse of the sun. The total eclipse will be visible only in certain parts of southern Europe, and for the purpose of viewing the totality of the sun an expedition has gone to Spain under the command of Admiral Chertov.

Prof. Frank H. Bigelow, of the Weather Bureau, is a member of the American party which has gone to Spain. He has been assigned to gather meteorological data, consequent upon the total eclipse of the sun, which will add materially to the library of the Government Weather Bureau, and put another link in the chain of evidence leading to the solution of many problems in the science of meteorology.

THREE MONITORS TAKE MOODIES TO ANNAPOLIS

Weighed Anchor at 7:40 This Morning. Expert Maneuvering Required to Pass Navy Yard.

The three monitors, Florida, Arkansas, and Nevada, with 132 future naval officers on board, weighed anchor at 7:40 o'clock this morning and steamed slowly down the Potomac, bound for Annapolis, where the cruise of instruction will come to an end.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 28.—Henry Jett died suddenly at the Washington and Ohio station of the Southern railway, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Jett, who is employed at the freight station, was about his work as usual when he apparently fainted. Friends went to his aid and found that he was in a critical condition. Drs. Gorman and O'Brien were summoned, but Mr. Jett expired before they arrived. He was sixty-five years of age, and is survived by a widow and two children.

TO AID CUBAN ENTERPRISES. The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the Cuba-Finland Colonization Company (Incorporated), of Alexandria, Va. The objects of the new company are to assist immigrants to establish themselves in Cuba. The capital stock is fixed at from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The officers are: President, J. F. DeWilling; vice president, Thomas D. Smith; secretary, W. S. Odell; treasurer, N. Bickford. All of the officers are of Washington.

DEMOCRATS WILL CELEBRATE

The Martin, Swanson, and Caton faction of the Democratic party will give a celebration in North Royal street tonight in honor of the victory of their candidates. A number of speeches will be made by prominent citizens.

JUDGE HAD LAST WORD: PRISONER WAS SENTENCED

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 28.—"You robbed that contribution box."

LATE LUDWELL LEE.

The remains of the late Ludwell Lee who died at his home at Woodlawn, in Fairfax county, yesterday, were today sent by Demaine & Son to Upperville for interment.

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY.

Brooke D. Young, son of H. H. Young, who was for many years the clerk of the county court, has announced himself as a candidate for the clerk of the county court of Alexandria county, at the general election this fall.

SENT HOME FOR INTERMENT.

The remains of the late Charles P. Brawner were today sent to his former home in Charles county, Md., for interment. He was the son of Hyland Brawner, of this city.

Two Bank Accounts. A business man ought to run two bank accounts—one a regular checking account and the other for the accumulation of profits. He can very properly call this second account his "surplus" or "reserve" fund, and pass a mental resolution not to allow the exigencies of ordinary business to interrupt its growth.

Books ... That ... Publishers Rejected

- Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe went begging for a publisher. Milton's Paradise Lost was sold to a printer for \$25. Thackeray brought out Vanity Fair at his own expense. Wescott's David Harum was turned down a score of times.

PROFESSOR HARRY THURSTON PECK, of Columbia University, writes for THE MUNSEY for September a remarkable article dealing entirely with the romance of rejected manuscripts, of stories and novels that the author and the printer. HE DESCRIBES the efforts of Harriet Beecher Stowe to get her "Uncle Tom's Cabin" issued in book form, how a Boston publisher finally took the volume and issued it reluctantly, how the sales leaped into the hundreds of thousands, how eight presses were kept running night and day to supply the demand.

Japan and Russia ARE HAVING SOME TROUBLE JUST AT PRESENT SETTLING THEIR DIFFERENCES. THE GREAT PEACE CONFERENCE AT PORTSMOUTH IS THE CENTRAL SCENE IN THE CONTROVERSY, AND THE DIPLOMATS THAT REPRESENT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING. R. H. TITHERINGTON WRITES OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AND MAKES IT PERFECTLY CLEAR FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW. MOREOVER, THE ARTICLE IS ILLUSTRATED.

The Early Czars of Russia Were a strenuous lot and made things pretty lively in every section of the country they controlled. For instance, Peter the Great took his earliest bath in blood. EDGAR SALTUS Tells the whole story of his dramatic and tragic reign, and tells it well, so well that you should read it. The Munsey Magazine for September Out Today TEN CENTS

Will Determine Whether Race Suicide Is a Fact

Birth Rate Far Ahead of Death Rate, But Census Officials Will Make Sure Whether Babies Are Popular.

In the effort to determine whether in fact race suicide is being perpetrated in this country, the officials of the Census Bureau are taking steps to perfect those statistics which will shed light on the determinative factor, the birth rate.

Steadily Falling. Whether the birth rate is increasing is very doubtful. It has been steadily falling from decade to decade, according to the best statistics at hand; but it is confidently believed that the 1900-1910 decade will show, if not a slight increase, at any rate a much smaller decrease than in previous decades.

Uniform Statistics. With the view to supplying this curious defect in an important branch of vital information, efforts are afoot to secure uniform birth statistics from the different States. Several States, under the stress of influence brought to bear by the Census Bureau, have already passed laws which look to this ultimate uniformity.

GIRL IN LIONS' CAGE TO WIN LOVER'S BET. She Loses Her Nerve and Is Taken Out in a Fainting Condition. LIVERPOOL, Aug. 28.—An intrepid girl of eighteen years, the daughter of a well-known Liverpool man, is creating some excitement at Blackpool by her inordinately daring to become a lion tamer.

Misleading Figures. As a result, cities that are growing at a rapid rate will frequently report a death rate twice as high as the birth rate. This is obviously wrong, and the officials reporting births usually explain that their figures are incomplete and worthless.

Two Men Near Fairmont MEET WITH TRAGIC DEATH. FAIRMONT, W. Va., Aug. 28.—Two men met tragic deaths near here last evening. Charles S. Horner, a prominent merchant of Lumber Port, while paying a visit to his son at Clarksburg, fell from a street car and was instantly killed.