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## PRECIOUS STONES

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### SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY.

#### Over \$250,000 Worth of Diamonds and Other Gems Have Been Traced and Positively Located.

#### Only a Small Portion of This Was Put Up As Collateral For Loans—The Greater Portion Went As Gifts To Friends.

Chesland, O., Jan. 16.—Investigation into the charge that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick smuggled large quantities of diamonds, pearls and other precious stones into this country has developed the fact that the woman dealt in precious stones to an almost fabulous extent. In order to make a case on the charge of smuggling it was found necessary for the government authorities to trace all the deals for diamonds and pearls made by Mrs. Chadwick, both in this country and Europe. The statement has been made by Collector of Customs Lench that considerably more than \$250,000 worth of jewelry and precious stones handled by Mrs. Chadwick has been traced and positively located. It is added that this great amount of jewelry has been uncovered, but the investigation will be continued until the government is fully satisfied in about one-third.

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On Eckburg's body was found three letters. One was addressed to the public and was dated January 1st. In it Eckburg declared his intention of killing himself because of his financial troubles. He admitted that he was short in his accounts and that he could not adjust the shortage. The second letter was written to Harry Weitz, the dead man's best friend. In it he said that he had determined to take his life and that he would "take Brant with him."

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### FANATIC PATRIOTISM.

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Gen. Treppoff, who recently was relieved of the office of chief of police of Moscow and ordered to the front to take up his duties as head of the Red Cross society in Manchuria, incurred the special enmity of the students of Moscow by the severity with which he put down their demonstrations. Within a few days in 1902, there were three attempts upon his life.

### Charges Against the British.

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### Cabinet To Resign.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The French cabinet will resign. Foes of Premier Combes claim that he is forced to quit by his strong opposition to church policy.

## PEABODY'S CONTEST.

### He Charges Fraud in the Late Colorado Election.

Denver, Col., Jan. 12.—Charges of ballot box stuffing, substitution of prepared ballots for those cast by voters and miscounting by election judges are included in the specifications of fraud made by ex-Gov. Peabody in his contest. Another charge is that in order to defeat Gov. Peabody, ballots already marked with a cross for Adams were handed by the election officers to voters who were known to be republicans. Peabody asks to have 95 Denver precincts thrown out and claims that the vote of this county should show 6,200 plurality for him instead of 4,992 for Adams, as canvassed.

Denver, Col., Jan. 14.—Gov. Alva Adams will file an answer to the Peabody contest. He will demand that all the ballot boxes of Denver, Larimer and Jefferson counties be opened. Mr. Peabody asked for the opening of part of the Denver and Larimer boxes, but none of Jefferson. Mr. Adams will also ask for an investigation of the election at Leadville, Cripple Creek and several other cities.

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## RAID ON GAMBLERS

### All New York Gambling House Keepers Must Appear Before the District Attorney.

### WAR AGAINST "CADET SYSTEM."

#### Forty Warrants Were Issued For the Arrest of Men and Women Alleged to Be Concerned.

#### Eighteen Persons Were Arrested and Held on a Charge of Vagrancy—They Are Under \$500 Bail Each For Trial.

New York, Jan. 14.—Frightened by the actions of District Attorney Jerome, who has announced that he intends to prosecute gambling in this city, hundreds of card sharps are preparing to leave New York. Many of them plan to go to Hot Springs, Ark., and other winter resorts.

The gamblers were given a staggering blow by Mr. Jerome when he announced that every keeper of a gambling house in New York will be summoned to appear before him to tell what he knows about the business. To add to their fright, Police Commissioner McAdoo joined in the crusade to eradicate the gambling evil, and sent his secretary with police officials to raid an alleged pool room and gambling house in lower Sixth avenue. The police arrested five and took the names of twenty seven in the place.

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He continued to the death watch that he had planned to take his own life, and that he carried a small knife made to his mouth for that purpose, but after thinking this to the guard, he handed over the knife, saying that he wished to die like a man.

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### WHOLE FAMILY SUFFOCATED.

#### Man, Wife, Two Children and the Servant Are Dead.

New York, Jan. 15.—William T. Mason, a lawyer, and his family, consisting of wife and two children, Ellen, 4 years old, and Marion, 6 months, with a servant, Annie Wells, lost their lives in a fire which partially destroyed the brown stone dwelling occupied by them at 11 West 124th street.

Although neighbors say they heard cries of "murder" and "burglars," the police found nothing to indicate that the fire was not accidental. The whole family appears to have been suffocated. The bodies of the father and youngest child were untouched by the flames, and those of the others were probably burned after they had died. The charred bodies of Mrs. Mason, the servant and four-year-old child were found in a closet under the roof scuttle, through which they are supposed to have been attempting to escape. The bodies of Mr. Mason and the younger child were in a bedroom.

### THE CATTLE GROWER SECEDEERS.

#### Negotiations To Secure Harmonious Relations Have Been Begun.

Denver, Col., Jan. 16.—Negotiations have been opened by the officers of the National Live Stock association with the American Cattle Growers' association, which was organized in this city last Friday by cattlemen who seceded from the stockmen's convention with a view to establishing harmonious relations between the two organizations. The National Live Stock association's board of control has decided to meet in this city on May 9 next on which date the American Cattle Growers' association will hold its convention here.

### Senator Mitchell's Statement.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Mitchell, after consulting a number of his friends and fellow senators decided to go into the senate, obtain recognition at the first opportunity to make a statement in self-defense regarding his indictment in connection with the Oregon land frauds. Whether or not he will remain in the senate and continue to attend its sessions he has not determined.

### Threw Himself in Front of a Train.

Newport, Ky., Jan. 16.—John Hutchinson, 522 Columbia street, threw himself in front of a west-bound C. & O. train at Saratoga street and was instantly killed. Despondency over the death of his wife.

### Smallpox Contracted From Letter.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Jan. 15.—Miss Grace Tabb, of Summit, a sister of State Representative W. W. Tabb, has developed a genuine case of smallpox. She is said to have contracted the disease from a letter received from a friend in the west.

### Suicided By Shooting.

Appleton, Wis., Jan. 14.—William Rohoff, street commissioner of this city, committed suicide by firing two shots from a revolver into his body. The cause of suicide is not known.

## FATALLY WOUNDED.

### From Ambush, Moonshiners Fired On the Officers.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 16.—While engaged in breaking up a "moonshine still" on Bull's creek, in Letcher county, the posse headed by United States Marshal Randall was fired upon by men in ambush, and Deputy Marshal Francis Blair was seriously wounded. The posse had succeeded in destroying a still and several hundred gallons of beer and whisky in the garret of Dony Jean's house, and had captured Jean and his brother, Will Jean, and were on their way to Whitesburg when the firing began from the roadside.

The posse returned the fire, and for ten minutes the battle raged, but the officers were handicapped by the fact that they were out in the open while the "moonshiners" were in thickly settled undergrowth.

When Deputy Marshal Blair fell from his horse mortally wounded, the posse withdrew and hurried the wounded man to Whitesburg, where his wounds were dressed by physicians. After securing additional officers, Marshal Randall returned to the scene of the battle, where they found the moonshiners dressing the wounds of the two of their number who had been shot by the posse. They were surprised by the officers, and before they could retreat three more were captured and loaded in jail at Whitesburg.

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## BRISTOW RESIGNS

### Resignation of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Accepted by President.

### IT TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 20.

#### He Was Appointed Special Commissioner to Make Investigation Into Trade Conditions.

#### He Will Operate Between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and South America and the United States and to Europe.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, tendered to the president his resignation as an officer of the postal service, to take effect on the 20th inst. By an executive order issued, President Roosevelt designated Mr. Bristow as a special commissioner to make an investigation into the present trade conditions and freight rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and between the west coast of South America and east coast of the United States, and to Europe, to determine the best policy of managing the Panama railroad.

Until his report is forthcoming the commissioner will be allowed his actual expenses and \$15 a day. The president will finally fix his entire compensation. As Mr. Bristow will need until January 25, 1905, to close up matters awaiting his disposition as fourth assistant postmaster general, this order will take effect on that date. The fifth assistant commissioner is directed to provide the funds needed in the execution of this order.

Mr. Bristow's decision to accept the special commissionership was hastened by the resignation of the division of post office inspectors from the bureau of the fourth assistant postmaster general to the direct control of the postmaster general himself. Mr. Bristow expanded the business of the order of transfer of the division as a reflection upon him. That the order as to the inspectors' division was not issued with the idea of humiliating Mr. Bristow is evidenced by the president's later action.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Elihu C. Taylor, of Ohio, for the position of fourth assistant postmaster general, to succeed Joseph L. Bristow, was the best tip in speculation as to who will fall heir to the duties and responsibilities vacated by Bristow.

### REED SMOOT HEARING.

#### Three Witnesses Testified That Polygamy is Dying Out.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Three witnesses for the defense in the Smoot case testified that polygamy is dying out in Utah as rapidly that there is no need of prosecution. It was declared that younger Mormons are all opposed to polygamy and that if they thought it was being taught there would be a revolution in the church. It was admitted that Senator Smoot had to get the consent of the church to become a candidate for senator, but only in the form of a leave of absence from his church duties, and it was declared that he could have been nominated and elected without it.

Ida McKinley Meras Weds. New York, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Ida McKinley Meras, favorite niece of Wm. McKinley, and namesake and companion of the widow of the late president, slipped away to the Little Church Around the Corner to become the bride of Harry Powell Cooper, of San Francisco.

Twenty Thousand Dollars For a Pink. Boston, Jan. 14.—For a pink which has won prizes at several horticultural shows in different parts of the country, F. P. Benson, millionaire resident of Tarrytown, on the Hudson, has paid W. B. Arnold, a Rockland florist, \$20,000.

Filipino Students Arrive. San Francisco, Jan. 16.—A party of Filipino students, numbering 21, sent here by the insular government, arrived on the Sherman. These are girls. They will be distributed among several high schools and colleges in various parts of the country.

Transport Sherman Arrives. San Francisco, Jan. 16.—The army transport Sherman arrived, 21 days from Manila, on board were 190 sailors and passengers, in addition to 614 animals, 46 sick, including four insane men, 21 prisoners and 25 marine corps men from Honolulu.

Business Failures. New York, Jan. 14.—Business failures in the United States for the week ending January 12 number 296, against 278 last week, \$15 in the like week in 1904, 224 in 1903, 291 in 1902. In Canada failures for the week number 24, as against 18 last week.

Gov. Herrick a Director. New York, Jan. 14.—The name of Gov. Herrick, of Ohio, appears on the list of directors of one new all night bank, which is to be opened at Fifth avenue and 44th street, opposite Sherry's.

Rebellion in Zion City. Chicago, Jan. 16.—Rebellion against John Alexander Dowie and his dictatorial way has broken out among his followers in Zion City. Six members of the Zion City colony, whom Dowie ordered ejected, have refused to leave.

## THE FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

### Second Session.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The senate Tuesday continued consideration of the joint statehood bill, the chief accomplishment being the acceptance of most of amendments suggested by the committee on Indian affairs. Speeches were made by Messrs. Stewart and Newlands, the former advocating an amendment for the protection of the interests of the Indians in Indian Territory and the latter favoring limitation of the area of lands to be sold to individuals.

The session of the house was given over almost entirely to discussion of the bill reported by the committee on banking and currency to improve currency conditions. A sudden interest in the measure seemed to develop, as evidenced by the large membership present throughout the day. Democratic opposition mainly was dissipated by the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Williams (Miss.) providing that government deposits shall be made only on competitive bids. Final action on the bill was not taken.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Senate.—The attention of the senate was divided by the discussion of the tariff question and governmental regulation of railroads. Mr. Newlands made a formal speech on the railroad subject and at its close engaged in a spirited controversy over the points involved with Senator Spooner, Thomas and others. All amendments to the statehood bill, except that relating to liquor traffic in Indian Territory, were agreed to.

House.—The appointment of Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles as inspector general of the state of Massachusetts overshadowed all other questions in the discussion of the army appropriation bill in the house. The speaker had proceeded leisurely until Mr. Hall, in charge of the bill, offered an amendment providing that retired officers above the grade of major should not receive the full pay of their grade while assigned to the army appropriation bill in the house. Several members declared that the amendment was directed especially at Gen. Miles, but Mr. Hall insisted that he had no such thought in mind and argued that the best results were obtained from officers of the lower grades. His assertion that he had no such thought in mind, allowing increased pay for officers assigned to the militia did not affect the appointments. He said it was such increases in pay and not patriotism which prompted them and he charged that the speaker's conduct was unworthy. This statement, Mr. Cochran (N. Y.), who declared that it was simply penning superior officers to the advantage and profit of inferior officers. After a lively debate, the amendment was adopted.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senate.—The legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill and the statehood bill were discussed and there was considerable discussion of the civil service question and the proposition for an investigation of foreign trade conditions by the department of commerce. The bill for the reconstruction of the merchandise martins was reported to the senate and Mr. Bailey made the point that the commission had been pledged to report in favor of discriminating duties and not in favor of ship subsidies. The suggestion was combated by Senators Gallinger and Lodge, who were members of the commission.

House.—The house of representatives devoted its entire session to discussion of the impeachment charges against Judge Charles Swaine of the Northern district of Florida.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Senate.—The senate passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and also a number of private pension bills. The questions of granting pensions and allowing gratitudes for injuries received by workmen while in the employ of the government, were debated at length.

House.—Further consideration was given to the house of representatives to the impeachment charges against Judge Charles Swaine of the Northern district of Florida. There was a noticeable lack of interest in the case except among a few members. Mr. Litchford (Mo.), claimed that there had been "no hearing or hearing" in the Swaine case as a result of the O'Neal contempt case. O'Neal went to get his revenge on Judge Swaine, and charged that since O'Neal did his duty, he was to an extent carrying on the prosecution. Messrs. Powers (Iowa), Perkins (N. Y.) and Parker (N. Y.) also spoke, the two first in support of and the last in opposition to impeachment.

Opposition To Tariff Reform. Washington, Jan. 12.—A statement in opposition to tariff revision is being signed by members of the house from the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states. They are not in favor of calling an extra session of the 59th congress to revise the tariff, and believe that the agitation of this question at this time is neither necessary nor desirable.

Whipping Peats For Wife-Beaters. Salem, Ore., Jan. 13.—The legislature listened to the reading of Gov. Chamberlain's message. The message carried a recommendation that a law be passed establishing whipping posts for wife-beaters.

Slated For a Position. Washington, Jan. 15.—Charles Sibley, of Evansville, Ind., is said to be slated for the position of deputy auditor of the post office department, to succeed Nolen T. Chew, who falls from Noblesville, Ind. The place pays \$2,500 a year.

Solemn Requiem Celebrated. St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—In the presence of the emperor and the empress and imperial family a solemn requiem was celebrated at Tsarsko Selo in memory of the men who fell at Port Arthur.

Steeple Painter's Leap. Dubuque, Ia., Jan. 12.—James Murphy, a steeple painter, crazed by liquor, jumped from the dome of the courthouse in the first balcony and unaccountably escaped death. He may recover.

## Interesting News Items

### The Standard Oil Co. reduced the price of Indiana oil three cents. The present selling price is 50 cents.

### Police Judge T. J. McHugh, well-known in Kentucky politics, died suddenly of rheumatism at Henderson, Ky.

### Joaquim A. Nabuco de Araujo, former Brazilian minister to Great Britain, has been appointed ambassador to Washington.

### James Devine, 45 years old, a well-known lawyer and nearly 20 years ago a celebrated baseball pitcher, died at Syracuse, N. Y.

### It is reported that 100 fishermen will be sent from Japan to Port Arthur to assist in clearing the harbor and vicinity of mines.

### Secretary Hitchcock has formulated a bill providing for the appointment of a superintendent of Indian affairs for Indian Territory.

### The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago Press club was celebrated there with a banquet in the club rooms, 104 Madison street.

### The Holden block, occupied by a department store company, was destroyed by fire at New Albany, Ind. Loss \$60,000, with \$20,000 insurance.

### A. J. Crawford & Co., dealers in precious stones in the Railway Exchange building, Chicago, were robbed of diamonds and pearls valued at \$2,500.

### At Galveston, Tex., the federal grand jury has returned indictments against several prominent citizens of Brownsville charging them with smuggling.

### Ex-Mayor Joseph H. Pfl