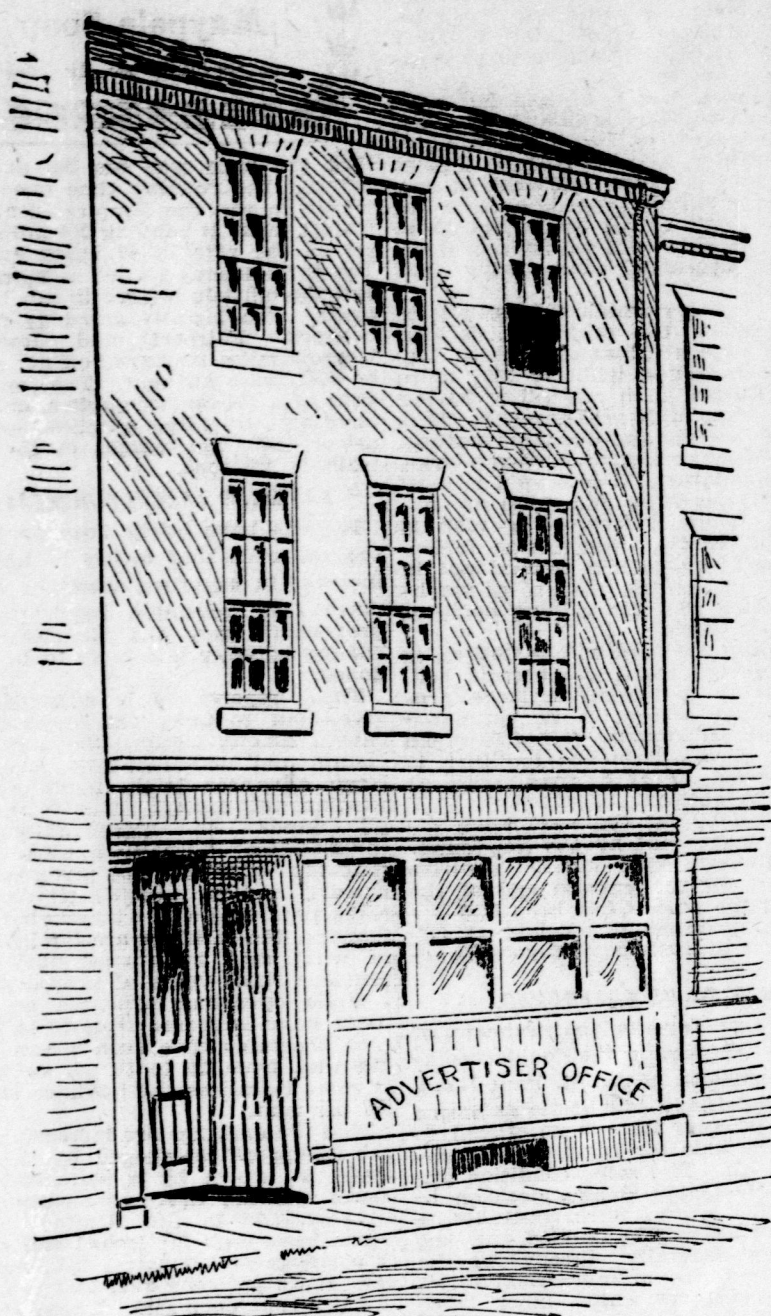


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THE EX-SECRETARY SUES WILL SHOOT THE EDITOR

Declares He Was Engaged to Spy The Governor of Illinois Takes on Lady Cook's Husband.

After Acquiring Information Could Not Collect Wages. Objected to Published Quips About His Wife.

London, Feb. 27.—John Henry Wallace, the former private secretary of Lady Francis Cook, who was Tennessee Claflin, is suing the widow of the famous banker for \$50,000 damages. Sensational disclosures are expected. Wallace declares that in June, 1897, Lady Cook, suspecting Sir Francis of an intrigue, agreed that if Wallace, in addition to his secretarial duties, would undertake certain special work for her she would make him independent for life. Wallace asserts that he performed this special work in 1897, and again in 1901, which involved investigations of a detective nature to discover whether Sir Francis was involved in intrigue.

Wallace asserts that he reported his information to Lady Cook, but has never been paid.

Wallace also alleges that Lady Cook accused him of an effort to blackmail her by circulating a rumor that Sir Francis had not died a natural death. Wallace also alleges that Lady Cook caused the publication of a paragraph stating that since the death of her husband she had learned of a plot concocted before his death to blacken his character and blackmail her. Wallace alleges that it was hinted he was the blackmailer.

Wherefore he sues for \$25,000 damages for slander and \$50,000 for unpaid services of the character mentioned.

TWENTY EMPTY COFFINS

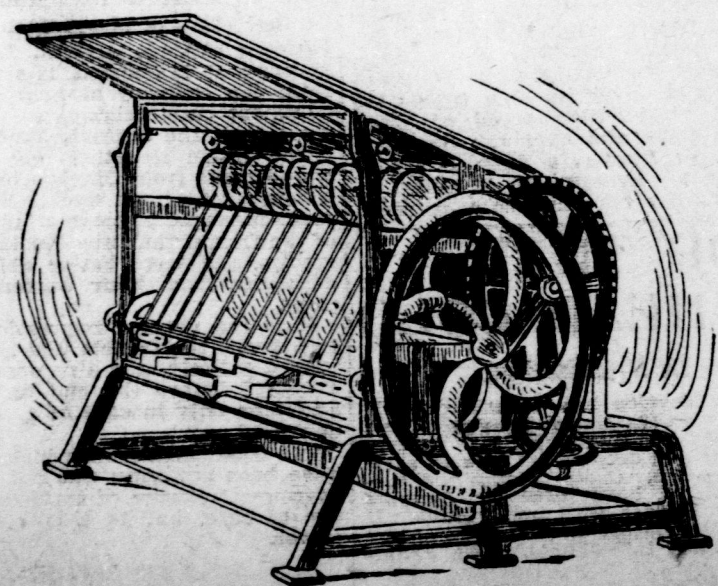
Another Startling Turn in the Graveyard Ghoul Case.

Knoxville, Feb. 27.—The county court's investigating committee resumed its work yesterday of examining graves in the county pauper cemetery. Twenty-eight coffins were exhumed, and of these 20 were found empty. The coffins were buried in 1901.

It is understood that every coffin buried within the last six years will be exhumed, and that evidence will be secured to prove or disprove alleged grave robbing for medical college purposes.

Jim Goins, the negro charged with having committed "fake" burials during the past few months to secure payment from the county treasurer, swore on the stand that he had taken coffins to the county cemetery, knowing there was nothing in them.

W. C. McCoy, the undertaker employing Goins, disclaims responsibility for Goins' actions, and also denies ever having had knowledge of the commission of frauds.



The Old Press, 1833.

'VARSITY'S NEW ORGANIZATION

The "Areopagus" Club Has Just Been Formed.

TRAINING CLASS FOR SPEAKERS

Reverse for the Basketball Team—The Literary Society—Huron College Notes.

A unique organization, the "Areopagus," called after the ancient council of Athens, has just been formed at "Varsity." The membership to this club is open to all male students of the university, whether in arts or medicine, and its object is to develop public speaking. It is expected to act as a stimulus to the literary society, and to produce speakers who may worthily represent the Western in intercollegiate debates.

A large number of students attended the recent social held in St. James' Schoolroom, South London, on Tuesday evening, where a very enjoyable time was spent.

The inmates of No. 6 have started a magazine which is to be "a sister to McDunk." Its first appearance on Thursday morning created considerable excitement among the young lady students.

The university students received a very hearty invitation to attend Prof. Hutton's lecture in the Normal School Friday evening.

BASKETBALL.

Our basketball team suffered defeat for the first time on Wednesday evening, when they played against a strong team of St. John's Athletic Club in the latter's gymnasium. The game was a hard-fought one, each side being anxious for victory, and the result was in doubt till the very last minute. The "Saints" played a particularly fast combination game, a point in which the "Varsity" men were somewhat lacking. The Varsity team, on the other hand, being considerably heavier than their opponents, put up a very strong defense. Woolley, for St. John's A. C., played a very fast game, and was always at hand to shoot. Up till five minutes before time was called, the score stood at 12-13, but the better condition of the "Saints" then showed itself, and they scored two more goals, thus making the score at close of game 17-13 in favor of St. John's A. C.

From a spectacular point of view.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Gov. Richard Yates has his ideas of what constitutes legitimate liberty of the press. Those ideas have been instilled into the mind of Percival Linwood Harden, editor of the Club Fellow, and in a manner that will not allow of forgetfulness.

The Club Fellow is a journal devoted to what it deems "spicy" items of society. On more than one occasion it has printed matter concerning the wife of the governor, one being a statement that, at the Prince Henry ball, she was not so attractive in garb and manner as Mrs. Carter H. Harrison.

This and other "squibs" the governor bore, but not in meekness. Finally—and a considerable while ago, though news of it did not become public until last evening—the chief magistrate of Illinois, attended by his aid, Col. J. H. Strong, visited the office of Editor Harden in the Auditorium tower and declared himself:

"If ever again you mention the name of my wife in your sheet or make any even remote insinuation concerning her, I'll end your career. I'll have you shot, and I'll see that anyone who shoots you gets a quick pardon."

The foregoing may not have been the governor's exact language, but that it was his substantial declaration is affirmed by Mr. Harden's wife and by one of his contributors.

The governor's anger was intense as he talked to the editor. He is said to have threatened further.

"I have the police power of the commonwealth, and its militia, 8,000 strong, back of me, and I can drive you out of business if you do not reform your ways."

Mr. Harden was thoroughly frightened, according to the accounts told by his friends. At any rate the name of Mrs. Richard Yates has not since graced the columns of the Club Fellow.

A Counter Petition.—Stratford, Feb. 27.—A counter-petition has been filed by Mr. John Brown, M. P. P. for North Perth, against Mr. John C. Monteith, ex-M. P. P. The petition makes the usual charges of corruption.

Married and Suicided.—Toronto, Feb. 27.—A 15-year-old girl, Rose Mills, of 14 Regent avenue, step-daughter of Robert Armstrong, purchased carbolic acid and glycerine yesterday and took a large dose this morning. She was taken to the general hospital, but died of the poison. Worry over family relations is said to have been the cause of the act.

HURON COLLEGE NOTES.—The preaching allocation for Sunday, March 1, are as follows: Sarnia, C. Ryan; Teeswater, T. B. Clarke; Somers, K. McGoun; Charing Cross, A. Carlisle; Westminster, W. H. Snellgrove; All Saints, C. Simpson.

Rev. Principal Waller preached at Port Stanley on Sunday last and will preach at Wingham on Sunday, March 1.

Mr. F. E. Powell, '05, is to spend Sunday, March 1, at his home, Wingham.

Mr. Christopher Simpson spent Sunday at his home in Mooserville.

Mr. Kenneth McGoun paid a visit to friends in Derfield this week.

The regular meeting of Huron College Missionary Society was held on Tuesday evening, Rev. Principal Waller in the chair. After the reading of the minutes and the transaction of general business, the study class was led by Mr. Simpson. In the life of Miss Isabella Thoburn, Mr. Henry Shore was chosen to lead the class next week. In the conclusion of "The Life of Miss Thoburn."

On Tuesday morning, St. Matthew's Automobile Club.

Day, the sacrament of holy communion was administered in the college chapel by Rev. Principal Waller.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, being Ash Wednesday, all lectures in arts and divinity were suspended.

Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Tilsonburg, and Rev. A. B. Farney, of Aylmer, were visitors at the college this week. Mr. H. P. Westgate delivered a short Lenten address at Christ Church on Friday afternoon, and Mr. C. W. Sanders preached a special Lenten sermon at All Saints Church on Ash Wednesday.

AIRSHIPS TO CARRY 50

Also 2,000 Pounds of Freight—Will Make Round Trips.

Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 28.—The Mexican Aerial Navigation Company has been organized under the laws of this country, with a capital stock of \$500,000. The stockholders are wealthy Americans of this city.

The purpose of the company is to build and operate air ships on the design of Charles Stanley, an inventor, of San Francisco, Cal.

It is now constructing in this city an airship, which will have a capacity of 50 passengers and 2,000 pounds of freight.

The first trip will be between Mexico City and Washington, D. C. This round trip, Mr. Stanley says, can be made in four days.

HE TRAINED THE RATS

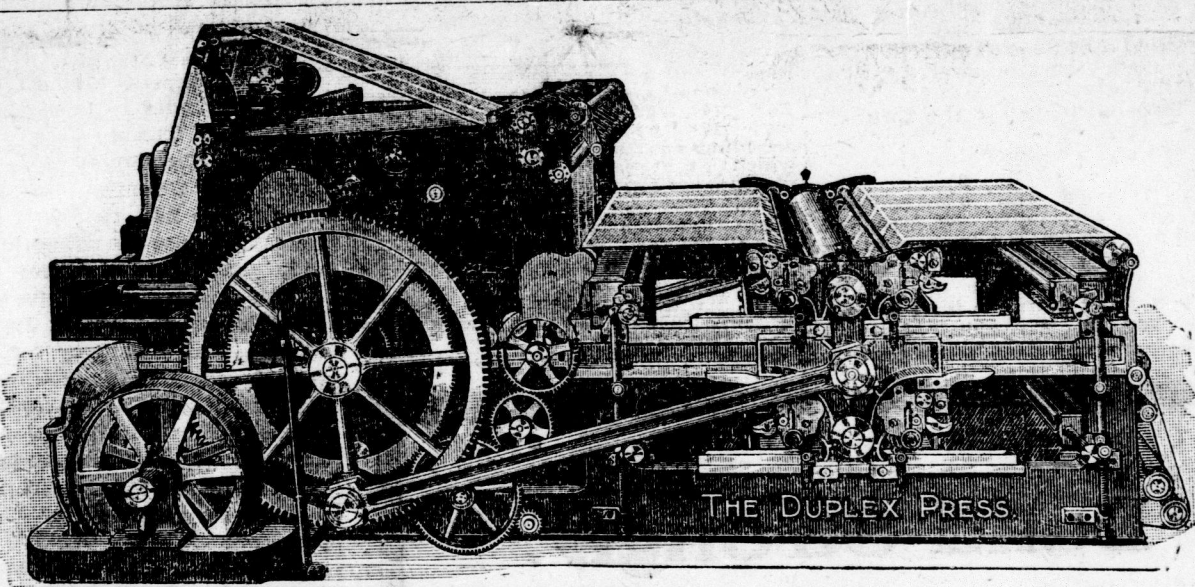
Was Found Starving, But Put Them Through Their Paces.

New York, Feb. 28.—John Berg, an old man was found starving yesterday among a herd of rats in an untenanted attic at the corner of Grand and First streets, Hoboken. The rats scampered to their holes when Patrolman Meyers entered the attic, but reappeared again at a whistle from Berg. Berg said that he hadn't eaten anything in two days and had tried to forget his distress by putting the rats through tricks he had taught them since occupying the attic.

He made them go through their performance for Meyers, who says it was the most unique thing of the kind he ever witnessed. The rats, according to the policeman, marched like soldiers, juggled with broom straws, turned back and front flips, and gave a weird squealing concert. Berg was committed to the Hudson County Almshouse.

Mr. D. Kyle, Richwood, under authority of the government veterinary inspector, has killed all his horses by reason of infection with glanders.

Mrs. Georgina Gilbert, Delaware, died on Tuesday morning from pneumonia, aged 60 years. She had been ill but four days.



The Advertiser's New Cox-Duplex Press.

OUR GOODS IN AUSTRALIA

The Commissioner Speaks Favorably of Shipments.

Great Shortage in Australian Wheat Crop This Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The department of trade and commerce is in receipt of a lengthy report from Mr. J. S. Larke, Canadian commercial agent for Australasia, in which he states that "rains of November and December have been followed by exceedingly hot waves, with scorching winds, which undid the advantages of the rains in many sections of New South Wales. The growing grass has been withered, and the maize crops shriveled as by a flame. The other states have not suffered to the same extent. Experts are still at work estimating the Australian wheat crop, but the latest figures still indicate that some 10,000,000 bushels will be required to make up the shortage. It is supposed that about 150,000 tons of wheat and flour have been ordered, leaving about 170,000 to be bought. Nearly all the flour purchased is strong wheat flour, but the wheat is largely softer wheat from California. The mixture used for bread is one-third or one-fourth Manitoba flour, balance from soft wheat. Towards the close of the year there may be an opening for considerable quantities of Canadian oats. Mr. Larke proceeds: "Something over ten tons of frozen turkeys and geese arrived here by the Aorangi from Smith's Falls; it was perfectly preserved and as sweet as when killed. As a whole, it was a very nice lot of birds." Orders have been given for continued shipments of frozen hogs. Some of the last shipments are declared superior to Chicago hogs, but rather heavy, prices 12c to 13c, c. i. f.

May Be World Record.—London, Feb. 27.—The Hon. Charles Rolles, riding in an 80 horse power Mors machine today made a speed that is given by the Times at 32.45 miles per hour. It is uncertain whether this will rank as the world's record, as a slight gradient favored the machine. Mr. Rolles is a son of Lord Llangat. The course was on a road on the Duke of Portland's estate at Clifton. The start was a flying one. The timing was done by officials of the Automobile Club.

GHASTLY MURDER OF BUFFALO MAN

Well-Known Citizen Is Killed in His Own House.

NO CLUE TO THE PERPETRATORS

The Victim Was Discovered in His Smoking Room With His Brains Scattered About Floor.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Edwin L. Burdick, president of E. L. Burdick & Co., of the Buffalo Envelope Company, was murdered early yesterday at his home in Ashland avenue.

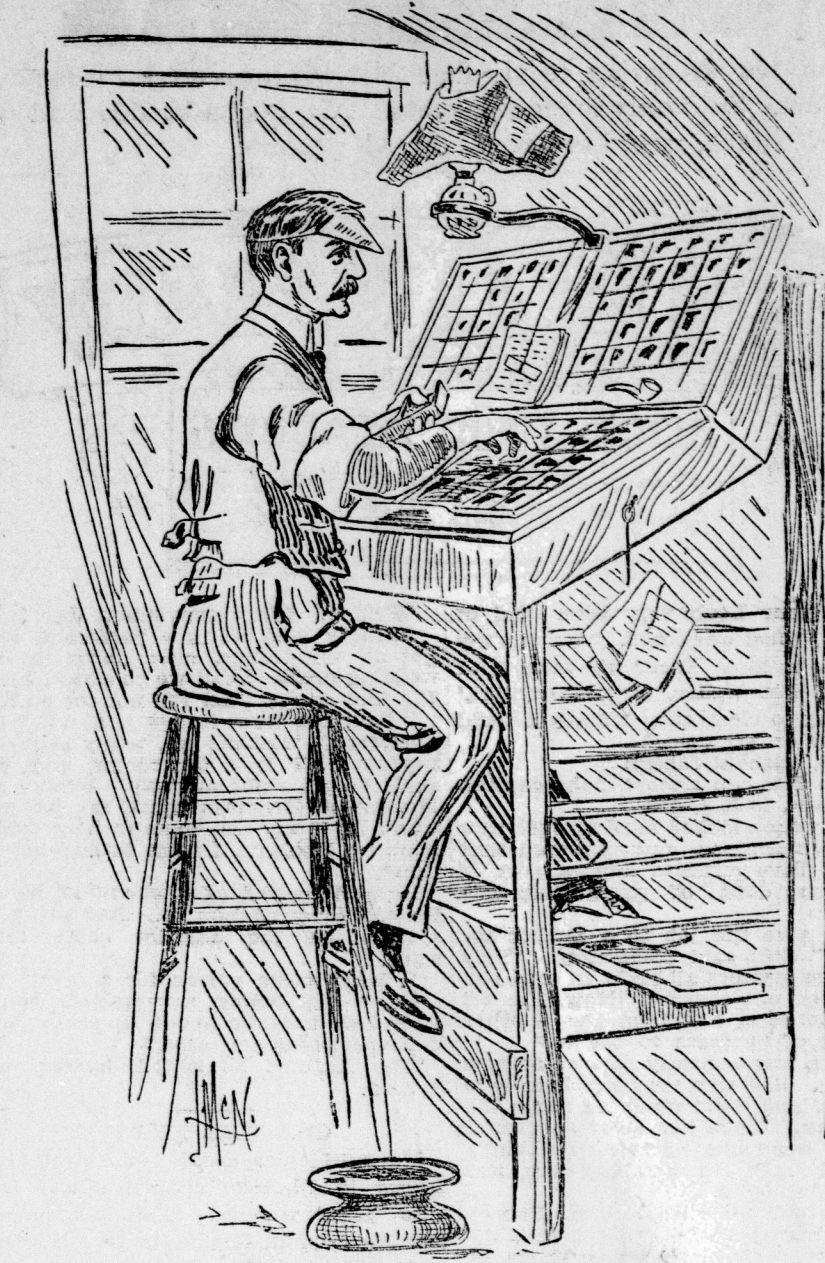
The theory at first advanced that the crime was the work of a burglar, was abandoned as the police probed deeper into the case, and tonight, while the police claim to have several important clues, no arrest has been made.

Burdick was last seen alive Thursday night, when he bade the other members of the household good-night and started for his room, apparently with the intention of retiring for the night. In the morning his body, clad in an undershirt, was found lying on a couch in a small room off the lower hall used by Burdick as a smoking-room. The body was covered with a rug and a number of sofa pillows. The couch was saturated with blood, and the walls of the little den were bespattered with Burdick's brains and blood.

The body when uncovered presented a ghastly sight. His head had been crushed with some blunt instrument and the blows were delivered with such force that the skull was fractured in several places and the brains were oozing out upon the couch.

Some interesting discoveries were made in the smoking-room. To begin with, no weapon could be found anywhere. The body was clad only in an undershirt. At the foot of the couch were found the drawers and stockings. The trousers and other articles of clothing which Burdick had worn were in his bedroom over the floor above. The bed had not been occupied. On the table in the smoking-room the detectives found a bottle partly filled with whiskey, and the remains of a light lunch. Members of the family declare that Burdick never partook of food of which the lunch was composed and never drank liquor while eating. For whom, then, was the lunch?

In this connection Chief Cusack this afternoon gave out the following statement: "From what investigations I



The Old Method of Setting Type.

IDEAL RANCHING COUNTRY PRAISES THE METHODISTS

Choice Section 50 Miles North President Roosevelt's Address of Calgary.

Interesting Description by a Settler—Speaks of the Early Preachers as Grand Pioneers.

Didsbury, Alberta, Feb. 20.—The village of Didsbury is situated on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway, about 50 miles north of Calgary. Although only about two years old, the village is already of considerable size, and has four general stores, one hardware, a drug store, two lumber yards, feed and livery stable, a saddlery, blacksmith shop, butcher's shop, print, office, a bank, creamery, hotel, four churches and a graded school of two rooms.

Last year about \$1,000 were spent in improving the village, and during the coming year a greater sum will doubtless be expended. The surrounding country is such as to attract settlers, and to support a large city. The land is a clay loam, and yields good crops of oats, barley, wheat and potatoes. Oats have yielded over 100 bushels per acre, barley 75, fall wheat 50.

The country might be described as rolling prairie, and is very suitable for ranching. The cattle and horses are very quickly on the rich prairie grass, and require very little feeding in the winter, as they can range out nearly all the time except when a snowstorm comes, and that does not last more than four or five days.

This part of the country is in the Chinook belt, and consequently enjoys a much milder climate than the country farther north, the winters being mild except for very short periods occasionally. This, together with the abundance of rich prairie hay, makes this part of Alberta an ideal ranching country.

Last year the Clover Hill Creamery at Didsbury from May 1 to Dec. 31 had an output of over 20 tons of butter, for which the creamery received 18½c per lb., or \$1,241.53. This was the first year the creamery has been operated, and the coming year the output will be much greater.

When we consider how little trouble it is to feed the cattle, one cannot fail to be impressed very favorably with this country for dairying. Within easy access of the settlement are large tracts of timber lands, where wood, rails, posts and building materials can be obtained.

Coal is also plentiful, and where some mines have been located it is probable that much coal remains to be discovered.

For the sportsman this is indeed "the happy hunting ground." Chickens and ducks abound, while on the lakes back from the settled parts wild geese are found in large flocks. The coyote, or prairie wolf, roams the prairie, and one rancher I know has killed 40 since November. This is profitable sport.

At the foothills deer are quite plentiful, and during last season quite a number were shot. The Rocky Mountains rise up to view in the west, and are even to the ordinary individual a grand and wonderful sight.

Homesteads may still be obtained in this locality, and land may be purchased at from \$4 to \$10 an acre.

ADDING TO THE NAVY

United States Senate Committee Reports a New Bill.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Hale from the committee on naval affairs today reported the naval appropriation bill. The most important amendment recommended by the committee relates to the increase of the navy. The entire house provision is stricken out, and in its stead provision is made for four first-class battleships of the general type of the Oregon, and two first-class armored cruisers of the type of the Brooklyn. The battleships are to cost not exceeding \$3,200,000 each, and the cruisers \$2,750,000. The battleships are to be of 12,000 tons displacement and the cruisers of 9,500 tons. The bill carries \$31,277,281, and also provides for two steel sailing training ships for landmen at a cost of \$270,000 each, and a wooden brig for the same purpose at a cost of \$50,000.

SHIPLOAD OF TIGERS.—New York, Feb. 28.—The British steamer Orono, Capt. Oswald, which made port yesterday, brought a consignment of animals which will probably go to the Bronx Zoo. Three of the collection are fierce specimens. One, a Sumatra tiger, killed three natives at Singapore after he had been in captivity some time. All through the trip he made desperate efforts to break out of his cage.

Two black leopards, which occupy cages adjoining the tiger, are equally fierce, and one of them succeeded in fixing his claws in the leg of the carpenter, who was fastening his cage. His struggles to get away the carpenter backed up against the other cage, and the second leopard made a plunge at the man, tearing off most of his clothing. The carpenter had to be sent to a hospital for treatment.

A giant wren carried a cage with six Borneo crowned pigeons overboard. The other animals which were on the Orono brought were a couple of Anas.

New York, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt was the chief speaker last night at a great mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, held "to do honor to the character and labors of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism." The meeting was held under the auspices of the New York thanksgiving commission, which has had charge of the local work of the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund of \$200,000, that has been raised by the Methodists throughout the country to celebrate the advent of the twentieth century of the Christian era.

"Since the days of the revolution not only has the Methodist Church increased greatly in the old communities of the thirteen original states, but it has played a peculiar and prominent part in the pioneer growth of our country, and has in consequence assumed a position of immense importance throughout the vast region west of the Alleghenies which has been added to our nation since the days when the continental congress first met."

"For a century after the declaration of independence the greatest work of our people, with the exception only of the work of self-preservation under Lincoln, was the work of the pioneers as they took possession of this continent. Together with the rest of the pioneers went the pioneer preachers; and all honor be given to the Methodists for the great proportion of these pioneer preachers whom they furnished."

"The pioneer preachers warred against the forces of spiritual evil with the same fiery zeal and energy that they and their fellows showed in the conquest of the rugged continent. They had in them the heroic spirit, the spirit that scorned ease if it must be purchased by failure to do duty, the spirit that courts risk and a life of hard endeavor if the goal to be reached is really worth attaining. Great is our debt to these men and scant the patience we need show towards their critics."

MRS. PAT OBJECTS

Actress Displeased With Orchestra Changes Her Hotel.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the English actress, playing here this week, did not appreciate the orchestra at the Russell House, where she put up last night, and yesterday evening sent out word that she wanted the music stopped. There was considerable commotion in the clerk's office, until the steward, Wm. J. Chittenden, jun., came along, and soothingly asked her if some other apartments would not do. She consented to look at them, but none would suit. Then Mrs. Campbell, taking on the Paula Tanqueray passion, turned on the hotel man and demanded that the orchestra go out of business while she was in the hotel.

"Such vulgar rasping disturbs my desire for a restful atmosphere," said she, her English foot tapping the floor with weight and impatience, and she stopped at once. "Do you understand? At once, I say!"

Chittenden allowed that the other guests were satisfied with the orchestra and that it would in all probability keep on grinding out melodies. "Then we do not remain," said Mrs. Campbell.

"Where shall we send your trunks?" asked the hotel man, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Campbell and her retinue were at the Cadillac, where she has been assured the orchestra won't rasp on her artistic soul.

Mr. Moses Hughes, one of the pioneers of Yarmouth, died at the residence of his son Hector, at the age of 96 years. Mr. Hughes was born in New Hampshire. He came to Canada when 12 years of age, and when 23 years old he moved to Yarmouth and lived on the forest the farm on which he spent the remainder of his life, having lived at Yarmouth Center for 72 years. His wife died twenty years ago, and he leaves two sons, Hector, of Yarmouth Center, and John, of Southwold Station.