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Sterling Pianos

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STERLING

has been before the public so long that its **Reputation** is unquestioned.

Our Methods of Selling

Permit those who so desire to purchase a good piano on very easy terms.

Always on Hand

A large stock of used Pianos of our own and other reliable makes at greatly reduced prices.

20 Uprights

Nearly all are standard makes, that have come from Brooklyn's best homes in exchange for

STERLINGS.

All have been thoroughly reconstructed and newly finished and are so good that we will warrant them for 5 years, with privilege of exchange for Sterlings, and full amount paid will be deducted from the purchase price.

$100, $125, $150 to $175.

"Every Piano in our warerooms is marked in plain figures."

No advance in price when you exchange here.

20 Square Pianos,

Some are as good as new.

$25, $40, $60, $75.

Small monthly payments.

The STERLING Piano Co.,

MANUFACTURERS.
Wholesale and Retail Warerooms
(Entire building, four floors).
536 FULTON ST., Brooklyn.
Open Monday and Saturday Evenings.
Look for the name STERLING.

FOR PERFECTION IN FIT, SUPERIOR FABRIC AND STYLE THE FINE

DRESS SHIRTS

OF THE

HARDING MANUF'G CO.,

571 Fulton St.,

opposite Hanover Place, B'klyn, HAVE NO EQUAL. Our NECKWEAR, GLOVES, &c., represent the best houses in Europe and America.

FAVOR EXCISE LAW CHANGES.

MANY WHO AGREE WITH JUSTICE JEROME AND MR. FORNES.

Members of New England Society and Even of Temperance Organizations Come Out for More Liberal Sunday Laws—Interesting Views on This Subject.

Indications from many quarters in the city point to a general movement in favor of such modification of the excise laws as will permit the opening of respectable saloons and resorts where alcoholic drinks are served during some portion at least of Sunday. Justice Jerome, both before and since election, expressed himself very explicitly in favor of this change. C. V. Fornes, the newly elected President of the Board of Aldermen, in a recent utterance took the same position. Even among those who are identified more or less with the temperance movement there have been expressions of approval of the stand taken by Mr. Jerome and Mr. Fornes. The liberal views on this subject held by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, rector of St. George's Church, are pretty well known and in the St. George's Year Book for 1901, just published, he takes pains to reiterate them in the course of his introductory remarks in the Year Book. Dr. Rainsford says:

> If saloons were open, as, in my judgment, they would be, at midday and at dinner hour, they might be kept shut at the dangerous and unpromitable hours during which they are now doing their evil work, but allow an ordinary bigotry opposed to such a reasonable hours of opening, we are grievously affected and tormented by the illegal and very often demoralizing opening, protected by the police and winked at by the public.

Even members of the New England Society, which is supposed to stand for a life that is ultra-conservative in the matter of Sunday observance, have expressed themselves as warmly approving the excise law changes favored by Mr. Jerome, Mr. Fornes and Dr. Rainsford. The society has not committed itself upon the subject, and the society's members who have spoken their minds upon it have spoken as individuals and as in no wise representing the society. Yet they are men of such character and standing among their associates that the intention to draw from their views fairly represent those of a good proportion of the society's members. Thomas Stewart Smith, who for many years has been a prominent member of the New England Society, is one who spoke freely on the subject. Edmund Clarence Stedman, the First Vice-President of the New England Society, is another who has no hesitation in saying that he believes there should be a provision of the law for Sunday opening of saloons. He says, however, to emphasize the fact that he speaks for himself and not for the society. Mr. Stedman says:

> [illegible] for the national and better [illegible] Where a Lutheran [illegible] Sunday, or Sabbatarian, or Sunday [illegible] who will and happy and [illegible] ought to be able to [illegible] New York city, and [illegible] New England where [illegible] a good many members of the [illegible] society who might feel [illegible] of view. Personally I [illegible] seeing a good time.

Mr. Stedman says that he was [illegible] in favor of having saloons and [illegible] open on Sunday afternoons, [illegible] church hours and also in the evening, perhaps till 10 o'clock. Mr. Stedman [illegible] New York is a country [illegible] a country made up [illegible] foreign population [illegible] the Germans, and they have a [illegible] Sunday. The Sunday law bears [illegible] feature of this whole question, and as far as the Committee of 15 is concerned, I can say that it is going to bend every effort to do away with it. The saloons should be carefully regulated, of course, but that absolute or general shop closing on Sunday is a hardship to many of the people [illegible] Suppose a poor woman has a sick child, and cannot afford to keep ice, and wants some milk for it, she should be able to buy it. We had this same trouble when we wanted to get the Metropolitan Museum open on Sunday afternoons, and now you simply could not close it, popular feeling is so strong in favor of having it open.

John F. Faure, who is Warden of the Knights of Temperance, and who was a Charities Commissioner under Mayor Strong, is also in favor of a change. He said:

> I feel convinced that grave abuses are chargeable to the liquor law as it exists, and I would gladly welcome any amendment that would tend to minimize or eradicate such abuses.
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> As a citizen I am so profoundly impressed with and deeply grateful for the [illegible] the [illegible] which has resulted from Mr. Jerome's legal, loyal and energetic campaign of trade, that I would very gladly consent to follow in any direction that his method would lead.

Sheriff Will Seek Reinstatement.

Edward Sheriff, the soldier policeman who was dismissed from the force on a charge of insubordination preferred by Inspector Cortright, will apply for reinstatement on Jan. 1, Sheriff said yesterday.

"During the campaign I made speeches for the Tammany ticket. The Knickerbockers were fighting hard for the ticket. I did not receive a salary, as which I lived. Now, on a similar occasion, through some of the same organization, through some of the members who stood behind me, I have provided me with some other work, for which I will be paid the same salary, and which will keep me busy until Jan. 1. When that time arrives I intend to take steps to be reinstated.

Saloon Keeper for Shoplifting.

James Foote, who has a battered and [illegible] children, was held for examination in the Jefferson Market court yesterday charged with shoplifting. When arrested the day before she had in her possession a [illegible] taken from a Sixth avenue store. A bottle containing morphine tablets was found on her and she alleged that when under the influence of the drug she was not responsible for her acts. She has serving three terms in prison.

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These are busy days in our Ruggery—it was expected—and, as in all cases, we were prepared. Our long and successful experience in meeting the requirements of our home-loving, home-adoring housewives, enables us to discern beforehand the necessities of the tasteful and economical—hence our readiness.

THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

of our recent rug offering was most encouraging—might have been caused by the desirable patterns—maybe it was the reasonable price—perhaps combined with both, it was due to the

PUBLIC'S PRESENT PREFERENCE

for rugs—whatever the cause, it induces us to renew the same price sacrifice and offer.

RUGS ARE SO USEFUL

—wherever used, they add tone and finish—wherever you desire to use them—we have them in the desired quality—size—design—color—price. There's always room for one more rug in the tasteful home—and we have that one.

LIBERAL CREDIT

that permits the man of moderate means to immediately supply his home furnishing—home adorning necessities—whether little thing or big thing—if it's right—it's here—and at the right price too.

RARE RUG REDUCTIONS.

Anatolians,	regular price	$5.50	Sale Price	$3.75
Guendjes	" "	$9.00	" "	$6.00
Kazaks	" "	$12.00	" "	$7.75
Sherwins	" "	$16.00	" "	$12.00
Daghestans	" "	$22.00	" "	$16.00
Moussouls	" "	$30.00	" "	$20.50
Kermanshah	" "	$120.00	" "	$75.00

Brooklyn Furniture Company,

559 TO 571 FULTON ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Baldwin Shoes

The Name Baldwin stands and will always stand for the best there is in shoemaking.

Though you search the two cities over, spending many hours and much carfare, you cannot find better shoes or better values. If such a thing were possible **this is the store that would have them first.**

Distinctly New Styles in Men's and Women's Shoes of Calf, Vici Kid and Patent Leather at **$3.50 & $5.00**

H. W. Baldwin Co.

The New Old Shoe Corner. FULTON & HOYT, Brooklyn.

DIAMOND SHOAL LIGHTSHIP.

She Is Being Provided With a Light That May Be Seen Forty Miles Away.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. An experiment of great interest to the lighthouse system of the world is to be made on the Diamond Shoal Lightship when she is placed on her station next December, through which the officers of the Lighthouse Board expect to project a great Brinch beam of light from the sea to the sky, which will be visible to mariners from thirty to forty miles. The cluster of white electric lights now shown from the masts of the lightship have a visibility of only thirteen miles, and it is proposed that shipping passing Hatteras may be able to pick up the lightship three times the distance by the powerful beams of light playing on the heavens. The Secretary of the Lighthouse Board believes if the test is successful that it will play a most important part in the lighthouse system and will be applied to all lightships of the future.

The apparatus now being fitted to the Diamond Shoal lightship at Baltimore will project a beam straight toward the sky from the ridge of the ship in the rough waters of Hatteras will play it about in wild and fantastic and naturally attract attention. War ships have been known to exchange communications for thirty miles by sky-signaling their searchlights. Officers of the lighthouse service believe it will be possible to employ a searchlight system on lightships by which the locality of the vessel may be discovered fifty miles apart under favorable weather conditions. It is contended that as a guide to mariners the new system, throwing a beam from land into the dome of night, will be far in advance of the electric beacons of the Bureau which in the tropics were placed of all things.

Will Banks to Arrer.

Fish water ducks have been unusually abundant the past two weeks at Barnegat Bay. The mallard and teal have been especially abundant. In fact, duck shooting along the entire New Jersey coast has been particularly good.

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ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

BROOKLYN.

A Hundred Women's Dresses . . Bargains.

Demi-tailored Dresses—the smartness of tailored wear with the prettiness that the skillful dressmaker gives. It is such Dresses as these that we are selling most of at full prices. It is such Dresses as these that the particular woman is buying for house and street and evening wear. And to-morrow a hundred of such Dresses will be such bargains that the day will see the last of them here.

$30 to $50 Demi-Tailored Dresses, $23.50.

They are fresh and beautiful styles, beautifully made—most are the higher values. Materials are broadcloths, canvas, bopsacking, granite cloth and taffeta silk. Colors are steel gray, navy blue, castor and black. Waists show the newest broad shouldered effect, with full front and opening in back and side. Skirts are the graduated flounce style. Both waists and skirts are trimmed with bands of stitched taffeta, fancy silk tucking and cording. Some of the skirts have a drop taffeta silk lining, some are unlined, others lined with nearsilk. Sizes are 32 to 40, and prices up to now have been $30.00 to $50.00. Choose to-morrow at **$23.50.**

Women's Long Coats and Short Jackets.

Whichever you want there is wide choice of styles. Whichever you want there are savings in price.

Black kersey cloth short Jackets, 20 inches long, double breasted or fly front, notch collar, narrow turn cuffs; edges finished with rows of stitching, lining of black satin; sizes 32 to 44, splendid value at.... **$6.90**

Black kersey cloth Box Coats, double breasted, notch collar or high storm collar and wide revers, narrow turn cuffs; edges finished with rows of stitching, lining of black satin, an excellent Coat for... **$9.75**

Black or castor kersey cloth Newmarkets, yoke front and back, semi-fitting back, velvet collar, lined sleeves and to waist with best black satin, rain proofed by the Righy process, a very handsome Winter garment, at..... **$18.50**

Separate Skirts.

Black pebble cheviot Skirts, in serpentine style, narrow over hips, graduated flowing flounce trimmed with 2 rows of stitching, satin band and one band of velvet, lined with soft percaline, underpriced at.. **$4.98**

Second floor, front, Central Building.

Laces at Half Prices.

Half the prices at which Laces of equal excellence may be bought outside this Store—that is part of the reason why we are doing the biggest Lace business in our history. The rest is that there is widest choice of fresh and beautiful Laces here, and Laces are being lavishly used in all sorts of ways on women's dress this season. Such savings as this—but the type cannot tell the freshness and charm of the Laces themselves:

Machine Made Laces.

At 3c. to 25c. Fancy Laces in various makes, white, ivory and butter shades, suitable for fancy work, etc.

At 2c. to 10c. Washable Laces and insertions, in sets and odd widths; Valenciennes, Point de Paris and Torchon.

At 5c. to 49c. Insertions and Galloons, black, white, ivory, butter and champagne shades, in various makes.

At 49c. to $1.98. Allovers, in black, white, ivory, butter and champagne shades, in various makes.

At 98c. to $4.98. Fancy and spangled Allovers, in black, white, colors, two toned and Persian effects.

At $7.50 to $49.00. Robes, new and up to date, in various makes; black, white, cream, black on white and white on black.

Real Laces.

Real Irish Crochet Laces	49c. to $15.00
Real Duchess Laces	98c. to $10.50
Real Applique Laces	25c. to $4.98
Real Arabian Laces	25c. to $4.98
Real Cluny Laces	25c. to $2.98
Real Valenciennes Laces	19c. to $1.98
Real Renaissance Laces	98c. to $2.98
Real Irish Crochet Allovers	$19.00
Real Cluny Allovers	$1.98 to $4.98
Real Renaissance Allovers	$1.98 to $4.98
Real Lace Collars, in various makes,	$2.98 to $15.00
Real Lace Handkerchiefs	49c. to $12.50
Real Lace Barbs	$1.98 to $12.50
Real Lace Berthas	$7.50 to $25.00

Main floor, center, Central Building.

Cutlery for Thanksgiving.

A third to a half below regular.

The table must look its prettiest on Thanksgiving Day—here is opportunity to freshen it with whatever it needs at a very sharp saving. The Silverware Store in the Court of the West Building has had no better news of fine Cutlery to tell. Good hints here for wedding gifts as well.

Pearl handle Dessert Knives, regularly $1.50, at. 75c

Pearl handle medium Knives, regularly $1.50, at. 75c

Pearl handle Carving Sets, regularly $8.75, at $5.75

Silver plated Fruit Knives, regularly $1.50 for set of six, at 99c

Silver plated Table Knives, regularly $1.50 for set of six, at $1.25

Celluloid handle Dessert Knives, regularly 50c., at 25c

Celluloid handle Table Knives, regularly 50c., at 25c

Bird Carvers, 2 pieces, regularly $1.25 a set, at 75c

Bird Carvers, 2 pieces, sterling ferrule, regularly $1.98 a set, at $1.25

Game Carvers, 2 pieces, sterling ferrule, regularly $2.50 set, at $1.49

Steak Carvers, 2 pieces, sterling ferrule, regularly $2.75 a set, at $1.75

Carving Sets, 3 pieces, sterling ferrule, regularly $3.50 a set, at $2.98

Carving Sets, 3 pieces, sterling ferrule, regularly $4.50 a set, at $3.50

Celluloid handle Steels, regularly 50c., at 35c

Nut Sets, crack and 6 picks, regularly 25c. a set, at 17c

Nut Sets, crack and 6 picks, regularly 50c. a set, at 35c

Nut Sets, 2 cracks and 12 picks, in oak case, regularly $1.98 a set, at $1.25

Silver plated pocket Fruit Knives, regularly 75c., at 35c

Court, West Building.

An Exploit in Silks.

Twenty-eight hundred yards of fresh and pretty Novelty Silks are perhaps enough to last the day even at the price which is a record of littleness. But to the maker who had them left after his season's weaving they were a drop in the bucket. We sold his Silks at regular prices—his best bargains come here naturally. And they are these:

Dollar Novelty Silks at 79c. a Yard.

Some of this season's freshest and most desirable effects in Persian figured and striped Louisines and fancy striped Taffetas. The quality is excellent and there is wide assortment of rich and beautiful color combinations.

Guaranteed Black Taffetas Under Price.

The Silk Store has made a new record in selling of guaranteed black Silks under price this season. Here are two more notable offerings:

1,500 yards of 23-inch black taffeta Silks, "warranted to wear" woven on the edge of every yard, at **69c.** a yard.

2,700 yards of 27-inch black taffeta Silks, "warranted to wear" woven on the edge of every yard; a superior quality, at **79c.** a yard.

Main floor, West Building.

Body Brussels Carpets and Rugs.

The Carpets come from the best makers—Bigelow, Lowell and Whittall Mills—the fresh patterns that we chose for our exclusive selling. To-morrow there is choice of

50 Exclusive Patterns---8,000 Yards---Reduced.

We are reducing the number of patterns—that accounts for the most unusual offer of Carpetings ever made thus early in the season. They are the finest patterns that we could pick—and there is variety enough to suit every room in the house and practically every scheme of decoration. There is no better Carpet for service than the Body Brussels—there are no better Body Brussels Carpets made than these. They are our

$1.10, $1.25 and $1.35 Carpets at 85c., $1.00 and $1.15.

Even our regular prices are the lowest prices anywhere—such Brussels Carpets as these are selling usually for $1.25 to $1.65 a yard. It is the best chance of the season.

Body Brussels Rugs Also Much Reduced.

Sharp savings on our regular prices—and we were notified yesterday by the makers that these Rugs will cost us ten per cent. more in future. There is magnificent variety of designs and colorings and an excellent range of sizes.

6x9 feet, regularly $15.75, at	$12.00	9x15 feet, regularly $29.75, at	$25.50
8 ft. 3x10½ feet, regularly $21.50, at	$18.00	10½x15 feet, regularly $35.00, at	$29.75
9x12 feet, regularly $23.75, at	$20.25		

$20.00 to $75.00 Moussoul Rugs, $13.50 to $45.00.

Antique Orientals—gems that will delight the lover of rich and soft color harmonies. Somewhere near two hundred beautiful Rugs that were carefully selected as the choicest of five times that number. The patterns are quaint, the colorings are exquisite and each Rug is a bargain. Sizes vary from 3x5 feet or 4x7 feet to 8x12 feet and prices which would fairly be $20.00 to $75.00 are **$13.50** to **$45.00.**

Third floor, East Building.

Two Interesting Facts About

This Important Upholstery Sale.

First—there are no finer or more various stocks of Upholsterings than these that are concerned. *Second*—there are no such small prices outside of this Upholstery Store. For furnishers, refurnishers and prospective furnishers there is special interest in the Upholstery Store to-morrow:

Furniture Tapestries.

600 yards of handsome and effective Tapestries, suitable for general upholstery work, strong and serviceable materials, values $1.50 and $1.75 a yard, at 89c

Silk Damask, in handsome color combinations, artistic patterns, suitable for either drapery or coverings, 8 color combinations, at $2.98 a yard

Portieres and Couch Covers.

Mercerized tapestry Portieres, in effective two toned combinations, armure weave, full width, fringed top and bottom, little priced at $4.19

100 pairs of solid color armure weave Portieres, handsome designs in detached figure, value $4.50 a pair, at $3.69

Couch Covers, heavy Oriental designs, 60 inches wide, 3 yards long; exact copies of imported rugs; value $7.50, at $6.50

1,000 yards of upholstery Cretonnes, good patterns and color combinations, value 16c. a yard, at 12c.

Lace Curtains.

Sash Curtains, in white Irish Point, Renaissance and Arabian effects, much underpriced, at, a pair, $2.75, $3.35, $4.45, $4.95, $5.98, $11.45 and $12.25

White Irish Point Curtains, in effective designs, low priced, at, a pair, $4.75, $5.75, $7.65 and $8.95

Real Renaissance Lace Curtains, all this season's patterns; some splendid values at $5.65, $7.48, $10.65, $13.25 and $17.25 a pair

Irish Point Bed Sets, for full sized beds, new patterns, finished with handsome fulled ruffle, special values at $8.50, $11.50 and $12.25

Third floor, front, Central Building.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON WARSHIPS.

Battleship Maine Within 30 Per Cent of Completion.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The reports received by the Chief Naval Constructor of work done during October on naval vessels under construction show that the battleship Maine, with 70 per cent of work to the credit of her contractors, stands nearer completion than any other armored vessel. On the battleship Missouri 48 per cent of work has been done, 43 per cent on the battleship Ohio, and 2 per cent on the battleships Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, recently laid on the stocks. Of the armored cruisers the Colorado heads the list with 9 per cent of work done. All the protected cruisers under construction the Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston and Cleveland are about half way to completion. The monitor Kansas is three-fourths built and the monitor Florida only 1 per cent behind her.

No work was done during the month on the monitors Nevada and Wyoming, which stand at 9 and 7½ per cent respectively. Nearly all the torpedo boat destroyers are within easy range of completion. The Stewart is the only one of them that has not had three-fourths of the necessary work done on her.

HOT FIGHT FOR A POST OFFICE.

It Had Been Going On for About Four Years Among Twenty-three Candidates.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The President today appointed George W. Burroughs Postmaster at Fort Worth, Tex. The appointment ends the most hotly fought contest for an office ever brought before the Post Office Department. There were twenty-three candidates for the office, and the written indorsements of the various candidates, when totalled together, weighed twenty-eight pounds. Over fifty petitions letters to the Department were written in one of the unsuccessful candidacies. Burroughs succeeds Miss Ida Norton, who has held the office since the last Cleveland administration. The fight for the post among the twenty-three candidates has been going on for about four years. The salary of the office is $1,200.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The torpedo boat Biddle and the training ship Lancaster have arrived at Port Royal, S. C., the gunboat Wilmington at Norfolk, the battleship Illinois at Hampton Roads and the cruiser Chicago (flagship of the European station) at Genoa. The naval transport Solace has sailed from Honolulu for Samoa and the torpedo boat Barney from Norfolk for Port Royal. The gunboat Vicksburg has been ordered into winter quarters at Newchwang, China.

DEWEY'S FAMOUS FLAGSHIP.

The Reconstructed Cruiser Olympia to Be Placed in Commission on Dec. 18.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. Admiral Dewey's famous Manila Bay flagship, the protected cruiser Olympia, was to-day ordered to be placed in commission at the Boston Navy Yard on Dec. 18 and to be assigned to the North Atlantic Squadron. Since the return of Admiral Dewey from the Philippines three years ago the Olympia has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired at the Boston yard, until she is now even a finer vessel than she was on that May morning in 1898 when she sailed into Manila Bay with Dewey's pennant at her truck. Her armament is new and her batteries have been strengthened generally. It is probable that when the Olympia joins the North Atlantic Squadron Rear Admiral Higginson will transfer his flag to her from the battleship Kearsarge. Capt. Henry W. Lyon, who commanded the Dolphin in the war with Spain, will command the Olympia when she has been placed in commission.

THE ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Root Decides to Divide the Department Into Two Districts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The Secretary of War to-day decided to divide the military department of the Philippines into two districts. Heretofore it has been operated under command of several division officers, but acting upon the recommendation of Gen. Chaffee, it has been decided to consolidate the divisions into two general divisions, one to be known as the Division of the Northern Philippines and the other as the Division of the Southern Philippines. This will greatly simplify the military work. The first division will take in the whole of Luzon and the islands immediately south of Manila, while the southern division will include the southern islands of Leyte, Samar and Negros. Gen. Lloyd Wheaton will be placed in command of the northern division and Gen. James F. Wade in command of the southern division.

Appointed Treasurer of Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The President has appointed William F. Willoughby, of the Bureau of Education, to be Treasurer of the Island of Porto Rico in place of J. H. Hollander of Baltimore, resigned.

Mr. Willoughby is a son of the late Judge Wood Willoughby of Washington, and has been for some years a special agent in the Department of Labor. He is an expert on labor problems and a statistician of ability. He was a member of the expert commission that travelled through Europe some years ago to investigate labor conditions.

RETURNS FROM A LONG CRUISE.

Farragut's Old Flagship, the Hartford, Arrives at Hampton Roads.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. Admiral Farragut's famous old flagship, the Hartford, now a training vessel, commanded by Capt. Joseph Hawley, arrived to-day at Hampton Roads, Va., after a long cruise in European and West Indian waters, spent in instructing 400 landsmen in the duties of regular sailors. When the Navy Department got Capt. Hawley's telegram to-day announcing the arrival, orders were sent to him to proceed to the New York Navy Yard, where the Hartford will be repaired extensively. She has been cruising constantly for six months and needs a thorough overhauling.

Meanwhile, the auxiliary cruiser Prairie will be commissioned at the New York yard as a training ship and will take out another big crew of landsmen. The success of the experiment of augmenting the enlisted force of the navy by green men of American birth, without regard to any previous experience on the sea, has been demonstrated and is regarded as of greater and surer benefit to the service than the slower system of training boys.

The President's Callers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, who has been ill in Washington for some days, has so far recovered as to be able to go to the White House this morning. He had a brief interview with the President, but said his business was not important.

Senator Deboe of Kentucky also called on the President to-day and handed to him his resignation of C. F. Crump as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Louisville district. Colonel Crump has been for some time under charges for violation of the Civil Service law, and very bitter opposition to him developed.

A delegation from the Union Veterans Legion, headed by National Commander J. Eldridge Brown, called on President Roosevelt this morning to pay their respects.

Receipts at the Fifty Largest Post Offices.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The receipts at the fifty largest Post Offices for the month of October aggregated $[illegible], being an increase of $[illegible] or 11.4 per cent compared with the receipts for the same month last year. At New York the increase was $[illegible], or 14.2 per cent; at Philadelphia $[illegible], or 10.2 per cent; at Boston $[illegible], or 15.1 per cent; at Chicago the increase was only 6.1 per cent. Buffalo with 20.6 per cent had the highest average increase. Dallas, Tex., followed with 19.4 per cent. Richmond, Va., fourth with 21.07 per cent, and Washington, fourth with 20.8 per cent. Toledo and Lowell were the only offices showing decreases.

TO REDUCE INTERNAL REVENUE.

Chairman Payne to Prepare a Bill That Will Practically Wipe Out War Taxes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. It is the intention of Representative Payne, chairman of the House Committee of Ways and Means, to draft a new revenue bill between now and the assembling of Congress which can be placed before the committee as a working basis on which to construct a measure which will be acceptable to Congress. He has been here for two or three days in consultation with other leading members of the committee, notably Representatives Grosvenor of Ohio and Russell of Connecticut. All of these members are in favor of a very radical amendment of the Internal Revenue law, practically wiping out all the taxes that were imposed on account of the large expenditures made necessary by the war with Spain.

It is expected that the amendments which Mr. Payne will propose will reduce the whiskey tax from $1.90 to 90 cents, although it is possible that the reduction will be only to $1. The tax on tobacco will probably be reduced, according to the plan, to six cents per pound, and the beer tax from $1.60 to $1 per barrel. Other changes are contemplated which will reduce the gross receipts of the Government by a considerable amount and prevent the unhealthy accumulation of a large surplus.

That there is some opposition to the reduction of internal revenue taxes has been indicated plainly during the last few days. Senator Burrows of Michigan had a talk with the President to-day. He said that he was opposed not only to any interfering with the tariff law, but to the amendment of the Internal Revenue act. He view is that the redundant revenue should be ratified and that new trade arrangements should be made which will afford a reduction of the Government receipts.

Army Transports Will Take Christmas Boxes to Manila.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The acting Quartermaster-General of the army has issued an order authorizing the forwarding from San Francisco to Manila of Christmas boxes of books of reading matter which may be delivered there for officers and soldiers in the Philippines. Boxes should be consigned to Major E. P. Lang, General Superintendent Army Transports, San Francisco, Cal. The name of the officer or soldier for whom intended, with the company and regiment or other organization to which he belongs, should be plainly marked on the box, as no similarity of the name will be sufficient. The boxes should contain no perishable matter, should not exceed twenty-five pounds in weight and should be expressed. Charges must be prepaid on them to San Francisco. The transport Grant will sail from New York Dec. 1 for Manila and will also carry boxes.