#### SECRET SERVICE CONTROVERSY

President Livens it Up With Vigorous and Lengthy Reply to Those Who Attacked It

HEMENWAY CHIEF OFFENDER.

Calls His Report "Inaccurate and Misleading in Various Important Respects."

Washington, Feb. 21.-President posevell today added another stirring chapter to the secret service conmoverey in a vigorous and lengthy reply to the attacks made on this branch of the government in a report made recently by Senator Hemenway at the senate committee on appropriaposs. Senator Hemenway, in this repert, upholding the limitation in the more of the secret service, asserted that it never had been the intention of congress to build up a "spy" system, and with cyldent reference to this part of the report, the president declared that if the limitation of the use of the that if the limitation of the use of the secret service had been in force when the sensational land frauds were unterstand a few years ago, a senator, a representative and various men of waith and political influence, who at that time were convicted, would all have escaped punishment. The brest-dent's letter is addressed to Acting chairman Hale of the senate appropositions committee. rintions committee. Characterizing as "inaccurate and

characterizing as maceurate and subsecting in various important respects' both Senator Hemenway's report and the debate which it aroused in the senate, the president presented a mass of facts and figures in detense of the secret service during the seven years of his administration. Some of the president's data are based upon information supplied by Atty.-Gen. Bonaparte and Secty of the Interior Garfield in support of the efficiency of the secret service in the detection of crime. ervice in the detection of crime.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. The president's letter, dated Peb. 19,

follows:

"I have seen the report presented by senater Hemenway on behalf of your committee in reference to the secret savies. The report is inaccurate and mislending in various important respects, and I desire to make certain currections in reference to statements. appear there and in the subse-

"Unit last year the secret service, small body of 60 or 70 men in the treasury department, under Chief Wilkle, was practically the only body of public servants engaged almost purely in criminal investigation. The secret service men were assigned at different mess to different departments to investigate crime and criminals. They estigate crime and criminals. ere thus assigned on different occa-ens, for instance, to the state and navy sens for matanes, to the state and may separtments, but above all to the in-urior department and to the depart-ment of justice. During the seven stars of my administration they were instrumental in bringing to justice a great number of criminals.

INVALUABLE SERVICE.

"I append herewith the occasions on which they were sent to the department of justice during the year 1907, and the first six months of 1908. They redeced invaluable assistance in seeuring the conviction of many crimin-als of desperate character and of many als of desperate characters and of made of social and political prominence. In not one single instance during these seven years has it been shown that their action jeopardized any man who was not connected with illegal transactions. In that they took any but proper stops against a criminal. No pretense has been made that they did not do their work against criminals efficiently. 1 work against criminals efficiently. A desire to put on record my emphatic belief that the secret service under Chief Wikie has been composed of men of an exceptionally high grade of cheracter and capacity, and who have rendered exceptional service to the public. and that Chief Wilkie himself, in a very trying and responsible position, has and responsible position, has qualities of the highest kind. and has been one of the main stand-bys of the government. No other man is the government employ is so dreaded and nated by lawbreakers and those who especially desire to see his activi-ties and those of the men under him re-

CONGRESS HAMPERED JUSTICE.

"Congress last year forbade by law, the use of the secret service men to put a stop to crime aside from counter-felling, and thereby not only hampered justice in other departments, but depreside in other departments, but the private the secretary of the treasury, the official guardian of a biltion and a half of the nation's actual money, of the power effectively to exercise that guardianship. Moreover, the Congress provided no substitute whatever for the force of the congress of the c saley as speedly as upsetty in corps
of special detectives to take the
blace of the secret service agents,
which it had previously used for the
nucleus of this force and trained in
such methods. I call your special attention to the fact that if the department of justice had not taken this ac-lim, there would have been a complet-failure to enforce the law against many failure to enforce the law against many types of criminals, and as it was, in the early months of the present fiscal year during the Morse prosecution in New York and in connection with certain important cases, serious inconvenience and anxiety were caused to the prosecuting officers by this action of Congress in depriving them of the aid of the experienced operatives of the accret service on whom they had been secuntomed to rely. I call your attention to the further fact that the department of justice had mover falsen any steps to openings this favor se lane as it could get men detailed to it from as It could get men detailed to it from the secret service. In other words, the on of the Congress in regard to the secret service would have enumed arous miscacriage of fusitive had it not been in large part multified by the promit action of the department of justice on its own initiative and without of further legislation of any kind by incompress, in providing a species of service within the department of justice likely

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carrying out that policy. Chief Wilkie should be transferred to the department of justice and put at the head of the force therein organized.

"But in your report and indirect at tacks are made upon the server are vice, with a curious persistency and a curious indifference to the first limit of a letter, dated the first limit your committee recommends that a prestated in the same details that at the close of President McKinley's administration there were only 161 such men, on the pay rolls, whereas it was alleged that we now have ever 3,000, and that the appropriations on that account for last year amounted to about \$16,000,000. These statements are not in accordance with the facts.

NUMBER EMPLOYED.

"I submit to you berowith a substantially although not entirely accurate statement of the number of men emstatement of the number of men emplayed on secret service work or veriminal investigation work during the year that has just passed, as compared with the years 1801-02. Onling to the very brief period which has been given to get at these figures. It was impossible to get them with entire accuracy, but they are not out of the way never than a score or so in either direction. According to those figures it appears that in the neighborhood of 1200 men of this type were employed seven years ago, and comewhat ever 1,900 now; that he instead of having trobled in number, as one of the techled in number, as one of the statements made above, instead of having increased nearity 2 fold in accordance with the oth

er statement, they have creased but fittle ever half, a little over 50 per cent, 3 over, of this increase, considerably over half was in the number of men used in securing the punishment of violators of the internal revenue laws, a matter wholly outside of that discussed by any the use of the secret service. The re-maining increase is due to such causes as the natural growth of the posterfice. the safety appliance act, the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Indians, the protection of the public lands

and the timber and the like.
"I call your especial attention to the fact that the great majority of these deed ordinarily engaged on secret service or criminal investigation or in-spection work at all, I have employed these terms merely because they were so employed by members of your com-mittee and others in the course of the debate in the house and senate, but they are entirely misleading in so far as they give an impression that chief work of the men mentioned was of the character assigned it by Sonator Homenway and others in the Guolathe character assigned it by Senator Hemenway and others in the quota-ilons given above and in similar state-ments. As regards nineteen-twentieths of these men, the proportion of their time given to secret service work or criminal investigation is altegether in-significant and is altegether insignificant, and is only an occasional

THIRTY-POLD ENAGGERATION.

"To speak of these men as having become an 'army' or as 3,000 men cogaged in secret service' and similar wors, is comically out of accord with the actual facts. The increase was 500 work. As for the amount expended, the statements in the debate in both muses are so exaggerated as to he no reference whatever to the actual figures. Thus it was stated that two thirds of the money appropriated by the department of justice was spent in criminal investigation. As a matter of fact, the attorney-general reports to me that the appropriation so spent construed on the most liberal possible basis, was in fact 17-19 per cent, so that the statement in question was a 20-fold exaggeration. In the same it was stated that \$10,000,000 (or as one that the statement is question was a 20-fold exaggeration. In the same it was stated that \$10,000,000 (or as one gentlemen but it, that \$20,000,000) represented the amount expended for tab secret service work, while the totals of another set of figures amount to \$32,000,000 as meany which could have been expended for such work. A table carefully compiled covering all the departments, shows that the amount actually expended during the first six mounts of the present fixed year in all work that can be any possibility be considered in come under the bending was dered to come under the bending was fittle less than \$764,000, an estimate total for the cottre faced year of approximately \$1.600,000, which goes I show that the statements reversed to contain only roup 5 to 17 per cent of the contain the contains of the contains of the contains only roup.

WHERE HEMENWAY ERRED.

"Sometor Hemenway quoted the secretary of the interior as the authoriretary of the interior but one set for the statement that but one set for the statement that but one set for the statement of Your committee, he his report, stars that it has never been the intention of the Congress to build up a 'spy system. And in the next ventence, however, adventes the building up of precisely flat yearther in the department of justice. Not only have I again and again requested that the secret service has binisely specifically requested as different exceptions that the sacret service has binisely specifically requested as different exceptions that the sacret service has binisely specifically requested as different exceptions that the sacret service has binisely specifically requested as different exceptions that the same consiste he followed, therefore, your committee has declared for the policy. The adoption of which I have arged and all difficulties would be need by positional services as a previous case of which I have arged and all difficulties would be need by positional services as a previous case of which I have arged and all difficulties would be need by positional services as a previous case of which I have arged and all difficulties would be need by their difficulties and amply our likes duties in a previous case of which

To the Chief of the United States Secret Service, Washington D. C. Sir. The department is in recept of a letter, dated the flat line, from the United States into rey for the disand conviction of flartlett Richard and other defendants, on the charge of conspiring to defraud the United State Your office have been employed under the tribed States attorney takes or cased in making the report to commend most lightly the very able service of the operative in charge. Mr. Laiden C. Wheeler, and his secret service agents?

"The department is also in receipt of a better from the secretary of the interior, dated the 22nd inst., expressing his appreciation of the spiendid work done by the United States attorney, his special assistant and Mr. Whether and transmitting a control of tologram which he sent to Mr. Wheeler on the flat inst., as follows: "I congratulate you most heartly on the spiendid work you have done in connection with the verdict which must give renewed confidence to all

who believe that the law must I desire to add to what has been quoted above the appreciation of the department here of the work done by Mr. Wheeler, who has shown himself to be a conscientious and highly efficient instrumentality to bringing about much dealred results in Nebraska. Very

respectfully, "ALFRED W. COOLEY,

LIMITATION ACTUAL. "The limitation of the use of the secret service was not in the least degree technical; it was real and actual if such a condition as arose in the infrom employing the servet services of the result would be harmful to a government and of benefit only to or criminals, unless, of course, we are the to build up a precisely similar corne service in the department of justice, in which case the action of the justice, in which case the action of the Congress would have been effective only as showing its disapproval of the admirable work done by Chief Wilkie and his division. Unless the new secret service in the department of justice does its work in precisely similar fashion to Chief Wilkie's secret service, it will not do good and effective work and I call your attention to the work, and I call your attention to the fact that the cault of the action of Congress has hitherto been by the cre-ation of the searct service, markedly reare the total cost of this class

The facts in reference to the detec tion and suppression of the land frauds and the punishment of criminals enand the punishment of criminals engaged in them have been made nublic again and again, but in view of the report of your committee it is as well to refer to them once more. Secy. Hitchcock became convinced that there were widespread frauds in his department and that his own force was unable to deal with them. Through the department of justice he had a number of secret service operatives assigned to work on the interior department cases, together with one secret service operather with one secret service opera-who was assigned direct to the ricy department. Mr. Hemanway quaks as if the attorney-general and the secretary of the interior had not known of such assignments; as a mat-ter of fact every such assignment was ide on the written request of the od of the department. The first refind that various departmental officials had failed in their duty and some of them were accordingly dismissed.

WOULD HAVE ESCAPED. The results of the assignment of the secret service men taken, of course, in connection with the activity of the re-organized force of special agents from the interior department, are found in the conviction of many defendants. the conviction of many defendants, some of them being among the wealthings and most influential people in their communities; others standing high in the political world, one of them being a senator and another a representative in Congress, while a second representative in Congress was indicted. If the limitation of the use of the secret service which your committee unholds had the which your committee uphoids had been in force at the time of which I speak, the senator, the representatives nd the various men of wealth and high solitical influence who were convicted, yould all have escaped punishment. I

been in the interest of the criminals "Once the emergency had passed the need for the detail of the secret service men no longer existed and they were accordingly withdrawn. But this history of these land frauds shows conclusively the need of having some some large and service hely subject to emergency. of service body subject to emergency detail to departments in which it is not ordinarily employed.

ordinarily employed.

Before the secret service was used in the interior department, as I have outlined above, the prosecutions for land frauds were insignificant in their results. At the time there was no effective desire shown to limit the use of the secret service agents were used in connection with these lands frauds and secured the prosecution and conviction of many secution and conviction of many n. influential because of their wealth their social order political promi-Porthwith there began that as tre agilation against the use of the octat service which continued until the ction of the Congress last spring. Very

action of the Congress last spring, Very respectfully.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

P. S. This letter is in part based upon statements furnished by the attorney-general and the secretary of the interior. It has been carefully read ever by them and the statements of fact which it contains, so far as they prefer to the department of fastice and the department of the interior, have been checked and approved by them. "Incises various documents as follows."

Statement showing requests of de egiment of lustice for the assignment of secret corvice operatives during the year 1907 and the first six months of

"Statements of a number of men em-ployed on secret service or criminal in-vestigation work during the year just ended as compared with the year 1901-

THE ROSE OF THE RANCHO.

# AMONG THE YOUNG

The United States Senate Has All the Places Filled Except That Few of the Veterans On Its Roll.

STEPHENSON'S GOOD MEMORY

He Never Forgets n Face, a Date, a Name, or Anything Else Worth Remembering.

Special Correspondence

Washington, Feb. 15.-Nearly two years ago, when former Representative the Stephenson succeeded Mr. Spooner as United States senator from Wisconsin, it was common talk that the latter would be entirely satisfied to fill out the unexpired term. But the old lum-Derman likes it so much in the senate that he has been reaching out for a full term of his own, and the latest accounts were that he was going to succeed in his ambition unless the La Pollette following could find a way to trip bim up. Mr. Stephenson, who is a native of New Brunswick, is the oldest man now in the senate, for he will be so if he lives until the 18th of next June. Senator Culton of Blinois will not be 30 until Nov. 22, and Senator Teller of Colorado is about a year younger than Stephenson, Senator Frye of Mains will be 78 his next birthday, and Senators Platt and Depew of New York rank next in uge, being 75 and 74 respectively. The election of so many young senators in recent years has greatly reduced the average in the upper branch.

SENATR STEPHENSON'S MEMORY Senator Stephenson is noted up in his country for his remarkable memory A prominent Wisconsin man sojourning here this winter on this point said: "He was never known to make notes During all of the time he spent in active work as a lumberman, which required the recollection of a great many details. he never took a memorandum. He nevor has carried a notebook and never has written down the name of a man in order to remember it. He rurely forgets a face, but his most remarkable faculty is that of remembering names, incils that of remembering lames, incl-dents, dates and geographical locations. I venture to say that Senator Stephen-son offhand can tell the date of every important event that has happened in the last century. The senator is justly proud, too, of his remarkable memory." SENATORS ALSO GOVERNORS.

The house decided the other day that Gov. Lilley of Connecticut should be dropped from its roll of members on the dropped from its roll of members on the ground that he could not hold two of fices at the same time. Some years ago the senate was not that rough on David Bennett Hill. On a certain 4th of March his only term in the senate commenced. When elected senator he was governor of New York. He held on to the governorship all that year to prevent the lieutenant governor from succeeding him at Albany, but drew his pay as senator just the same. And this was also true of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. For a long time it looked as if Mr. La Follette possibly might refuse to be sworn in as senator if things did not go to suit him at the capital of his state. No question in either case was raised in the senate. There was some outside talk, but it did not influence the senators.

PHILADELPHIA TO ENTERTAIN CONVENTION.

Indications are that Congress will ason pass the joint resolution authorizing the georetary of state to invite the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses to hold in this country in 1911 its twelfth convention, Conventions are held every three years, the last one being at St. Petersburg, Philadelphia will doubtless have the honor of entertaining the convention, having been the first city to extend the invitation, and Representative Moore, who takes such a lively interest in such matters, has been pushing the resolution at Washingon. This will not cost the national government any money, for the Philadelphians propose to foot all site bills for entertainment. However, when the international and the pan-American medical congresses, respec-American medical congresses, respec-tively, were held here Congress did-appropriate guite liberally toward the entertainment fund.

HEPBURN MUST MAKE GOOD CASE

Colonel Pete Hephurn of Iowa is busy preparing his contest for the seat in the next house which will certainly be occupied at the start by his Democratic opponent. Some folks have to be a mighty strong one before the leaders will consent to turn the Democratical.

HAVE FUN WITH SHERMAN.

Members of the house cannot help poking fun at Hon. James S. Sherman, soon to preside over the senate for four years should be live to serve out his term as vice-president. Some even go se for to to bring up the matter incidentally in the regular debates in the house. Mr. Sims of Tennesses the other day, when talking on the resolution to permit the holding of the inauguration ball in the pension office building, declared that sherman ought to have a chance to dance be onice building, declared that sherman ought to have a chance to dance be-fore he is buried in the chair of the prestding office of the senate, even predicting that if he were not careful he might be walking on coutch. he might be walking on crutches be fore that job ends.

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Philadelphia, Peb. 21.- President elect Tart arrived here this morning from Cincinnati and with Mrs Taft who came from New York to join blin is the guest of Dr. S. Well Mitchell in his Wainut street home. Mrs. Taft at tended services at the Unitarian church, and with Mr. Taft drove to Bryn Mawr, where they called on thele daughter Helen, and returned with her n their nutomobile to dinner at the Mitchell residence. A conference tool place between the president-elect and Prank H. Hitchcock, who came here at the request of Mr. Taft. Frank B. Kellogg was also a visitor.

Mr. Taft admits be is making head-

All Taft admits be is making head-way in the selection of a secretary of the treasury, but maintains that the place is not yet filled. Franklin Mac-Veagh and Myron T. Herrick are two of the mea under consideration. With this exception the Tart cabinet is com-plete and when officially promulgated shortly before his inauguration, will be found as follows: and as fololws:

found as fololws:
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It will be observed that in this list are five inwyers. It may be stated that this fact is not a mere soundedness, but is an accomplishment which has been carefully planned and striven for by the incoming president. Constitutional legal restrictions on

Constitutional legal restrictions on corporate abuses are the accomplishments he will strive for. In assembling his legal cabinet, the president-elect has not lost sight of the necessity of obtaining men whose beliefs on the questions to be dealt with coincide with his own. Mr. Tait's position was clearly embodied in his tanagural address and this document is known to have received hearty adoption and complete approval by all of the men selected to be Mr. Tait's cabinet advisors.

J. M. Dickinson of Tennessee, who accepted the war portfolio at the hands of Mr. Tait in Cincinnati yesterday, will give up the position of solicity for the Illinois Central railway and a salary of \$55.000 a year to become a pabinet minister. He is between 54 and 55 years of age, a mittive of Massissippi, served three menting in

many. His grandfather was Phelix Grundy, attorney general of the United States; his futher a distinguished chan-cellor in Mississippi. Mr. Dickinson has always been a Democrat, although he is a personal friend of President of the Interior-R. A. Bal- | Roosevelt and refused to vote for Bry-

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