

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NO BREAK IN THE SERVICE

**Wires Already Working in New Of-
fices—Forty Years in West-
ern Union Building.**

The Associated Press which for many years has had offices in the Western Union Building at 195 Broadway will move to-day to its new quarters at 51 Chambers Street, in the Emigrant Savings Bank Building. The new offices have been fully equipped, with wires for several days so that there will be no interruption in the service the Associated Press gives to the hundreds of newspapers all over the country while the change is being made.

The organization now known as the Associated Press has occupied quarters under different names in the old Western Union Building for upward of forty years. The building is to be torn down to make room for a modern skyscraper and the Associated Press had to move. The organization had also outgrown its space in the old building and a change to larger quarters was imperative.

The present Associated Press grew out of several concerns. It began with the New York Associated Press, which was founded in 1848. Then the Associated Press of Illinois was formed. The New York Associated Press was absorbed in 1892 by the United Press and the first national co-operative news gathering organization was formed in Illinois in that year. This concern was superseded in 1900 by the present organized Associated Press incorporated under the laws of New York. The New York Associated Press began to occupy quarters in the Western Union Building at 195 Broadway when it was first built and the various organizations have had their headquarters there ever since. The present organization occupied the entire third floor and had about 8,000 square feet of floor space. In its new home the Associated Press will occupy the entire second floor and have more than 13,000 square feet of floor space.

"Our new quarters could not have been better arranged if they had been especially built for us," said Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, yesterday. "The arrangement of the various rooms, grouped around the operating room which is the heart, soul, and lungs of the organization, is excellent. We have been working for a month removing the wires, but there has been no interruption in business, for we always have a duplication to fall back upon in case of emergency and we have been operating at both places. The location of our new offices is even better than before. We are in the heart of the downtown section, close to most of the newspapers and the various telegraph and telephone companies and about midway between the old Western Union Building and the new one to be erected in Lispenard Street."

The Service Bulletin of the Associated Press has this to say of the new offices:

"The space occupied in the Western Union Building has not been adequate for several years to the growing demands upon it. The inauguration of new departments and the inevitable increase of the force to take care of the additional work arising therefrom, together with the adoption of measures for increased efficiency in all departments, all contributed to make the quarters too restricted. In the new building every department will have not only all the room it needs to-day, but there is provision for expansion. The move will mean increased mechanical efficiency, better ventilation and light for the men, both day and night, and less crowded offices for the executive branches.

"The new location is excellent, both from the standpoint of proximity to a majority of the city papers, and ease of access to the working force. The Chambers Street building is 151 feet deep and 125 feet wide. It extends from Chambers through to Reade Street, with entrances on both thoroughfares. The new offices will occupy an entire floor. Six passenger and two freight elevators give access to the new quarters, which are on the second floor, directly over a bank. Two broad courts indent the floor space, one from Chambers, the other from Reade Street. Broadly speaking, the floor has four wings, two on the north and two on the south side of the building, each group of two wings separated by an open court. These four wings lead out from the central floor area, which measures roughly 104 by 44 feet.

"In the northern half of this centre is the operating room, ventilated and lighted by three large windows opening on the Reade Street court. To the right of the operating room, and occupying the northeast wing, are the cable room and library, the ship news room, the auxiliary mail delivery room, and commodious quarters for lockers and lavatories. To the left of the operating room, and in the northwest wing, are the local room, the quarters of the sporting editor, the market room, an office for the representatives of the Canadian Press, Reuter, Wolff, and Havas news agencies, and a large storage room.

"In the southern half of the central area are the offices of the chief of the news department, the Division Superintendent, the news editors, the chief of the traffic department, and storage space for records. In the southeast wing is a large Board room over thirty feet square, flanked by an anteroom, while in the southwest wing, looking out on Chambers Street, are the offices of the general manager, the assistant general manager, and the Treasurer, together with accommodations for stenographers and letter files.

"General efficiency was given first consideration in planning the new quarters. To this end the location of the operating room was made central. Contiguous to it are the cable and the local rooms, an arrangement making for the quick handling of the copy these departments originate. On the west side of the operating room is the news distributing room, where all matter received on stencils is printed. This proximity insures quick work in moving copy to the wires. For instance, a story written up in a stencil in the local room is passed to the cyclograph room through a small wall window, and immediately put through the machine. The resultant copy moves without the loss of an unnecessary motion to the wire editors in the operating room. The delivery boys, day and night, who move copy by hand to the city papers, are in the basement of the building, and are supplied from the cyclograph room through pneumatic tubes. Within a few feet of the operating room are the quarters of the news department, the Division Superintendent, and the traffic department, an arrangement further carrying out the main idea of efficiency and compact relationship between the production and the moving of the report, and its supervision."

CONNOLLY LEADS FIGHT.

**Queens President Acts in War on
Foley-Maier Water Bill.**

At the request of many residents of Queens, Maurice E. Connolly, Borough President, yesterday took command of the fight that is being made to persuade Gov. Glynn to veto the Foley-Maier Water bill which gives special privileges to private companies. At Mr. Connolly's direction a letter was sent to every civic organization in the borough, in which he informs the civic workers of the arrangements to take Queens residents to Albany for the hearing on the bill next Friday.

It is expected several hundred persons will attend the hearing. Private water companies at present control the entire water supply in the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Wards, where are situated Woodhaven, Richmond Hill, Brooklyn Hills, Dunton, Hollis, Jamaica, Queens, Elmhurst, Woodside, Winfield, Corona, Maspeth, Metropolitan, Evergreen, Ridgewood, Rockaway, Far Rockaway, Arverne, and Hollands.