

crowded condition. The capture and removal of these elk was the greatest operation on record in this country of handling big game on a wholesale scale. The total number of big-game animals now on reservations administered by the Biological Survey is about 1,530.

*Museum News* states that the work of preparing the site of the new Chicago Zoological Gardens is progressing rapidly. The tract of 196 acres is being cleared preparatory to the excavations necessary for the artificial lakes and ponds. A seventeen-hundred-foot well is being drilled so that the park may be entirely independent as regards its water supply. Two lakes, one of twelve acres for boating and water fowl, and another of two acres for wading birds, are being excavated. Pools are also being prepared for the elephants and hippopotami. It is also planned to set out 2,050 trees in addition to the various plants and flowers, some of which are being grown in a greenhouse already on the site. By April it is expected that the entire site will be properly fenced in and that work on the various buildings will be started.

AN organization called the Argentine Aerotechnical Institute (Instituto Aerotecnico Argentino) was recently founded in Buenos Aires, according to an announcement by the U. S. Department of Commerce. The purpose of the new institution is to seek to make the country independent in the field of aeronautical engineering. The present members, who number 15, are a group of well-qualified and capable professionals, and therefore are in a position to produce the necessary initial effort. The institute will attempt to direct the course of aero engineering, and work for the establishment of factories of aerial and experimental material, at the same time spreading a knowledge of the principles of this subject by means of public lectures.

It is announced that there will be opened in New York City some time before next fall a cancer hospital, which it is said will be the largest in the world. It will be devoted to clinics, operation on and treatment of patients, and will have laboratories for research into the nature and cause of the disease.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

AN appraisal of the estate of Lewis B. Woodruff shows that Yale University will receive the residuary estate of \$66,694 outright and \$25,000 after the death of Frances Butler. The New York Entomological Hospital receives \$10,000 for the publication of monographs on the society's activities.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY will receive from the late

Miss Mary Graydon, of Ridgewood, N. J., a total of \$861,000, including bequests of \$545,000, according to an announcement by Chancellor Lucius C. Clark. Gifts from Miss Graydon, which have been coming to the institution over a period of years, have helped substantially in sending the campaign for funds well over the \$1,000,000 mark toward the goal of \$6,000,000.

GROUND has been broken for the basement of the plant science building at University Farm, St. Paul, to house the division of agricultural biochemistry of the University of Minnesota.

WORK will start soon on a new twelve-story building for Tulane University of Louisiana School of Medicine at the site recently purchased on Tulane Avenue, New Orleans.

DR. EDWARDS A. PARK, Sterling professor of pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine, has accepted the professorship of pediatrics and the position of pediatrician-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and will assume his new duties next September. Dr. Park succeeds Dr. John Howland, who died in London last June.

DR. J. EARL THOMAS, associate professor of physiology in the Medical School of St. Louis University, has been elected to the chair of physiology at Jefferson Medical College.

DR. H. E. ENDERS has been made head of the department of biology at Purdue University.

DR. D. R. DAVIS has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Oregon.

H. L. BALDWIN has been appointed associate professor of engineering at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

DR. PIERRE MASSON, of the University of Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, has accepted the professorship of pathology at the University of Montreal and the position of pathologist at Notre Dame Hospital. Dr. Masson was for many years at the Pasteur Institute, Paris.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### THE FISH NEOSTETHUS IN SIAM

AMONG the most remarkable fishes brought to light during the present century, front rank, if not first place, must be assigned to three diminutive forms described by Mr. C. Tate Regan under the new generic names *Phallostethus* and *Neostethus*. *Phallostethus dunckeri*<sup>1</sup> was described from Johore, Malay Penin-

<sup>1</sup> "A Remarkable New Cyprinodont Fish from Johore." *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, xii, 1913, pp. 548-555.