

## Will Cressy, 66, Famed In 'Old Homestead,' Dies

### Actor Wounded Entertaining Soldiers in World War

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., May 8 (AP).—Will Cressy, actor, died at his home here today. He was sixty-six years old. A military funeral will be held in Mr. Cressy's honor Saturday at St. Petersburg. The body will be cremated and the ashes sent to his old home at Bradford, N. H.

Mr. Cressy was one of America's best known comedians, who gained fame in the character of Cy Prime with Denman Thompson in "The Old Homestead." He was born in Bradford, N. H., and made his first stage appearance in Norwalk, Conn., in the Frost and Fanshawe Repertoire Company on September 19, 1889. After six years with "The Old Homestead" he went into vaudeville, usually appearing in an act with Mrs. Cressy.

In this country he was a vaudeville favorite, particularly as a rural character, with his wife, Blanche Dayne. The team of Cressy and Dayne was in the first unit of the Overseas Theater League. During the World War he was wounded by a fragment of a hand grenade while entertaining soldiers near the front at Metz, and later was slightly gassed, his head becoming affected.

Last fall he passed a month in Hackensack, N. J., visiting his brother-in-law, I. B. Hodges. At Hackensack he