## Elman Pays Glowing Tribute To Beautiful Canadian Womanhood

### WHEN EXPLOSIONS **DESTROY FACTORY**

Death Toll Will Exceed 40 in Explosion At Starch Plant.

LIST NOT COMPLETE

Associated Press Destatch. Pekin, Ills., Jan. 3.-Upward of two score of victims of an explosion and fire, which early today destroyed two pany plant here, were dead or missing tween 34 and 40 as dead or missing, 28 injured in hospitals, 11 probably fatally hurt, and 14 injured removed

Superintendent H. B. Lawson to night issued an official statement to the effect that he could not tell how many were killed, as some workmen might have left the plant without cking out."

Fire Raging.

The explosion, caused probably by dust, rocked the countryside with Tonight the fire which folviolence. Tenight the fire which lowed still was burning. Fire from Pekin and Peoria kept flames in check, but the frost added to the difficulties of relief workers by covering the debris with a heavy at nightfall, except to clear away

me of the debris. Wives and families of the victims did not congregate at the plant, but coming and going in a steady pro-cession, inquiring with quivering lips for word of their loved one. Vord went out this afternoon that if it were possible that the missing d survived the explosion and fire, their lives would by that time have

en ended by the cold. 13,000 people were torn with similar riefs in 1917 when the river steamer bia bore 86 Pekin citizens to a grave in the Illinois River.

Investigate Cause.

State and federal investigations of the explosion were in sight tonight. There was no official who would venture a guess as to the possible mitted, however, that a spark sufficient to cause the crash might have come from friction or defective

match or cigarette. There were one million pounds of starch in the buildings destroyed, which Chief Chemist R. F. Sherman said contained twelve per cent moisture. How starch of this moistur content could have produced ex-plosive dust sufficient to cause the extreme damage done the plant was a thing, he added, that he could not

As darkness closed about the workers a train-wrecker was still pulling at the wreckage of five box cars, in which nine loaders went to their deaths screaming prayers for help. The full force of the derrick not exerted for fear the pull would bring down upon the score of workers the remaining walls of the

### **VESSELS DRIFTING** IN PACIFIC STORM

American and Japanese Ships Helpless After Breaking of Steering Gear.

Associated Press Despatch. San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Each with broken steering gear, the Japanese steam freighter Kyosell Maru, 3,987 net tons, and the Harold Dollar, 2,298 tons, of the Dollar Steamship Line are drifting in a storm raging in the mid-Pacific, according to radiograms to the Federal Telegraph Company early today from the steamship Presi-dent Cleveland. Neither carries pas-

The Japanese vessel gave its posi tion as latitude 49.41 north and longi-tude 171.15 east. The Harold Dollar is in the same vicinity. The liner Empress of Russia is rushing to assistance of the Kyosei Mari.

#### POLICE THINK MAN HELD IN MOUNT FOREST ROBBER

Associated Press Despatch Austin, Texas, Jan. 4.-A man who is held by the police here on a minor charge, and who gave his name as Hart Austin, is believed by the authorities to be Louis Austin, reported to be wanted by the Canadian police in connection with the robbery of a bank at Mount Forest, Ont.

### IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE. BETWEEN TORONTO AND WINNIPEG.

The Canadian National Railways announce that effective Saturday, January 5, 1924, improved train service via New Longlac route will e put in operation.
"The National," the Toronto, Win-

"The National," the Toronto, Win-nipeg and Western Canada train, will hereafter run by this route and via Allandale, Barrie, Orillia and Washago, instead of via Beaverton, leaving Toronto 10:45 p.m. daily, ar-riving Sudbury at 8:55 a.m., and Win-nipeg 4:10 p.m. following day riving Sudbury at 8:55 a.m., and Win-nipeg 4:10 p.m. following day.

"The National" will carry tourist sleeping car Toronto and Winnipeg, standard sleeping car, Toronto and Edmonton, compartment observation library car Toronto and Winnipeg, standard sleeping car Toronto and Sudbury, dining car serving all meals.

### FORTY ARE KILLED GREAT VIOLINIST SAYS ART IS HIS REAL LOVE

Mischa Elman Declares CanaMost Reautiful New Books in the World.

TALKS OF RUSSIA Declines To Pass an Opinion on

Merits of the Soviet Government.

Mischa Elman, acknowledged one of the world's premier violinists, may go from Canada with the applause of an enthusiastic musical public ringing in his ears, but the memory he shall most fondly cherish is the vision he has had of radiant, beau-tiful Canadian womanhood.

When last here, Elmann announced exclusively in The Advertiser that his engagement to Mildred Stone, American Society beauty, was no more. He admitted he was brokenhearted. But that was a year ago, and he has since plunged into his music with a fervor that has made him forget the blasted romance of his life. Now he is in love, passionetty in the same that he was brokensionately in love, but it is with his

folart.

"No woman ca ntake the place of
my art," Elman said.
The great musician is a tiny man,
added
The great musician is a degree, clever, temperamental to a degree, clever and his heavy?set face reflects the covering the desired accomplished nothing indomitable courage and unlimited wreckers had accomplished nothing energy which has made him one of Pyjamas are usually regarded as quite a handicap to a man's pres ence. But pyjamas detracted not an iota, from the powerful personality which is Elman's. When interviewed by The Advertiser today, the musi-cian had just emerged from his bath. Hastily donning pyjamas, he sat

nervously playing with some coins on the table while the interviewer peppered him with a barrage of ques-"What is the finest type of woman injured are United States citizens, in the world?" was a query which residents of this little fown, whose brought smiles over the little violinist's rugged face, and he answered unhesitatingly, "Canadian women."
"Of course, it may be that I, a stranger, would notice them more than a Canadian," Elman explained, "but I can honestly say I have never seen such heauty in my life Canage. seen such beauty in my life. Cana-dian women are roses in the garden

of femininity. "Canadian They are always blooming. I have been to every country in the world, with the exception of Africa and South America, and I know that electric wiring or from a lighted women of Canada, collectively, are the finest speciments the world has, I think it must be the invigorating climate.

#### Says He Likes Jazz.

Elman continued to juggle the fingers which are insured for \$500,000 If he were to cut one of them off he would get \$50,000. They are insured to that extent even against self-Elman broke into a ringing laugh

the time. I am a jazzer." "It must jar on you to dance to an ordinary orchestra and hear poor music?" he was asked.

"Sometimes. But that depends on the young lady I am dancing with.
With some girls I would dance to a bagpipe, and nothing can be worse than that. You see, I took up danc-ing because I became suddenly aware f my bachelorhood. Besdes, it's leap

Elman added that he was urged to dance about six months ago. His friends said he mustn't get into an "Why don't you get married?" was

the next question.

The violinist cogitated for an instant. "Why," he repeated, "the reason is that I am a bachelor by accident just as other men are married by accident. I have ideals. Perhans no woman shell ever come the ried by accident. I have ideals. Per-haps no woman shall ever come up to my ideal, but in there is one and I meet her—well, I shall marry her." "You see," he continued, "she must be a superwoman to compete with my art in the hold it has on my af-fections. Perhaps I could find an ideal Canadian woman. They are certainly the most beautiful."

Talks of Russia.

The subject changed to Russia. Elman was born there an dstill es a deep love for his father land. It was there he found success when as a musical prodigy of 16 he startled audiences in St. Petersburg

SHOCK OF REMON

with his wonderful technique.

How can any man not a musician attempt to judge music?" Elman said. "How then, can a man who isn't a Russian attempt to judge Russia? I haven't been there for years so I shall not say whether the sayist government is good or had soviet government is good or bad. But I can think for myself. Only people who actually live in Russia are justified in passing any opinion on Bolshevism. What the newspapers say about it is obviously propagan-

Elman believes the world would be better if alcohol had never been dis-covered. Nevertheless he is not an advocate of prohibition. Prohibition strikes the very foundations on which strikes the very foundations on which the theory of personal liberty is built, he said. But aclohol is a curse. He never took a drink in his life:

As for falling in love Elman admitted he might succumb to such a thing. He wasn't sure of himself. Being the only famous musician still a bachelor, with the exception of Heifitz, Elman thought that, in time, he might meet the fate of his contemporaries.

temporaries.
"I am not ignoring women by any means," he confessed. "Now, if the right one comes along—"

Strives for Perfection.

## In Library

Following is the list of new books received at the main branch and east branch of the Public Library, Two and three copies of several of the books have been placed in the wo libraries.

MAIN BRANCH

Fiction.

Adams, Fenceless Meadows; Arden,
Sinners In Heaven; Ayres, Marriage
of Barry Wicklow; Birmingham,
King Tommy; Chamberlain, Lip Malvy's Wife; Connor, Sky Pilot Crawford, I Walked in Arden; in, Tyranny of Power; Davis, Times Have Changed; Day, Loving Are the Daring; Erkine, River Trail, Ertz, Madame Claire; Eyton, Dancing Fakir; Freeman, J., Punch and Holy Water; Freeman, R. A., Cat's Eye; Friedlaender, Mainspring; Forman, Enchanted Garden; Gregory, Judith of Blue Lake Ranch; Gray, Silence of Dean Maitland; Haggard, Monte-zuma's Daughter; Hamilton, Follow My Leader; Hornung, Old Offenders; Hurst Lummor, King Hurst, Lummox; King, Happy Isles; Knowles, Undertow; Lascelles, Sac-rificial Goat; Lucas, Advisory Ben; Macbeth, Patterson Limit; MacKail, According to Gibson; Marks, Undertow; Merrick, Man Who Underst Women; Murchison, Conquered; Odle, Clockwork Man; Pocock, Wolf

Trail; Rath, Nervous Wreck; Richmond, Red Pepper Burns; Richmond, With Juliet in England; Rousse With Juliet in England; Rousseau, Lion's Jaws; Somerville, Ashes of Vengeance: Stagg, Thornley Colton; Springer, Fire Mountain; Strachey, Marching On; Tormay, Stonecrop; Tregarthen, John Penrose; Valmer, Old Brandy; Ward, "Missing"; Whitlock, J. Hardin and Son; Widdemer, Graven Image; Wodehouse, Psmith, Journalist; Wodehouse, Psmith In the City; Zangwill, Grey Wig: Walnole City; Zangwill, Grey Wig; Walpole

#### EAST BRANCH

General Works. Pitkin, How to Write Stories; fore, Belief in God; Page, Publisher's Confession, Book of Business Etiquette; Addison, Art of the National Gallery, Art; Stevenson Famous Single Poems; Stead, Empire Builders; Overton, When Winter Comes to Main Street: Mansfield. Mansfield, Garden Party; Hopkins, H. G. Wells; Johnstone, Uganda Protectorate; Ross, Social Revolution in Mexico; Phillips, Revolution in Ireland; Locke, Builders of the Canadian Commonwealth; Macbeth, Policing the Plains; Rosenberger

Fiction. Anderson, John Matheson; Bennett, Riceyman Steps; Cleland, Sure Traveller; Corelli, Love—and the Philosopher; Cummings, Girl in the Golden Atom, Golden Stories; Harteeth.

"You ask me if I like jazz," he said. "Well, I ought to, because I have taken up dancing. I dance all the time. I am a jazzer."

Trail; Pryde, City of Lilies; Stagg, Thornley Colton; Tracy, Turning In reply to a report from the American Baptist Foundation Mission Society dealing with allegations content the time. I am a jazzer."

# HAS GOOD SEASON

Carried More Passengers During Recent Holidays Than Ever Before.

Canadian Press Desnatch.

North Bay Jan. 3 .- The T. and N O. Railway Commission held a sesthe current year were discussed. Interviewed after the meeting, Chair-man Lee said that the steel would be laid to Kirkland Lake by about Jan. 22. He said also that four new engines, the finest in Canada, had ar rived from Kingston today. Mr. Lee said that 1923 was one o the most successful in the history of the road, and that more passengers had been carried during the present holiday season than ever before.

SHOCK OF REMOVAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Jan. 4.-Adolphe Lalonde, an inmate of the Hospice Gamele, a home for aged and infirm in the east end of the city, died of shock the institution was destroyed by fire today. The death occurred in the Mother House of the Sisters of Providence, where the men had been removed. He had been paralyed for a number of years.

#### PORT ARTHUR WITHOUT STREET ACCIDENTS IN 1923

Canadian Press Desnatch Port Arthur, Jan. 9.-Due to carefulness of its citizens, Port Arthur established a record during 1923 when there were no fatal street acidents. It was the first time since becoming a city in 1907 that no fatalities occurred.

Strives for Perfection.

Then the great violinist spoke of his music. The improvements he had noted in his technique during the year. The mental anguish he suffered when he failed to achieve a higher standard each day. The indescribable stimulus to one's work in knowing improvement is gradually going on.

"No one is perfect," Elman said in conclusion. "There is always one more stepping stone to surmount. I

## RECORD VOTE IS IN WESTMINSTER

Ex-Warden Cousins and Deputy Reeve Laidlaw Running For Reeveship.

**ELECTION MONDAY** 

From present indications a record vote will be polled in Westminster Township next Monday when the residents will be faced with the task of choosing a township council. Ex-Warden John S. Cousins and his first deputy reeve, Walter Laid-law are fighting it out for the reeveship and every effort is being put forth by both candidates.
County politicians are inclined to favor Reeve Cousins in the betting, pointing out that his career in the

county council has been an honor-able one, and that when it comes to township and county affairs, he is really the "daddy' of them all. Mr. Laidlaw is well known and has given good service in his part of the township and has a great many friends boosting for him. The real interest, however, centers in the election for first deputy reeve. William Boler of Byron and

Robert Brown an ex-councillor are The village of Byron and vicinity will undoubtedly go solid for Boler while Manor Park is sure to cast a great many votes for Brown, Manor Park residents think they have not Park residents think they have not been fairly treated by Boler, who has spent a great deal of time in this portion of the township. T. L. portion of the township. T. L. Wrikht who is running as councillor on a Manor Park ticket will get many votes in his own county but

will not do so well in other parts of

the township, according to advance

## CHURCH DISSENSION

Northern Baptists Demand Investigation of Foreign Mission Situation.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 3.—The controversy raging in Protestant religious circles inthe United States between the modernists and the fundamentalists broke out afresh today. The Baptist Fundamentalist League

ofGreater New York issued a statement declaring that northern Baptists would be satisfied with nothing Hocking, Prodigal Parents; Landon, less than a thorough investigation of Room Under the Stairs; Piper, the whole foreign mission situation Peter's Best Seller; Pocock, Wolf by a committee of men of "unquesthe whole foreign mission situation

The statement said that over eriod of years foreign missionaries, native Christians and others have ng was prevalent in foreign mission

# **HUNSDON DENIED**

Labor Forming Government Is Dead Issue.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 3.-Lord Hunsdon's Liberals to prevent Labor from forming a government is today regarded as a dead issue, having failed to gain Premier Baldwin's support. It is understood that the prime minister replied to Lord Hunsdon, who, as president of the City of London Unionist Association, addressed a letter to Mr. Baldwin, urging a serious effort excited by urging a serious effort against Labor government control, that Mr. Asquith's attitude prevented the suggestion from being carefully considered.

Many of the ministers are still out of town, but the premier gathered all his available council at Downing street today, and had a long discusfollowing his safe removal along with three hundred other patients when of parliament and other matters of

#### STOCK BROKER'S HOME ROBBED OF JEWELRY

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 4.—Two masked robbers, with drawn revolvers, yesterday invaded the suite of David Palter, a stock broker, on the fifth floor of a West 79th street apartment house forced their way into floor of a West 79th street apartment house forced their way into Mrs. Palter's bedroom, and escaped with \$4,000 worth of jewelry.

The robbery, committed in a fashlonable section of the West Side residence district, was one of the most daring in months. The pair evidently had made their way to the fifth floor by means of a stairway. They rang the bell to the suite, and the door was opened by a maid.

She faced two revolvers. Ordered not to scream under pain of death, she stepped backward at the direction of the robbers. of the robbers.

From their bed the Palters gazed upon two young men, both wearing tan raincoats, tan felt hats and black masks. The stock broker and his threatened with death if

## GERMAN CAPITAL CAUSE OF BUILDING

Dr. Edwin Seaborn Tells the Kiwanis of Story Heard While on Tour.

PORTUGAL IS BUSY

From Spain, Dr. Edwin Seaborn the London physician who has re-turned recently from a year spent in turned recently from a year spent in Europe, brings back a story which supports his belief that German capital is responsible to a large extent for the remarkable increase in building operations there. This be told to the Kiwanis Club today in the course of his address on "Impressions of Europe". It was brought pressions of Europe." It was brough up in connection with Dr. Seaborn's omment on the surprise he received to find Spain with the appearance of possibly the busiest of all the European countries visited in his trip.

In conversation with a German officer and a Spanish busicessman, Dr. Seaborn had asked the former to confirm his impression that much German capital was being spent in

quicker, and to Dr. Seaborn's e more truthful, in answering "yes." "Spain was something of an eye-opener," Dr. Seaborn said. "I had expected to find men bearing traces somewhat of the effete, but instead of that the men were of a big, fine athletic type. With regard to the country itself there seemed to be oustle and activity everywhere." He used descriptions of the popular national pastime of bull fighting as means of comparing the racial characteristics of two countries-Spain and Portugal,

"In Portugal, I was surprised at the industry of the people. They have utilized every square inch of their country. They have terraced ill the mountains, and even trained vines over some of the rivers to produce as many grapes as possible for their wine. They go about in rags a great many of them, and still greater number are barefoot, bu good natured, and easy-going-per haps a trifle too easy-going—people."

The Portugese, Dr. Seaborn said, display greater sportsmanship in their bull fights than do the Spaniards and treat the bulls in a much

#### SMITHS STILL HOLD LEAD IN 1924 CITY DIRECTORY

Annual Volume Makes Bow Clad in Sky Blue.

ANDERSONS "DO WELL"

Many of City's 375 Streets Are Designated as "Not Built On Yet."

Clad in sky blue the 1924 London directory makes its bow today. As s common in most directories on the American continent the Smiths have the bulge, as far as numbers are con-cerned, on all other names. In this number there are 410 of them. William seems to be the most popular form of Christian name for the Smiths as there are 26 in the directory. There are 8 Mary Smiths, 15 John Smiths, and 19 James Smiths. There are quite a few names that appear only once in the lists, such as Sterritt, Strip, Tremeer, Treble, Silleth, Beame, Coxan, Coxwort, Craft, Dando, Footwinkler, Geron, Humpidge, Layng and a host of other names. The Andersons do pretty well and

have 85 to their credit. The Flemings also are well represented with for several years. Spain.

The German was quick in answering "no," but the Spaniard was even spain and the roster. That real Irish name, Flanagan, is not hidden beneath any bushel of numbers and together with Flannigan has 24. Ward is another common name in London. There are 66 Wards in the new directory.

The book, a weighty affair of 820

pages, begins and ends as all good and worthy directories should with advertisements and as a preface i an article over the title London Chamber of Commerce on London "The City of Happy Homes," being a brief description of the benefits ac-cruing from residence in the city There are 375 streets listed on the of them are designated as "not built on yet."

"There is a supplement added at the townships

the end containing the townships towns and villages in the county of Middlesex which will doubtless be valuable to many businessmen. One hundred and sixty-two London firms have advertised in the volume

STREET BETTING FINES.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 4.—Street betting fines Salford last year totaled over \$15,000. or equal to a rate of a halfpenny in the pound. Half a dozen women book-

#### News From City Churches

Methodist Church met yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. Arthur Rogers in the chair, and was of a very interest-ing character. Mrs. T. R. Wright gave a helpful Bible reading. A committee convened by Mrs. Hayes, assisted by Mrs. Jack Wilkie and Mrs. eent fund" throughout the congrega-tion to be devoted to church work.

MOVING PICTURES. Under the auspices of the Sunday school, the Canadian Pacific Railway moving pictures of Canadian scenery were shown last evening to a large audience in the Wellington Stree

Methodist Church.

ST. MATTHEW'S M. C. The Women's Mission Circle of St Matthew's Church held its regular Working Agreement To Prevent

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ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY. In addition to practically the en-tire attendance of the primary de-partment, there were about eighty-five mothers with children of the Font Roll at the annual Christmas attempt to arrange a working agree-day afternoon. The extremely large ment between the Conservatives and attendance was an unexpected feaattendance was an unexpected rea-ture of the occasion, as those in charge had looked for only half the number at least, thinking with that to be well satisfied with the interest shown in the two odepartments. During the past year, however, there has been a decided increase in the mem-bership of both Font Roll and Primary department, which accounts in measure for the large number pres-ent. The afternoon was spent in games under the direction of Miss Matthews. Tea was served to all present, and after that the children were free to revel in their presents from the Christmas tree. The affair was engineered under the direction of Miss Matthews, head of the Primery department and Mrs. Gordon ary department, and Mrs. Gordon Philip, head of the Font Roll depart-ment. Both were assisted by the department staffs.

MISSION CIRCLE.

The regular meeting of the Mis-ion of Hyatt Avenue Methodist sion of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church was held last evening at the home of Mrs. W. Beck, Nelson street, and was well attended. The interesting program included a story of an Armenian refugee, delivered by Mrs. Harry Hahn; a paper on "Later Tidings From Afflicted Japan," by Mrs. Charles Myrick, and a recitation by Miss Lois Manning. There were also musical numbers—a solo by Mrs. Harry Higgins, and instrumentals by Katherine Hahn and Evelyn Petty.

A particularly encouraging feature of the meeting was the reception of six new members.

Following the evening's business, a social half-hour was spent, and the hostess was assisted in serving re-freshments by Mis Ehtel Hutchin-

The executive of the Mission Circle of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church

The Ladies' Aid of Centennial terest taken in it by two ladies of the congregation, Mrs. C. E. Keene and Mrs. Francis L. Anstie. The presentations were made at the regular monthly meeting, held in the Parish Hall yesterday afternoon The rector, Rev. G. Q. Warner, played the hymn which opened the meeting sisted by Mrs. Jack Wilkie and Mrs. Joseph Cake, was appointed to prepare the program and social half hour for the February meeting. The members also decided to start a "one-went fund" throughout the congregation work. children of the congregation was presented by Miss Brickwood and read by the rector. It was unani-nously adopted by the club. Following the business of the after

> refreshments—were served by Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. MAITLAND STREET M. C.

ocial hour together, during which

The regular meeting of the Mis-ion Circle of the Maitland Street Baptist Church was held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Haverstock presid-ing. A splendid talk on "Missions in India" was given by Mrs. John McLoughlin. Mrs. Pierce contributed delightful solo.

NEW MEN'S CLUB.

Meeting in the Parish Hall last vening, the men of the co of St. George's Church, West London, organized a men's club through which will be handled their activities business way. Its officers are the fol-lowing: Honorary president, Vener-able Archdeacon G. B. Sage; president, R. L. Stephenson; first vice-president, J. H. Hobbs; second vice president, J. H. Hoddins; second vice-president, F. Hoddins; secretary, S. White; assistant secretary, F. Copp; treasurer, W. S. Coulls; assistant treasurer, J. Dean, Jr.; attendance report officer, J. H. Hobbs; envelope report officer, F. G. Turville; game custodian, W. Wilson; representatives to the executive, Messrs. Rowe and Andrews. For completion of the ganization last night's meeting adourned until January 14.

#### MABEL NORMAND FILMS BARRED FROM SHOWING

Associated Press Despatch. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4.-John M Dean, chairman of the Memphis board of motion picture censors, stated that films in which Mabel Normand appears will be barred here nection of her name with the shooting of Courtland S. Dines. Purviance appears will be suspended until the Dines case is "cleared up," Mr. Dean states.

#### WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE IN U. S. IS DECREASED

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Jan. 4.-Smaller win ter wheat acreage is indicated in a review of world agriculture issued yesterday by the U. S. Department SPECIAL MEETING.

The executive of the Mission Circle of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church are holding a special meeting next Miss Doris Childs, Hackett street.

CRONYN MEMORIAL M. C.

By presenting them with honorary memberships, the Mothers' Club of Cronyn Memorial Church have expressed their apprexamples. Seedings for the United States, Canada, Poland and Bulgaria are estimated at 46,811,000 acres, compared with 53,897 000 for the 1923 grop. Russia's fall seedings also are reported smaller than last year.

World wheat production last year in 37 countries is placed at 3,404,000,000 bushels, or 352,000,000 bushels more than the 1922 cron.



Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, who is endeavoring to gain asylum where he has been confined

# **VERY OPTIMISTIC**

Former Grecian Premier Confers With Government Officials on Political Situation.

MAKES NO PROMISES

Associated Press Despatch. Athens, Jan. 4-Former Premier Venizelos, who reached Athens at an early hour this morning, refused to make a detailed statement, but from his general remarks to Col. Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee, papermen who met him it is inferred that he does not take a very optimis-tic view of the internal political situation.

Greece at the invitation of the leadcarefully study the situation. that he would endeavor to help his country out of her present difficulties He did not intend to remain here ong, he added, but would stay until he thought his presence was

Physicians to Minister Might Not Object to Job of Less Responsibility.

Canadian Press Despatch. o the Gazette says: There is no doubt that Sir Lomer would hardly object to this. In view

Thaw a week ago. "He was in splen
of the position of a large group of
did shape, well balanced, logical and Western Progressives with the Lib- fully aware of the plans being made eral party, Sir Lomer might not en-joy being in the senat, e while at marked improvement in Thaw. Spencerwood he would be out of the has lost his noticeable uncertain political turmoil and his anti-free speech, and his mind appears to be trade inclinations would not be in-

terfered with The name of the new lieutenantgovernor will not be known until Monday noon, though the choice is said to have been already made. If Sir Lomer Gouin does not Senator Jules Tessier, of Quebec will likely be chosen.

GALT REGT. AFFILIATES WITH GLASGOW UNIT

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 4.—Affiliation of
Canadian with British regiments goes on apace. The latest announce-ment is that the 29th Regiment, Highland Light Infantry, with headquarters at Galt, Ont., has been affili-ated with the Highland Light Infantry, City of Glasgow Regiment. The Eighth Regiment, Royal Rifles, with headquarters at Quebec City, been affiliated with the King's Royal Rifle Corps. The King's Royal Regiment has some historical connection with North America, for the regiment was originally raised as an American American colonies and subsequently became the 62nd Regiment of the lin Later it was made the 60th Rifles.

#### RINK AT VICTORIA PARK WILL BE OPENED TONIGHT

There will be skating on Victoria Park tonight. This announcement was made by General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission this morn-In addition to Victoria Park, there

In addition to Victoria Park, there will be skating at McGillivray's and the Cove, while a few days will see the rinks at Queen's and Thames parks also completed. The snow of the past couple of days has hindered the ice-making, but this morning it was well under way.

The pool at Thames Park is not being used, it being deemed wiser to construct the rink on the ground, as

at Victoria. RESUME INSPECTIONS. School Inspectors V. K. Greer and C. A. Wheable resume their regular inspections of public schools on Mon-

### IN '23 TOTAL 198 Adherence to Bylaw Saved City \$8,000, Says Dr. W. S.

INDIGENTS CARED

Downham. NUMBER DECREASES

As many as 198 indigent patients were admitted to hospital during 1923, according to a report to the members of the finance committee by Dr. W. S. Downham, city medical officer of health. He estimates roughly that his office saved the city nearly \$8,000 during 1923 by a strict adherence to the indigent bylaw.

It is reported also that a number of emergency cases were treated that were not referred to the city department. Of the 103 cases not admitted to the hospital, 76 were treated by Dr. Downham; 15 did not belong to London, 3 were mental cases, 5 were addeded to drugs, others were sent to other institutions, while 3 did not require medical attention. Dr. Downham adds also that in addition to the indigent patients com-

ing under his notice, there were large number of indigent patients treated by family physicians at home who would have ultimately reached the hospitals had it not been for the city's indigent bylaw passed in 1699. city's indigent bylaw passed in 1922. Dr. C. C. Clegg has reported to the city health authorities that there has been a notable reduction in the number of indigents admitted to Victoria.

Hospital. Hospital.
"It is difficult to estimate just what has been saved by keeping 103 patients out of the city hospitals,"
Dr. Downham said. "Supposing, however, that it would cost about 10 nowever, that it would cost about \$2.50 a day for each person, and that each would remain in hospital on an average of 30 days, the amount would be \$7.725. One prominent physician estimates, however, that each indigent patient would remain in hospital two months, in which event the saving would be double, or \$15.450.

B. B. Coyne Not Permitted to Confer With Client at the Philadelphia Institution.

Associated Press Desnatch Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Efforts of B. Coyne a New York lawyer, to obtain the release of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, from the Pennsylvania Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases, received a setback yesterday when Mr. Coyne was refused admission to the insti-tution, where he had planned to con-fer with his client. Announcement that an attempt to obtain Thaw's Judge James G. Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of the patient, and "committee for his person," and by Mrs. Thaw herself.
Mr. Coyne was informed at the
hospital that no one could see Thaw without proper credentials Dr. Ellwood R. Kirby, Thaw's personal physician, joined Mr. Coyne to. Montreal, Jan. 4.—A Quebec special day in asserting that Thaw was "perfectly sane and normal." He also declared that he would not suf-Gouin has had before him the offer fer a recurrence of his mental malady of becoming lieutenant-governor of life this native province. His physicians Dr. Kirby said that he had examined

Canada Wishes Concessions Similar To Those Given United States.

Canadian Press Despatch
Ottawa, Jan: 3.—Until Spain is
prepared to give Canada as valuable
trade concessions as she now tends to the United States and Grea Britain there is little likelihood o the Dominion taking the initiative in further negotations to perfect a trade greement with Spain. This is the prevailing opinion ex-pressed in semi-official circles here, where Spain's recently announce

decision to subject Canadian goods to her highest tariff scale came as urprise. Trade figures dealing with busine between Canada and Spain for the fiscal year which ended March 31, 1923, show a balance favoring Spain. In the meantime covered Canada imported \$1,696,292 worth of goods from Spain, as against \$977,061 exported

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cruelly. According to Inspector T tin, it is impossible to investigat case of this nature thoroughly.
"I do not think it possible man to commit a brutal deed this on the street in full view everyone without some