

ADmits MURDER BECAUSE OF NEED FOR LOAN OF \$30

Police Say Masson Has Con-
fessed to Triple Crime in
Saskatchewan.

RANSACKED HOUSE

Packed Many Articles in Trunk
and Took \$600 in Cash
Before Leaving.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Dumas, Sask., Feb. 20.—Following
threats of violence made yesterday,
two guards have been placed over
Victor Masson, under arrest for the
murder of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Chau-
veau and Chauveau's 15-year-old
step-daughter, Marie Schmidt.

Masson, according to the police, has
confessed to the triple murder. His
alleged confession will be submitted
at the inquest tomorrow morning.
"I killed them because I needed
money," Masson is alleged to have
told the police.

Masson admits, according to the
police, having gone to the Chauveau
home to borrow \$30. He wanted the
loan to pay off some accounts. An
argument arose between him and
Chauveau in the barn, police stated,
which ended in Masson strangling
Chauveau with a rope, then crushing
his skull with a blunt instrument.
Masson then went to the house
and there killed Mrs. Chauveau and
Marie, according to the alleged con-
fession. Afterwards he ransacked the
house and carried away many articles,
such as bedding, dresses, etc., and
placed them in a trunk ready to take
to his shack. Having completed his
work and securing over \$600 in cash,
Masson is alleged to have placed the
bodies of his victims on the floor of
the house, poured coal oil over them
and then set fire to the house.

EXONERATE OFFICIALS IN N. Y. ASYLUM FIRE

Investigators Discard Theory of
Electric Wires Causing Fatal
Conflagration.

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, Feb. 21.—Nobody was
to blame for the fire in the New York
State Hospital for the Insane in which
27 lives were lost.
The district attorney's office after a
thorough investigation has decided
that there is no evidence upon which
to base a request for indictments.
The death toll reached 27 when two
more patients died of exposure.

The district attorney's office in-
vestigators discarded the theory that
engineers blasting to deepen the Hell
gate channel in the East River miles
away disturbed lighting wires in the
hospital and thereby caused the fire.
It now appears that spontaneous
combustion was the cause.

DENIES WEST SEEKING FOR ANNEXATION TO U. S.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Feb. 21.—Regard-
less of reports in the press about a
desire in the prairie province for
annexation to the United States, the
people of the west have no desire
to seek any other allegiance than
they now enjoy, declared Sir James
Albany, governor of Manitoba, at the
Canadian Club last night.
He decried sectionalism and class
distinction.

He put it up to Canadians and
Canadian clubs to foster the broad
Canadian spirit.

TWO WRITS ARE SERVED IN THE SURROGATE COURT

Two writs were served in the sur-
rogate court today, and the cases will
be tried later in the month. The first
case is Stephen Henry Hammond vs. Byron
E. Pountney, both of this city. The
plaintiff, Mr. Hammond, is suing for the
sum of \$250.00 for goods alleged to have
been sold and delivered. Murphy, Gunn
& Murphy are acting counsel for the
defendant.

In the second case Hyatt Bros.
plumbers, are suing Mr. Henley, also of
this city, for \$438.14 and costs. J. W.
G. Winnett is acting for the plaintiff.

FERRY AT SARNIA LOSES PROPELLER BATTLING ICE

Special to The Advertiser.
Port Huron, Feb. 21.—The Pere
Marquette car ferry International,
transferring cars between here and
Sarnia, while endeavoring to break a
channel through heavy ice which now
blocks St. Clair River, nearly abreast
of Black River lost one of her pro-
pellers and was obliged to work her
way back from Sarnia to her ship on
the Port Huron side.

By weighting her bow down with
several cars her stern was tilted high
enough to permit a new propeller to be
placed. It is expected she will be
in operation again by tomorrow
morning.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH CASE MAY GO TO THE COURTS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Feb. 21.—An investigation
into the case of Mr. Kirwin Martin vs.
Rev. Henry Roche, rector of St. Mark's
Church, and wardens of the church,
will go to the courts to decide. Alex.
M. Lewis, K.C., has been retained by
Mr. Roche to defend the suit brought
against him and the wardens.
Mr. Lewis when seen by The
Advertiser yesterday morning, said
the case would likely come up after
the first of March on the first of
April.

FEW CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Feb. 21.—Brantford is
remarkably free from contagious dis-
eases at the present time, according
to Dr. Hutton, M. O. H.
The following is the list as com-
piled at the city health office: Small-
pox 4, chickenpox 4, scarlet fever 1,
diphtheria 1, whooping cough 1,
measles 1, tuberculosis 1 new case,
typhoid fever none.

For Colds, Grippe and Influenza
and as Preventive take Laxative
BROXO QUININE Tablets. The box
bears the signature of Dr. W. Grove, (the
man you get BROXO) and is made in
Canada.

STRATFORD TO STRIKE ESTIMATES THIS WEEK

City Requirements Show Slight
Increase Over 1922
Figures.

TO NAME TAX RATE
Finance Committee Preparing
Expenditures For Com-
ing Year.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Feb. 21.—By the end of
the present week the finance com-
mittee of the city council, it is ex-
pected, will have made considerable
headway towards compiling the es-
timated expenditures of various civic
bodies, and getting matters in shape
for striking the tax rate for the
year.

The aggregate estimated expendi-
ture of the city council committee,
exclusive of the finance committee,
which have been on file for some
time, shows a small increase over
the estimated expenditures of last
year. In 1922 the council committee
expenditures were \$93,810.30. While
the estimated expenditures for the
current year are \$93,810. In addition,
there are supplementary estimates of
\$6,800.

The estimates of the board of
works department form the largest
item, being \$26,800. The estimates
last year were \$27,000, and the ex-
penditures \$26,731.57.
Other estimates are: Garbage col-
lection, \$16,600, increase, \$1,475; fire
department, \$31,085, decrease; cem-
etry committee, \$6,585, as against
\$7,337.60 last year; supplementary
estimate, cemetery committee, \$6,000;
agriculture committee, \$2,200, in-
crease of \$50; market and relief,
\$1,590, or \$100 less than last year.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS CITY CEMENT MIXER

Part of Plant Used on Pine
Lawn Houses Has Strange-
ly Disappeared.

Question: "Where is the missing
cement mixer that was utilized dur-
ing the construction of the city's
houses at Pine Lawn?"
Answer: "Nobody knows." (If they
do, they aren't talking.)

Ald. Gordon Drake tackled this
question today. "I had a notice to
attend last night's meeting of the
board of works," he stated. "I want-
ed to hold conversation with Ald. P.
J. Watt. I understand that he has
been hiding in divers quarters that
I know where the cement mixer is. I
heard that he said that I gave
broad wink and a grin when ques-
tioned about it."

"Then somebody else wants to know
where the city's sand-drier disap-
peared. I know where that is, I
believe. I don't know where the
cement mixer is, however. The last
I heard about it was that it was in
the city store yard. Then it disap-
peared."

"It's up to the housing commis-
sioners to locate this equipment. I
know it if it were mine. I'd make some
attempt to find it."

City Hall Briefs

Just thought of it—a new city hall
on the federal square. It won't do
any harm to think about it.

The big league opens school board
vs. city council.

Now we'll learn if there is a super-
abundance of fact in civic circles.

Dr. Downham, medical officer of
health, has a nice job this week—
juggling estimates.

Our next number is a mathematical
proof, Messrs. Wenige and Douglas
proving to an appreciative audience
that \$18,000 can take the place of
\$20,000.

Members of the council are gifted
with more ideas than perhaps they
have been credited with. Illustration
—28 workingmen's tickets for a dol-
lar. How about it, Mister Ivey?

On to Ottawa, Ald. P. J. Watt and
"Bill" Wilson leave for the east.
(Geographical note, Ottawa is situ-
ated in the eastern section of the
province. It is the capital of Canada.
It is a thriving community just
across the river.)

Was the city solicitor's suggestion
to become involved in any legal
entanglement over one-man cars, that
promised "show-down" with the Lon-
don Street Railway Company?

Ald. John T. May wins the nice
brown derby with the pink hair-band.
The population of St. Catharines is
22,000 and some odd persons, how
many? This is the closest guess yet.
Who's next?

CONTRACTORS TO MEET COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Hyatt Bros., contractors, will meet
with a special committee of the city
council tomorrow night to consider
their tender for the contemplated
construction of the new registry of-
fice. The committee consists of Mayor
Wenige, Building Inspector
Piper, Aldermen John May, George
Burdick and Thomas Patterson.

POSTAL SUPERINTENDENT INSPECTS LONDON OFFICE

L. J. Gaboury, divisional superin-
tendent of postal service in Montreal,
and J. Underwood, a staff clerk at
Ottawa, were in the city for a few
hours today, and during their stay
made a tour of the local postoffice.
Mr. Gaboury and Mr. Underwood,
who have completed an inspection
tour of the Border City offices, left
for Ottawa at noon.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL GIVEN SECOND READING

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The redistribu-
tion bill was given a second reading
in the House of Commons yesterday
afternoon without debate. The next
procedure is expected to be a motion
to refer the bill to a special com-
mittee.



AVIATORS MAKE FAST TRIP.
Gen. William Mitchell (left), assistant chief of the American air service,
and Commander Christie (right), air attaché of the royal air force, British
embassy, Washington, photographed at the conclusion of a flight from
Detroit, Michigan, to Camp Borden, Ontario. They covered the 185 miles in
one hour and forty minutes, using two machines.

In Goldfish Bowl Tony Hides Whiskey But Gets Pinched When Fish Act Frisky

Muskegon, Mich., Feb. 20.—Searching
officials almost overlooked a cache
of liquor in the home of Tony Petros-
ki, but Deputy Sheriff George Conley
saw goldfish in a large bowl react
madly about, do a double shuffle on

Ford Owns Mines, But Protests Coal Stealing From His Plant

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Feb. 21.—Henry Ford may
own several million dollars' worth of
coal mines, but he doesn't feel like
giving his coal away to residents of
Down River towns.
Ford, through his agents at the
River Rouge plant, informed the
sheriff's office to this effect today.

First 'Aerial Dreadnought' Is Being Built In England

Will Have Three Compartments, With Sleeping Quarters For
Five Men.

Associated Press Despatch.
Southampton, Feb. 21.—Britain's
first "aerial dreadnought," a seaplane
designed for the navy, is being built
at Southampton. It is designed for
actual living, and will be illuminated
throughout with electricity. An elec-
tric capstan is to be fixed for hand-
ling a 125-pound anchor, to hold the
plane at rest on the water.
The plane will be carried under the
lower wings and discharged by means
of a new type of releasing gear.
Four machine guns will be car-
ried, arranged as to leave no
"blind spot" in the craft, which will
be able to climb rapidly and escape
from the range of naval guns after
delivering an attack.

WANT CITY HOSPITAL PUT ON PAYING BASIS

Institution Expected To Be the
Next in Council's Efficiency
Drive.

Victoria Hospital and environs
seems to be the next objective in the
council's relentless drive for "greater
efficiency and economy."

Ald. P. J. Watt, member of the
board of works, voiced the opinion
last night that it was time for a
"complete investigation at that insti-
tution" while today Mayor Wenige
announced that a survey of the hos-
pital and its environs must be con-
ducted in a businesslike manner
and before long, too.

Estimates for the coming year will
show that while it is freely ac-
knowledged that suggestions for
greater economy and efficiency
throughout the institution will be
submitted. The salary list will also
be subjected to a close scrutiny, it is
intimated.

"As I understand it the methods
are very loose," Ald. Watt stated.
"We should have thorough investiga-
tion and endeavor to place the city
hospital on a paying basis. Consider
other hospitals. We do not know
them seeking grants from the city
and still they seem to be in a flourish-
ing condition."

The Northern lights were in evi-
dence in the wee sma' hours of this
morning, too. They could be plainly
discerned in the skies to the north
and east. There were no pronounced
colors, but a steady, wavering glow
could be seen.

The highest temperature between
8 o'clock last night and 8 this morn-
ing was 13 degrees above zero, and
the warmest 6 below. During the
preceding 24 hours, 11 and 12 above
were the lowest and highest, respec-
tively. Continued cold weather is
Thursday's forecast.

DECLARES SEGREGATION MAKES GIRLS SMOKERS

Special to The Advertiser.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.—Segrega-
tion of sexes in the same school build-
ing makes smokers of the girls and dul-
lards of the boys, it was charged be-
fore the state legislature Tuesday.
During the debate on the Dater bill,
which would prevent segregation, it
was declared that in a school at Pat-
erson, where the system was in vogue,
grammar girls openly took to cigar-
ettes and boys needed five years to
complete a four-year course.

ICE GRIPS FERRYBOAT, 71 PERSONS ARE RESCUED

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Seventy-one
passengers were taken from a ferry-
boat yesterday after it had been
stuck for four hours in the ice in
the Delaware River between the
upper part of this city and Palmyra.

The ferryboat, which was carrying
over the ice barrier, was held on by
ropes thrown by a Philadelphia po-
lice boat, and were taken back to
Palmyra.

CHEAPSIDE

Cheapside, Feb. 20.—Henry Hysee
of Markham visited friends in this
locality last week.

The Women's Auxiliary of the
Methodist Church met at the home of
Mrs. S. Britton Friday last.

Mrs. Helen Thomas of Hagersville
visited relatives and friends in the
community last week.

George Clarke, son of the late Dr.
George Clarke, died in Victoria Hos-
pital this morning. He formerly re-
sided with his daughter, Mrs. Wil-
liam A. Martin, 29 Central avenue.
Funeral arrangements have not been
completed.

THIEVES SNATCH JEWELRY OFF ST. PHILOMENA'S STATUE

Father Rosemount of Montreal Makes Startling Discovery When
He Visits Church in Early Morning.

Special to The Advertiser.
Montreal, Feb. 21.—That the effigy
of St. Philomena, in the church of
that name, at the corner of Fifth
avenue and Mason street, has suf-
fered from an impious depredation
was discovered by the Rev. J. E.
Brien, Rosemount, cure of St. Philo-
mena parish, about 7 o'clock Mon-
day morning. Doors in the glass-en-
closed repository of the statue had
been opened, and jewels which
adorned the wax figure are gone.
Father Brien is not certain as to
the exact date of the robbery, but in
the opinion of those who take care
of the church, it must have been
committed ten days ago.

The effigy of St. Philomena, who
was a 13-year-old Christian martyr
of the third century, is enclosed in
a glass shrine at the base of the
main altar, together with her re-
mains and clothes worn by her.
This shrine, or case, has two open-
ings other than two side doors, al-
ways kept locked. The figure can
be viewed by those of the congrega-
tion occupying pews near the altar.

As soon as the robbery was dis-
covered the police were advised.
Sergeant-Detectives Outin and
Weston being placed on the case.
They have a full description of the
jewels, but nothing else.
It is thought that the doors of the
case were opened by skeleton keys.
The jewels, stated Father Brien,
were the gifts of those who had ob-
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YOUNG PEOPLE RESCUE AGED PAIR FROM WANT

Contributions of Local Orga-
nizations Snatch London Cou-
ple From Workhouse.

MAYOR PROMISES AID
Will Investigate Case on Request
of Y.M.C.A. Industrial
Secretary.

With no children of their own to
comfort them in their old age and to
protect them from extreme poverty, an
aged London couple has been snatch-
ed from the shadow of the workhouse
and fed and comforted through the love
and charitable instincts of many
and daughters in this city finding
expression through the works of various
young people's organizations.

The two old people are the children
of misfortune. Years ago they set out
on hand, on the pathway of life,
dreaming of the success that was to be
theirs. But the dreams were shattered.
A series of misfortunes robbed the long
pathway of all its roseliness, and now
they find themselves at the workhouse
door, where the doorkeeper's face is
the man's allotted span of life, alone,
poverty-stricken and growing feeble.

It was no fault of the man that the
couple little home that he promised his
young bride years ago failed to material-
ize. He struggled until the very last
at difficult work in an effort to save a
nest-egg that would assure them com-
fort when he could no longer work,
but he failed.

Early this winter he found himself no
longer able to carry out his work in a
local factory, and so, to keep the wolf
away from the door, he appealed to the
city for help. His case was pronounced
a worthy one and the council agreed
to dole him out every once in a
while groceries and fuel valued at two
dollars.

But two people could not keep alive
on such small portions. Hungry and
cold, they shrank from the vision of the
Aged People's Home and the workhouse
coming up in the near future. But at
this time the husband happily remem-
bered the industrial secretary of the
Y. M. C. A., who used to conduct non-
day meetings and sing hymns in the
factory where he had worked. He re-
membered how helpful those talks had
been, and how he had been stirred by
the all-time song.

He called upon Mr. Robert Liddle at
his office, explained his situation, and
was promised help.

Mr. Liddle's work carries him among
the young people of many of the city
churches, and to each organization he
related the story of the aged man. At
once many of the organizations volun-
teered help.

They supplied food, clothing and fuel
throughout the winter. With his pantry
well filled, the aged man began to
began to fade, and altogether he
have lived a comparatively happy life
during the past few weeks.

To secure relief in a permanent form,
Mr. Liddle yesterday called upon Mayor
Wenige. The mayor was touched by
the story of the work of the young
people, and he promised to investigate
the case immediately, and if possible
provide relief. He will endeavor to find
some light work by which the man can
continue to support his little home.

It is significant that even in this
official announcement the dollar and
not the gold mark is accepted as the
basic unit of the loan. According to
an understanding just reached, the
big banks have guaranteed only half
of this loan, the other half being ac-
cepted on commission and if not
taken up may be returned to Reichs-
bank, although the latter's share will
serve more than covers this loan.

The official circular states that it
is chiefly to stabilize the mark abroad
that this gold loan is being floated.

GERMANY PAID ALLIES 45,600,000,000 MARKS

Total Payments Even Higher
When Losses of Execution
of Treaty Considered.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Feb. 21.—Germany's pay-
ments to the allies between Novem-
ber, 1918, and January 1, 1922, in
fulfillment of the Versailles
treaty and supplementary agree-
ments amounted to 45,600,000,000 gold
marks, according to an official com-
pilation made public here.

German losses in the execution of the
treaty terms are taken into account,
it is declared, that the total payments
have been 55,000,000,000 gold marks.
Inclusion of the value of Alsace-
Lorraine and the former German
colonies brings the grand total to
more than 100,000,000,000 gold marks.

In its latest note to the French,
British and Belgian governments and
the Rhineland commission, the Ger-
man government utters a strong protest
against the expenditure of the Rhine-
land commission, which were not
based on the Rhineland agree-
ment.

The note also protests the whole-
sale expulsion of German officials from
the Rhineland area, "which ex-
pulsions the Rhineland commission
has not based on the Rhineland agree-
ment."

The expulsions are characterized as
brutal.

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ASK BOARD OF HEALTH TO REDUCE ESTIMATES

Mayor Wenige Moves That
1923 Figure Be Slashed
To Minimum.

TO LOWER TAX RATE
Chairman Douglass Only Mem-
ber To Support Mayor in
Economy Move.

Pursuing his avowed policy of re-
trenchment, Mayor Wenige moved
yesterday for a slash in the board of
health estimates. He was supported
by Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman,
at a meeting of this body yesterday.

Protests emanating from Dr. Down-
ham and other members of the board
that the estimates were of a strictly
conservative nature were of little
avail, and the entire question was
referred back to determine if it will
not be possible to reduce the figure,
\$20,000 roughly, to a point below the
1922 expenditure—\$18,900.

"I would suggest a 25 per cent re-
duction," Ald. Douglass asserted by
way of introduction.

"Yes, there must be a reduction,"
concurred Mayor Wenige. "How are
we going to get the tax rate down
below 34.9 mills?"

"What we want is an absolute
minimum that we can run with
safety," stated Chairman Douglass.
"We are lower now than other
cities," pointed out Dr. Downham.

"Well, if an epidemic breaks out
we can get the money," assured Ald.
Douglass.

"Where from?" queried Mr. Mitchell.
"Every spending board must get
its estimates down below last year's,"
cautioned Mayor Wenige. "If they
don't we can't have a lowered tax
rate."

"Well, we cut them to the bone last
year," reminded Mr. Mitchell.

"I move that those estimates go
back to Dr. Downham," said the
mayor. "Try and get them down be-
low last year's. I have figured it out
roughly that it can be accomplished."

The fertilizer problem has been
temporarily shelved, it being felt
that this question could be handled
judiciously and to the best interests
of all concerned, complainants and
defendants.

City Clerk Baker submitted a peti-
tion from residents of Southeast
London complaining that the stretch
from this establishment was almost
unbearable. Several names and ad-
dresses were affixed to the document.

Citizen Makes Protest.

Quite a spicy communication was
read from a party named John Tim-
mins, Pine Lawn, seeking immediate
action, and adding: "Thank goodness
that red tape and passing the buck
passed out with the 1922 council and
all that was asked from the 1923
council was to pass the buck to the
E. R. Seabrook took certain excep-
tion to the term "buck-passing,"
stating that the blame, if any there
was, could rest upon the city coun-
cillors.

"If it can be proved that this place
is a menace to the public health, then
it will become a matter for the
consideration of the council."

An offer was made from a New
York firm to furnish a deodorizing
device for stifling the stench, if any
exists, and the fertilizer authorities
will be asked to consider this propo-
sition.

AGED WOMAN CHARGED WITH SALE OF LIQUOR