THREE CENTS.

# INDIANA POLICE THINK THEY HAVE PAT NORTON

# Topping Is Committed For Trial On Charge of Murder

## STRANGER IN INDIANA JAIL MAY PROVE ELUSIVE GUNMAN WANTED HERE FOR MURDER IS

NORTON'S SISTER.

This is Pat Norton's sister, Mrs. Holmes of Detroit, who told The Ad-

ertiser last summer that she kne

the bandit's whereabouts. The Indi-

Judd Will Likely Get Ap-

pointment.

IS ACTING PREMIER

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Parliament Bldgs. Toronto. Ont.

Dec. 14.-Albert M. Judd has not yet

been formally appointed as the crown

attorney for London and Middleser

county, but he will be in all proba

bility, Attorney-General W. F. Nickle

stated this morning. This appoint-

ment will receive the consideration

at a cabinet council directly Premie

Ferguson returns from the west. The

attorney-general is acting prime

"I will go as far as to say that Mr

Judd will likely get the appointment." Mr. Nickle stated, "but nothing

definite can be done now, however before the premier returns."

This assurance today from the at-

torney-general sets at rest the con-

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

minister in his absence

ana suspect admits having been

Prosecuting Attorney of Indiana Town Notifies The Advertiser of Prisoner Who Tallies With Description of Pat Norton Given in The Advertiser's Offer of Reward.

SUSPECT IS BEING HELD FOR IDENTIFICATION

A man believed to be "Pat" Norton, mysterious missing bandit of the Melbourne murder, has been arrested in a small town in

Circulars broadcasted last month by local police officials announcing The London Advertiser's reward of one thousand dollars for Norton's capture led Indiana authorities to believe that their prisoner is the wanted man, and he is being held for identification.

This information came today in a letter to The Advertiser from the prosecuting attorney of the town in question. The Advertiser was asked to forward instructions as to the prisoner's disposal, and steps have already been taken to assure his being held until identification can be either established or disproven.

The prisoner gives his name as Lorenzo D. Farley, and was arrested on a statutory charge while working as an auto mechanic. He previously worked as a lineman. Both of these occupations ong also to George Ernest "Pat" Norton, and this coincidence. upled with the fact that Farley's appearance tallies with the scription in The Advertiser's reward circular, are responsible for e action of the Indiana police.

The Attorney's Letter. The following is the letter which he Advertiser has received from the

cuting attorney: "We are holding a man here on a statutory charge who answers the description fully of a man wanted in your city and for whom a reward is offered viz..

George Briest "Pat" Norton.
"He admits going under the following allases: Jack Gleason, Jack Bailey, Bennie Farley, Bennie D. Farley, Larry D. Smiley. real name is Lorenzo D.

'He was following the occupation here of auto mechanic, spe-cializing in radiator repairing, when arrested. He has worked as

"He tells very conflicting stories as to his whereabouts, but admits being a rum-runner around months. He refuses to disclose his whereabouts during the year

"When arrested he had a number of license cards, which look as though he may be an auto thief. In fact we have every reason to believe that the car which he possesses is a stolen

"We fear that he is going to make an attempt to get out on bond at once, and would suggest that should you desire to take any steps to identify him that you wire your orders that we may thwart any plans of his escape. "May we hear from you at

was the theft of an automobile that landed Sid Murrell once more behind jail bars in California, and it is a coincidence that the man in the Indiana town, believed to be Norton by officials there, should run afoul of the law under circumstances

Norton after his spectacular escape from Melbourne following the bank robbery there in April, 1921, did not know that the police were hot on his trail until he was captured by a country sheriff near Detroit some months later. He escaped from the sheriff as the latter was motoring him to Detroit, and has been success. ful in evading capture since that

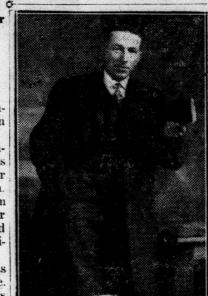
Norton's sister in Detroit admitted to an Advertiser representative last summer that she knew of her brother's whereabouts, and had been in touch with him. The prisoner in Indiana admits he was connected with a rum ring around Detroit for sight eight months, and was in that city last summer. Norton Was Leader.

According to "Slim" Williams, who gave evidence in the Murrell trial last October, "Pat" was the brains of the gang of bank robbers who set out to rob the Home Bank at Melbourne. set out to Williams told of entering the bank with Norton and being stationed at the door to bar exit of the employees stated Norton swore at him when allowed a girl employee of the and altogether painted a wicked pic ture of Norton as a bank robber and desperado. It was "Pat's" smoking revolver. Williams said, that Sid Murrell picked up from the floor by the safe when the alleged murderer made his dash for freedom from the side

flicting reports emanating from Lon-don that there has been "a hitch in Mr. Judd's appointment." It seems door of the bank. "Slim" further stated that revolvers were issued the gang by Norton bourne in the early hours of that April morning. The whole robbery was planned by Norton and carried out under his directions, Williams declared.

### V. A. BUCHNER LEAVES TO

The Employees' Welfare Association of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, Limited, are giving an annual Christmas dinner, entertainment and dance Wednesday afternoon next at 5 o'clock. Mr. Jelly, who is chairman for the evening, will look after the program. ATTEND DEPOSITORS' MEET U. A. Buchner, local barrister, who was recently appointed an inspector for the Home Bank, left for Toronto today in connection with the meet-ing of depositors' representatives be-ing held there.



"PAT" NORTON Sidney Murrell is also involved. Norhunt of two and a half years if the

Former Officials at Middlesex County Jail Indignant

HAD THEIR ORDERS

Disappearance of Russell Campbell's Clothing Still an Unsolved Mystery.

The mystery surrounding the dis-appearance of Russell Campbell's clothing remains unsolved. The clerk who had complete charge of the crown attorney's office at the court house in 1921 and since that clothing, wanted as valuable evi-dence, was ever left in the office

"I read the disgusting story circulated yesterday that Russell Campbell's clothes were in our office and bell's clothes were in our office and were taken away and burned in the furnace by a jail attache because they were filled with vermin," the clerk stated. "I am positive that there is not a word of truth in the story. The clothes were certainly not left in our office, and if they had been, they would have been placed away in the vault by the late Mr. McKillop, who was crown attorney

Nickle Confirms Report That with dust right now.
"Had the clothes ever been in our

ffice, I am positive I would have seen them."
W. G. Blake, 290 Horton street, who was janitor of the court house at the time the clothes are said to have been burned, was equally

emphatic in his denial that the clothes were ever in the office of the crown attorney.

"I noticed the report and I don't believe it," declared Mr. Blake. "I had charge of that kind of work at the time. The offices of the court house were always kept clean. I know there was no vermin in them and I am positive that had there been a bundle of clothes in the office of the crown attorney, I would have

Declare None Were Burned "There were some clothes or some-thing else in an old sack in a little cubby hole off the school inspector's office. Some man left them there and they were still there when I left the jail a year ago last February. You can take it from me, there were Turn to Page 4, Column 5.

> **Hobby Fair Prize List** on Page 6

Farmers in Convention Go On Record to Wipe Out Second Chamber.

ATTACKS TRAINING

Mrs. Harold Currie Vigorously Opposed to Army Tactics in School.

Toronto, Dec. 14.-Abolition of the

Senate is the aim of the U. F. O. The London Hospital Trust, was elected farmers, in convention at Massey presedent of the Ontario Hospita Hall today, went on record for the Association, organized in Toronto viping out of the second chamber at yesterday. Ottawa. The Canadian Council of Agricul-

ture in its list of fifteen principles, had one to reform the senate by making it an elective body. "Where it is not useless it is harm

ful," argued W. L. Smith, and his point of view prevailed. 'Abolition" was substituted for "reform." Other "principles" adopted were: Election of parliamentary represen-

atives, wherever feasible, under the system of proportoinal representation. Where single member constitutencies are retained election to be by means of the preferential ballot.

Provision of adequate supplies of capital for the agricultural industry by the establishment of facilities for

ong term loans. Compulsory publications of the contribution received and expenditures made in the financing of election campaigns.

Further extension of the application

of co-operative principles in market-ing farm products and purchasing farm supplies.

Vigorous attack on military training in Ontario schools, made by the sister-in-law of Sir Arthur Currie. commander of the Canadian forces in the great war, featured the closing ession of the U. F. O. convention in Massey Hall today. She was Mrs Harold Currie, wife of the U. F. O. vice-president, who is Sir Arthur's

# **CHINESE BANDITS**

Inhabitants' Flee When Homes Are Pillaged by Crim-

Associated Press Despatch. Shanghai, Dec. 14.-Three thousand bandits, under the leadership of the notorious chieftains Cen Yen-Teh and Wang Han-Ying, captured the town of at that time.

"Jail officials have always had magistrate and education commissione "Jail officials have always had orders not to touch anything in this or any other office in the building. There is an old sheepskin coat hanging in the high constable's office that has been there for years. It has never been touched and is covered with dust right now.

"He detailed the street have been in any street and education commissioner and two other officials, together with more than 100 residents of the town, including many women, according to despatches received here from Chang Sha. Inhabitants of the town who escaped from the bandits during the pillaging of their homes field to the nearby city of Kweiyang

The town is in the southern part of the inland province of Hunan, which is west of here. Chang Sha is the capita miles north of the scene of the bandi outrage.

#### HARRY SIEMON WILL HEAD **REAL ESTATE BOARD IN '24**

the annual meeting held in the offices of Bert Weir, elected the following executive for 1924: Harry Siemon, president': E. H. Tennent, vice-president; F. W. Renwick, secretary.

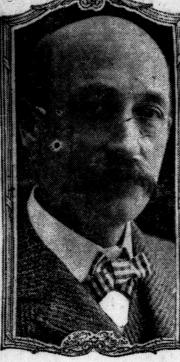
The retiring officers are: F. W.
Palmer, retiring vice-president, and

Bert Weir, retiring secretary.

Plans were made for greater activity, closer co-operation and in-creased service to owners and buyers of real estate,

LONDON EAST HIGH WILL STAGE "HOP" TONIGHT

Students of the London East Collegiate Institute will hold their first social and get-together meeting at the Central Collegiate tonight. Plans have been completed for a real time, and games, music and dancing are on the program. The committee in charge have worked hard in order that the event may be successful. All the students of the institute are expected to turn out. expected to turn out.



HEADS NEW BODY.

Rev. H. B. Storey Claims New Portfolio Would Solve War Problem.

ASKS HELP OF WOMEN

Prof. Dorland of Western University Also Approves of

Original Idea.

The establishment of a new department in the federal cabinet, to be is the interesting suggestion of Rev. H. B. Storey. Mr. Storey believes that a minister of peace, whose duties would be to supervise the distribution of peace propaganda, is one of the vital necessities of Canada today.

the minister of militia and defence morning and left the city for To-for the purpose of preparing for ronto in the afternoon. for the purpose of preparing for war," Mr. Storey said. "How much more important it is, however, maintain an establishment devoted to the maintenance of peace.

"If the proposal were accepted in Chano on Wednesday, burning and looting the houses and carrying off the go to war largely through the leadhe victims of jingoism. Usually war s precipitated by these politicians in "We have a machine for making war preparations while we should have one whose function is to make preparations," Prof. Dorland

#### LONDON TAILORS OBJECT TO MANUFACTURERS' TITLE

London tailors are opposed to be-ing classified as "manufactrers" by uthe government in connection with the new sales tax regulations. Jos-eph Dambra of Dambra & Walsh, tailors, said he thought the minister

of mance should change the regula-tions in this regard.
"If we buy goods from England or Scotland we must pay duty in addi-tion to a tax. Under the new tax system we must also pay 6 per cent as manufacturers. Naturally, we are opposed to this."

Mr. Dambra added that he thought

the new system would be tried for a time, but that eventually the clause referring to tailors as manufacturers would be amended.

#### F. B. NORTHEY AS HEAD OF BRICKLAYERS' UNION

The Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union held their annual meeting yesterday and elected the following officers: President, F. B. Northey; vice-president, H. Hicks; secretary-treasurer, H. Rymill; financial secretary, F. Tilbury; deputy, H. Durant; conductor, D. Holt; trustees, J. Smith, R. Casale; arbitration committee, F. Northey, G. Speak, H. Hicks; auditors, J. Fripp, C. Piric delegate to the conjontion in Windsor on Feb. 5, H. Rymill.

### Church Bazaars Causing Decrease In Christmas Trade, Declare Retailers

One Merchant Asserts \$40,000 Was Spent in One Week at These Functions.

MAY TAKE ACTION

Rev. J. MacKay Agrees With Businessmen—Calls Affairs Undesirable.

Because they claim thousands of dollars weekly are being diverted from legitimate channels of trade by church bazaars, retail merchants of the city are contemplating taking action to meet the situation.

Emphatic protest was registered by representative retailers today when asked to give opinions on this

subject. Christmas trade, they de-clare, has fallen off substantially, and they attribute it entirely to the thousands of dollars' worth of mer-chandise purchased by the consum-ing public from church bazaars. One merchant said \$40,000 had een spent last week on bazaars. As a result business is much below result business is much below ex-ectations as compared with last

Major Gordon Ingram, president of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed himself as being in favor of the imposition of tax on all church bazaars exactly as would be the case with a ransient trader, who comes into the

don merchants.

He said: "I think the church oazaar is very hard on some city retailers, and that they should bear their fair share of business taxes

Many other large merchants, with very decided opinions against the holding of church bazaars, were not willing to give their views any pubholding of church bazaars, were not willing to give their views any publicity, feeling that the matter should be taken up by the London Chamber of Commerce, and not by any retailer Turn to Page 6, Column 7.

# VISIT CITY TODAY

known as the "department of peace," Private Car Pays a Brief Visit to London-On District Inspection Tour.

Five officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway stopped off in London This original idea, which was ex-are: R. E. Larmour general freight plained briefly before a meeting of agent, Montreal; A. B. Calder, special William Mercer of Galt, in connecplained briefly before a meeting of agent Montreal; A. B. Calder, special Aberdeen Mothers' Club last night, representative, department of coloninations of the University of Mestern Ontario. Prof. Dorland and Mr. Storey are advocates of any measure which has for its object the prevention of war, and they agree that measure which has for its object the prevention of war, and they agree that a department of peace would do much toward ridding this country and the world of its greatest scource.

"Canada has an organization under "They inspected the passenger agent, Montreal. They have been on a tour of inspection throughout this district having come to this city in their private car, "Penticton," from Chatham and Windsor. world of its greatest scourge. ticton," from Chatham and Windsor
"Canada has an organization under They inspected the local offices this

#### VICTIM OF ELEVATOR ACCIDENT IS IMPROVING

The condition of Charles Ponting, who a week ago was taken to iVctoria Hospital suffering from injuries received when he fell three storys in an elevator shaft at the Colonial Apartments, Hayman Court, was reported this morning to be steadly improving. Ponting is suffering from a fractured leg and sever cuts about the face and head. Apartments, Hayman Court, was re-ported this morning to be steadly



COMMITTED FOR TRIAL Clarence Topping, who was today sent for trial on a charge of murdering his sweetheart, Geraldine Durs-

# November 23.

Would Prevent Labor-U. F. O. Candidate From Taking Seat.

24 VOTES ATTACKED

File Particulars at Osgoode Hall, Charge Tampering With Votes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 14.-Particulars have tion with his action to prevent Karl Homer Black. in South Waterloo, from taking his seat in the legislature. Dr. Mercer was the Conservative candidate. A dozen votes made up the elected. The trial is set for Decem-

east by unknown voters in a certain the poll clerk. In this connection it s charged that the poll clerk connived at absenting himself and that in his absence the deed was done, the D. R. O. omitting the names of the voters to escape detection. Of the 21 voters whose votes are

Committed by Magistrate Graydon at Preliminary Hearing This Morning.

DEFENSE OFFERED

Youth Charged With Murdering Sweetheart Is Defended by

Oshawa Lawyer.

Clarence Topping was this morning committed for trial at the January assizes on a charge of murder, when his case was called before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court this morning, Magistrate Graydon ordered his committment on the charge of murdering his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, and also on the first charge laid, that of shooting at and wounding Geraldine Durston and Viola Mcton, on November 13. Topping re-eived a preliminary hearing this morning before Magistrate Graydon, at 318 York street on the morning of at 318 York street on the morning of

> the crown, Dr. Homer Black, who performed the post mortem examinaion, and Constable Walter Harpur, arrested Topping immediately after the shooting, and who was D. A. J. Swanson questioned Connesses were called by the defence and Harpur was given the protection of court in giving his evidence. Five minutes before court opened nearly every seat was taken. Topping, who was then in the prisoner's dock, chatted and smiled with Charles Thompson, charged with being disorderly, and did not appear

worrying as to the outcome of this morning's procedure. His thick hair was brushed back, and l appeared neat and clean. D. A. J. Swanson, counsel for Topping, stated that he had had a few conversation with prisoner before coming to court this morning. Mr. Swanson and Acting

Crown Attorney J. G. Gillanders met and shook hands just as court opened. Magistrate Reads Charge. After disposing of the other two prisoners, Magistrate Graydon or-Toronto, Dec. 14.—Particulars have dered Topping to stand up and read been filed at Osgoode Hall by Arthur the charge of murder to him. He then sat down and the crown called Dr.

Dr. Black stated that he had perdozen votes made up the majority bullet wounds. He found the bullets. by which Mr. Homuth was deciared two in number, and of small caliber, at the back of the abdomen. Prior to ber 27, before Justices Kelly and that time he had seen the girl alive, Masten, and will probably be held at having been called to the home of George Cook, where the shooting took The votes of ten men and eieven place, on the morning of November women are attacked, besides three 23. Miss Durston was lying on the mysterious votes alleged to have been bed with powder burns on her clothing and two bullet holes in her ab-The defence did not ask the wit-

Constable Walter Harpur was the next witness called. In starting his evidence he related how he had been sent to 318 York street on the morning of November 23 in response to a call from that address, the complaint being that there was a man in the house who would not leave.

"I went to the kitchen door, Turn to Page 4, Column' 2.

FORECASTS.

Temperatures.

### **Lovely Children Everywhere**

"High." Low. Victoria ...... 50 Calgary ..... 26

Winnipeg ..... 18 Port Arthur.... 8 Parry Sound.... 38 Cloudy Kingston ..... 50 Ottawa ..... Fair Montreal ..... Fair Father Point.... 46 John ..... LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temper tures recorded in London during 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock 1

FROM LONDON AND BLYTH.

These two Lovely Children are among those from the These two Lovely Children are among those liest Child. On night were: Highest, 52; lowest, and Mrs Arthur The official temperatures for the left is Kenneth Keene, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. Keene, 60 Grand Avenue, London. On the right is Marion were: Highest, 24; lowest, 20. Roberta Laidlaw, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Laidlaw, Blyth. Ontario. Laidlaw, Blyth, Ontario.

## THE WEATHER

vinds; fair and moderately cold tonight. Saturday—Southerly winds; partly cloudy and somewhat milder. The disturbance which was near James Bay yesterday morning has mov-Pressure is high from the Great Lakes outhward, and is falling again over the The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: