

Nearly 2,000,000 Men Sent Overseas by U. S.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Washington, Oct. 4.—American troops abroad now number 1,800,000, members of the House Military Committee were informed to-day at their weekly conference at the War Department. Spanish influenza in camps and cantonments will retard shipments somewhat in the immediate future, they were told, the department having adopted the policy of not sending men overseas who have been exposed or show symptoms of the disease.

ESCAPES FROM TOMBS.

Prisoner, Charged with Murdering Canadian, Outwits N. Y. Pollee.

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New York, Oct. 4.—Outwitting a squad of officers who were conducting him across the Bridge of Sighs from the Tombs to the Criminal Courts building for arraignment on a charge of murdering a Canadian soldier, Richard Harrison gained his freedom here to-day.

The prisoner chose the courtyard as the scene of his escape. Leaping ahead of his guards in the passageway, Harrison ran into the trial chamber and slammed its door so hard in the faces of his pursuers that one of them was stunned. The fugitive then scaled the iron prisoners' pen, hurried through the courtroom to the corridor and there, walking calmly to the street through throngs of persons going in and out of the building, and down a long flight of steps at the main entrance, disappeared.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

Also Fraud and Sabotage in Making Defective Shells.

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Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 4.—W. J. Oliver, millionaire manufacturer, and ten other officers and others, employees of the W. J. Oliver Manufacturing Company, were arrested to-night on charges of conspiracy, fraud and sabotage in the manufacture of defective shells for the United States army. The plant was seized by Government agents.

THREE CASES IN TILLSONBURG.

Tillsonburg, Oct. 4. — Several cases of la grippe are prevalent in the town, and to-day it became known that at least there are three cases of Spanish influenza, but no serious cases. The local officials are taking every precaution not to let the disease spread and are watching each case carefully.