Topsy, the big, man-scratching elephant at Luna Park, was overcome with cyanide of potassium and died yesterday due to a heart failure, according to the New York Times. Topsy was being used in a sideshow where he could scratch people's heads for a fee. The incident occurred when the man who was paying him for his services was killed by another elephant. Topsy was later found dead in his enclosure. The incident is believed to be an accident, as Topsy had never been exposed to cyanide before.

The incident has caused a great deal of concern among animal rights activists. Topsy was a popular attraction at Luna Park, and his death has been met with widespread condemnation. The park management has been criticized for not taking adequate precautions to protect Topsy and other animals from harm.

The incident has also raised questions about the ethics of using animals in entertainment. Many people have criticized the use of animals in circuses and other forms of entertainment, arguing that it is cruel and inhumane. The incident has also highlighted the need for better regulations and oversight of the industry to ensure the safety of both animals and humans.

This incident is a sad reminder of the need to treat animals with care and respect. It is hoped that this incident will serve as a catalyst for change and encourage a more compassionate and responsible approach to the use of animals in entertainment.