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THE WEATHER
 Strong westerly winds tonight cloudy and cold with snow flurries. Saturday fresh to strong westerly winds, fair and colder.

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Predicts Earthquakes and Floods Early in New Year

Prof. Bendandi, Noted Italian Forecaster, Sees Trouble Ahead—Seismic Disturbances are Due to Begin Today He Says—Earthquake Shocks Predicted for Friday Night in the Western Pacific.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Rome, Dec. 17—Earthquakes, gales and floods will mark the last days of 1926 and the first month of the new year, Professor Rafael Bendandi, noted forecaster of seismic disturbances, told the United News today, shortly before reports of a tidal wave at the Madeira Islands reached Rome.

Seismic activities were due to begin today said Professor Bendandi. While it could be expected most noticeably in Morocco the seismologist expressed the opinion that the entire area affected would extend from Europe to Samoa and into the China Sea region.

Violent shocks were predicted for Friday night in the Western Pacific and especially in the vicinity of Samoa. Other tremors expected Saturday and Sunday will have their epicentre in the China Sea and there will be slight disturbances in Anatoli he said.

MID SUMMER HEAT RETURNS TO THE ADRIATIC

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Ragusa, Dalmatia, Dec. 17—Mid-summer heat suddenly returned to the Dalmatian coast today and the proprietors of bath houses on the Adriatic re-opened their places of business to do a big business. Numerous bathers have arrived from inland towns which were experiencing regular winter weather, but the snow in Mountain tops close to the coast was melting today.

HEROIC ACT OF THIRTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17—Thirteen-year-old Gertrude Indovine takes five year old Harry Abbotts her little neighbor, to school with her every day. Yesterday a fire broke out in the school. The children were marched out, Gertrude among them. Suddenly she dashed back into the smoke filled building, eluding several persons who grabbed at her. A few minutes later she appeared carrying Harry.

SERIOUS FIRE AT MEMRAMCOOK

Moncton, Dec. 16—A fire that had its origin in the basement and which broke out about 2.30 this afternoon completely destroyed the Maritime Hotel at Memramcook. Only part of the contents of the hotel was saved in a damaged condition. Mr. J. P. Sherry of Memramcook was the owner of the building which was a three story structure containing sixty rooms. A. D. LeBlanc was proprietor of the house.

The building was valued at \$10,000 but the loss on contents is not known. It is understood there was insurance on both building and contents.

CHRISTMAS NOISE.

Brooklyn, Dec. 17—The Panama mail liner Ecuador arrived with 3000 parrots, 350 parakeets, many macaws and 70 monkeys, for the Christmas gift trade.

SPINSTERS HAVE THE PREFERENCE BY WIDOWERS

London, Dec. 17—Widowers prefer spinsters when remarrying, it is revealed in matrimonial statistics published by the London County Council. The London marriage records show, says the booklet that during the last recorded year there were nearly twice as many widowers who took single women as life partners as compared with those who wed widows. The difference between the number of widows who married widowers and those who wed bachelors was very small.

INFORMERS ARE NOT WANTED IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Dec. 16—Informers will no longer form a part of the provincial forces suppressing the violations of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General, today made this statement, at the same time announcing that General V. A. S. Williams, commissioner of provincial police, would be given considerable leeway and authority to make such changes in the department as he sees fit, to procure better administration.

THE LIBERAL PROGRESSIVE GROUP IN SHAPE

Ottawa, Dec. 16—Liberal-Progressive members of the House of Commons have organized themselves for sessional work.

J. Ellison Glen, of Marquette, will preside over their caucus meetings. L. P. Bancroft, of Selkirk, will be chief whip. Hon. Robert Forke, minister of immigration, is an honorary member of the group and will attend the caucuses, and represent the group on the cabinet.

The group comprises ten members from Manitoba, with J. W. King, North Huron, Ont., and Thomas Millar, of Qu'Appelle, Sask. The latter two are on the executive, which also includes Messrs. Glen, Bancroft and J. K. Brown, of Lisgar.

G. P. McGuire of Saint John is a guest at the Barker House.

BRITISH WAR SHIPS FOR THE CHINA STATION

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Dec. 17—British warships today awaited sailing orders to leave Malta, in the Mediterranean Sea for the China station.

The Admiralty announcement said nine destroyers of the fourth flotilla and one cruiser, probably the Caradoc, were ready to sail.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON

Interesting Exercises—Eighteen Diplomas Awarded—J. A. Reid Stewart, Dalhousie is Heavy Prize-winner.

The closing of the short course at the New Brunswick Agricultural School given during the past six weeks at the Dominion Experimental Station, took place this afternoon the exercises being held in the assembly hall of the school. The exercises included addresses by C. F. Bailey, Supt. of the Experimental Station, and also O. C. Hicks of the N. B. Department of Agriculture who has been Principal of the School.

Eighteen diplomas were presented indicative of the successful passing of the course. There also was the presentation of a considerable number of prizes.

Included in the exercises were two readings by members of the class, J. A. Reid Stewart of Dalhousie taking as his subject "Impressions Received at the N. B. Agricultural School" and E. Raymond Northrup of Kingston taking as his "Six Weeks of Dormitory Life." Prize Winners.

The Sir Frederick Willaims-Taylor Prize for highest general proficiency was won by E. Raymond Northrup of Kingston. G. N. C. Hawkins of the Fredericton Branch Bank of Montreal made the presentation.

The Rotary Prize donated by Fredericton Rotary Club, consisting of twenty-five dollars toward the expenses of attending Amherst Winter Fair of 1927, won by J. A. Reid Stewart of Dalhousie. The prize is for proficiency in livestock judging. C. F. Bailey as vice-president of the Fredericton Rotarians made the presentation.

The prize for highest proficiency in Poultry Work, donated by Poultry Producers of New Brunswick was won by Angus McMillan of Stanley. Special prizes of books donated by G. N. C. Hawkins for proficiency in livestock judging were won as follows:—1st, J. A. Reid Stewart; 2nd, Murray Bird, Burt's Corner.

The prize donated by F. McClure Sclanders of Saint John for highest proficiency in judging dairy cattle was won by Girard D'Aigle of Baker Brook.

The prize of five dollars donated by N. B. Sheepbreeders' Association for proficiency in sheep-judging was won by J. A. Reid Stewart.

Funeral Saturday Morning.

The Misses Sharkey returned today from Montreal with the body of their brother the late James T. Sharkey who died suddenly in that city on Wednesday. Mrs. P. C. Keegan another sister has arrived from Van Buren, Me., with Mr. Keegan. The funeral is to take place Saturday morning from the late home, 564 Queen street. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock. Interment will be made in the Hermitage.

Dr. W. D. Rankine of Woodstock who attended the U. N. B. Senate meeting here is a guest at the Queen.

TRIED TO HELP BROTHER GET OUT OF JAIL

Girl Had Weapon Concealed Inside of a Roast Chicken.

WAS GIVEN EIGHT YEARS

Man is Awaiting Death Sentence on Murder Charge.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 17—Eight years in Sherbourne reformatory were meted out to twenty-two year old, Genevieve Gedzum, here yesterday, for carrying a roasted chicken into jail. A jury had found her guilty of smuggling a weapon, concealed inside the fowl, to aid in the escape of her brother, Jerry, who was awaiting the death sentence.

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL TODAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

John Hunter Winner of the Lieut. Governor's Medal on High School Entrance—Short Exercises.

An important part of the closing of the public schools of the city this morning was the presentation of certificates to the winners in the various departments. There also was the presentation of the Lieut. Governor's Medal for High School Entrance which was made at the High School.

At the request of the School Board prominent citizens visited various schools and presented certificates. At York street School Rev. I. A. Corbett officiated, at Smythe street School Rev. G. C. Warren, at Regent street School Very Rev. F. L. Carney, at Charlotte street School Very Rev. Dean Neales and at Model School J. W. Spurden. At Doak and Morrison Schools the presentation was made by the teachers.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Sutherland presented the Lieut. Governor's Medal to the winner John Hunter. The school gathered in the Assembly Hall. During the exercises the school orchestra played several selections. Dr. G. C. VanWart, chairman of the School Board, addressed the gathering. The presentation followed.

FRUIT MEN HEARD BY THE TARIFF BOARD

Ottawa, Dec. 16—Onions and tulip bulbs, cabbages and rose trees figured in the discussion today in which the argument for increased tariffs on vegetables, fruits and nursery stock was presented to the tariff advisory board. The whole day was taken up with the presentation of the case for a seasonal tariff on perishables during the season, February to June, in which they cannot be profitably grown in Canada.

Argument in rebuttal will be presented tomorrow, when the hearing will probably be completed and no doubt judgment will be reserved.

Letters Testamentary

Before Judge H. G. Fenety of the York Probate Court letters testamentary in the estate of Mary E. Tupper have been issued to Ada A. McVey, executrix, daughter of the deceased. The estate consists of \$2,450 personal property. The estate is left to two daughters, the executrix and Mrs. George Hazen.

Left to Mission Board.

By the terms of the will of the late Annie E. Good her estate consisting of \$1,300 personal property is left to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Baptist Church in New Brunswick. Frank A. Good of this city is executor.

Daughter of Eleanor Mills will Make Her Debut in a New Play

"Who's Guilty", is the Title of the Production, Which is Based on the Hall-Mills Murder Case—Miss Mills to Play Role She Has Played in Real Life.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

METUCHEN, N. J., Dec. 17—Charlotte Mills, whose mother was slain in De Russey's Lane four years ago, with the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall of New Brunswick, N. J., is going on the stage in a new play based on the famous Hall-Mills case. Charlotte has joined the stock company of the Rialto Theatre and will make her next appearance in two weeks in a play called "Who's Guilty?"

The question suggested by the title was never answered with regard to the murder of Charlotte's mother and the Rev. Mr. Hall, and it is said that the author of the play leaves the case as much a mystery as it is today. On the stage Miss Mills will play the role she has played in real life—the daughter of the slain choir singer.

GOVERNMENT HELD MEETING AT ST. JOHN

Saint John, Dec. 17—The Provincial Government met yesterday afternoon in a short session here. A report that Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, was to resign from the government cabinet was stated to be "nonsense" by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who said that the matter had never been mentioned.

Matters in connection with the Provincial Hospital were discussed but nothing was given out for publication. A delegation headed by Hon. R. W. Wigmore, from the New Brunswick Automobile Association, waited upon the government in regard to re-marking of roads in this province, but no definite action was taken in the matter.

Asked regarding negotiations for sale of a building in King street, formerly occupied by the Dominion Rubber Co., for the concentration of government offices, Premier Baxter said the cabinet had received an offer. In the meantime a survey was being made to determine adaptability of the building for the purpose intended and the possible costs of operation. If it was found that the cost would be less than the present rentals paid for government offices in the city, the offer would be favorably considered, Dr. Baxter added.

Dr. Baxter also announced that G. Earle Logan had been appointed a magistrate in the Parish of Lancaster.

LUMBER PROBE IS GOING ON AT MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 16—The Royal Commission, composed of Mr. Justice Grimmer and F. C. Beatey, Saint John, investigating the lumber industry in the province, opened a two day session here today. Some seven witnesses giving their views as to the condition of the lumber industry in their particular locality were heard.

As the Commission is sitting in camera nothing is disclosed as to the nature of the statements of the lumbermen appearing before it. It is expected about the same number of witnesses will be heard by the Commission tomorrow.

From here the Commission goes to Saint John, where it is probable a sitting will be held before adjournment until the New Year.

LONDON SHOPLIFTERS BUSY.

London, Eng., Dec. 17—Shoplifters and other forms of theft cost one London department store more than \$40,000 last year.

KISS WRECKED HOME, SO IT IS WORTH \$22,500

Cleveland, Dec. 17—A kiss which witnesses said Mrs. Sadie N. Rose widow, gave to Horace G. Ansell and the alleged theft of Mr. Ansell's affections was worth \$22,500 to Mrs. Grace Ansell, a jury decided yesterday. Ansell is assistant manager of an insurance company here.

The verdict was returned in favor of Mrs. Ansell in a \$50,000 suit against Mrs. Rose for alienation of Mr. Ansell's affections.

"An absurd injustice; another indication of the fickleness of juries," Mrs. Rose charged in announcing that she would appeal the case.

ELECTRICAL DETECTIVE TO GET TRYOUT

New York, Dec. 17—Detection of the guilty party in a "crime" by means of the latest electrical psychological devices will be attempted Wednesday by Dr. A. P. Link, instructor in psychology at New York University.

Demonstration of the practical uses of electrical apparatus will be made at a meeting of the New York Electrical Society when Dr. Link sends several persons from the audience with instructions for one of them to steal an object from the building. He will then attempt to detect the guilty party through the psychological apparatus.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

Mrs. W. P. Fox Elected Worthy Matron of Celestial Chapter No. 2.

Celestial Chapter, No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star, elected officers Thursday night. Installation will take place on the 28th. The meeting which was held in the Masonic Building electing officers as follows:—

Worthy Matron, Mrs. W. P. Fox. Worthy Patron, Harold Logan. Associate Matron, Mrs. Harold Logan.

Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Woods. Treasurer, Mrs. F. G. VanWart. Conductress, Mrs. Gordon G. Scott. Associate Conductress, Mrs. Gordon Todd.

Trustee, Mrs. A. G. Robinson.

WALKING DIAMOND MINE.

New York, Dec. 17—Ralph Guilbes was arrested coming from a 5-and-10 cent store. Search revealed 162 diamond rings distributed about his person some strung on a clothesline about his waist.