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THE WEATHER

Moderate westerly winds most-
ly fair today and Thursday,
probably a few scattered show-
ers.

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EARTHQUAKE HITS THE AZORES

SOVIET GOV'T WILLING FOR SETTLEMENT

Are Ready to Discuss
the United States
Claims.

DIPLOMAT IS QUOTED

Will Not Recognize the
Kerensky or Czarist
Debts.

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

Moscow, Sept. 1.—A high Soviet di-
plomatic official, in an interview to-
day emphasized that the Soviet Gov-
ernment was ready to discuss settle-
ment of American claims without re-
servations.

He declared it was possible for his
Government to recognize the Keren-
sky debt which constituted the bulk of
the American claims without recogniz-
ing the Czarist debts which comprise
the bulk of English and French claims.

HENRY BENNETT TRIED TODAY ON SPEEDY TRIAL

Clarence White appear-
ed as Chief Witness,
in Garb of Prisoner at
Dorchester the Peni-
tentiary.

The case against Harry Bennett of
Stanley charged with being an acces-
sory after the fact in the robbery of
the C. N. R. station at Stanley, began
this morning at the Court House be-
fore Judge Slipp of the York County
Court under Speedy Trial regulations.
C. L. Dougherty prosecuted as Clerk
of the Peace. J. B. Dickson appeared
for the defendant who was released
on bail some time ago.

Clarence White who was sentenced
to two years in Dorchester peniten-
tiary for committing the robbery, was
the chief witness. He was brought
here yesterday by Sheriff Hawthorne
and appeared in court in prison garb
of a brownish color.

Officer Steeves of the C. N. R. In-
vestigation Service also was on the
stand this morning.

It is alleged that Bennett secreted
some of the stolen money given him
by White.

ARE GROWING COTTONTAILS IN IRELAND

Dublin, Sept. 1.—Soarstat agricul-
turalists are developing the breeding
of rabbits. An Irish Fur and Wool Breed-
ers' association recently formed spe-
cializes in Angora rabbits. Each rab-
bit yields from 14 to 116 ounces of
wool in a season, and the wool sells
at from \$8 to \$9 a pound. As it costs
\$1.60 to feed each rabbit the result
is a handsome profit. England im-
ports from China great quantities of
rabbit wool and the Soarstat expects
to compete in this trade.

Four Drunks Arrested

Four drunks were arrested last night.
They had been in a car but had left
it. Two of the four obtained their lib-
erty by putting up deposits which
were forfeited this morning. Two oth-
ers pleaded guilty before Sitting Mag-
istrate MacKay this morning and were
fined eight dollars each.

A LITTLE GIRL WALKED OUT OF A WINDOW

Her Life Was Saved by
Falling on a Clothes-
line.

WAS ASLEEP AT THE TIME

She Was Not Seriously
Injured by the
Fall.

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

New York, Sept. 1.—The family
washing saved the life of nine-year-old
Yetta Klein, who walked in her sleep
out her fourth story bedroom window
here last night. Her fall was broken
by the Klein clothesline which is
stretched in the yard on wash days
only.

She was found lying in the yard
partly conscious and an examination
revealed that her injuries were not of
a serious nature.

CUSTOMS PROBE TO BE RESUMED AT SAINT JOHN

Saint John, Sept. 1.—That no sit-
tings of the Royal Commission ap-
pointed to probe Canadian customs af-
fairs would be held here today but
that they would probably commence
tomorrow and conclude on Monday,
was the report given out by R. L. Cald-
er, K. C., of Montreal, counsel for the
commission, who, in company with
Joseph Casgrain, K. C., also of Mont-
real, arrived in the city by motor last
night from Halifax. The sittings will
probably be held at the Court House.

No sessions will be held today as
counsel require time to prepare the
material to be laid before the com-
mission in regard to alleged smuggling
into New Brunswick in its various
ramifications.

Subpoenas have been sent out for a
number of witnesses. It is understood
that the rum-smuggling problem, al-
ready investigated to some extent in
Nova Scotia, will be further gone into
here. A new phase of the inquiry, in-
volving investigation of alleged smug-
gling across the international bound-
ary line between Canada and Maine
of materials other than liquor, may be
opened. Proceedings here will prob-
ably last for several days.

Sir Francois Lemieux, commissioner
investigating administration of the
Department of Customs, arrived here
yesterday. W. F. O'Connor, K. C., one
of the probe counsel, accompanied by
R. P. Sparks, president of the Com-
mercial Protective Association, and
by T. Ahern, registrar of the commis-
sion, also reached Saint John last
evening.

COLLECTIONS INCREASE.

Returns for August Show Increase of
\$17,000 Over August, 1925.

The customs and excise returns
for the Port of Fredericton as pre-
pared by Collector L. C. Macnutt
for the month of August show a de-
cided improvement compared with
the corresponding month of 1925.
The increase is more than \$17,000.
The returns are:—
Customs import duty \$32,682.45
Customs Sales Tax 4,830.78
Customs excise 187.11
Excise tax (domestic) ... 5,180.42
Excise duty 15,237.14
Sundry collections 927.56

Total revenue \$59,045.49
The total revenue for August,
1925 was \$42,039.73, an increase of
\$17,005.76 for the past month, as
compared with the corresponding
month last year.

A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE AND SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTED

The Most Disastrous Earthquake in the History of
Island of Fayal—Twelve were Killed and One
Hundred Injured—Horta is Likened to a City
of the Dead.

(By Ferdinand Da Costa, United Press Special Correspondent)

HORTA, Azores Islands, Sept. 1.—This city
was emerging from the shadow of catastrophe to-
day, counting its dead and caring for its injured,
after the most disastrous earthquake in the his-
tory of the Island of Fayal.

Twelve persons were killed, approximately
one hundred were injured, and the homes of hun-
dreds were damaged or demolished when an
earthquake rocked the volcanic formation of the
island yesterday as though Horta lay upon the
breast of a panting monster.

Order has been restored, and by last evening
a temporary lighting service was started to pro-
vide light for the two small parks where large
numbers were gathered.

A City of the Dead

Beyond these parks, Horta appeared to be a
city of the dead, with troops and firemen patrol-
ling the streets between ruined houses.

The earth shock came at 9 a. m. yesterday. A
bright sun was shining in an azure sky as the peo-
ple of Horta awoke and began preparations for
their daily work in the quiet and simple way of the
ocean island.

Only beginning to be modernized, the old
world ox carts beside new world flivvers in the
streets marked the transition period here.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE GASOLINE TAX ACT, 1926 ARE GAZETTED TODAY

Three Cents Per Gallon is Rate—Two Percent is
Allowed Seller for Collecting—Penalties Pro-
vided—Inspector May be Appointed Under
Regulations.

The regulations concerning the
Gasoline Tax which were passed re-
cently by the Provincial Government,
are gazetted today. They are under
The Gasoline Tax Act, 1926. In short
metre the regulations impose a tax of
three cents per Imperial gallon pay-
able by the purchaser and collectable
by the seller on first sale or receipt
of delivery. Accounts must be kept by
the seller and monthly remittances
of the money made to the Province.
Two percent is allowed for collection.
An Inspector is to be named to over-
see the administration of the Act.
Penalties are provided.

The Regulations.

The full text of the regulations is
as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council
under "The Gasoline Tax Act, 1926"
is pleased to make the following regu-
lations:

1. No person may buy or receive de-
livery in this Province of any Gaso-
line for his own use or for that of his
family, agent, employee, partner or
employer without paying a tax equal
to three cents per gallon, imperial
measure.
2. This tax shall be paid by the pur-
chaser, and shall be collected on the
first sale or receipt of delivery with-
in the Province and shall be collect-
ed by the importer, manufacturer,
producer, refiner or distributor.
3. The said importer, manufacturer,
producer, refiner or distributor is for
the purpose of the said Act, the agent
of the Minister of Public Works. Each

TRADED WATCH WITH BANDIT FOR A KISS

Holdup in New York
Had a Peculiar
Sequel.

COUPLE HELD UP AND ROBBED

Bandit Turned Out to be
Hard Up Errand
Boy.

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

New York, Sept. 1.—While her es-
cort looked on Miss Eleanor Sweet
traded a boy bandit a kiss for her
bracelet and \$4. Just before midnight
John Martin and Miss Sweet were
halted by the bandit who said
"Gimme".

"What do you want?" asked Martin.
"Everything you've got", said the
bandit.

Martin surrendered his watch and
fifty cents; Miss Sweet her bracelet
and four dollars. The boy blushed at
her frightened eyes. Then he pointed
his revolver at her. "Kiss me," he
ordered, she kissed him.

"Keep your stuff, he said, handing
it to her. "You're too darned nice."
He ran.

The couple reported the robbery to
police who found Martin's watch and
money on James Murray, aged 16, an
errand boy, who said he was hard up
and found the revolver.

GUNMEN WHO FIRED AT CAR STILL AT LARGE

Yesterday's Shooting
Affray at Kingsclear
Has Created Quite a
Stir.

The story of a shooting affray on
the Woodstock road exclusively pub-
lished in The Mail yesterday has
created quite a stir about the city
and country. The car which Mr. Barry
Kitchen was driving at the time is a
Hudson seven passenger limousine
and naturally with the bullet hole in
the centre of the windshield it is an
object of much interest today. Many
people who examined the car this
morning afterwards congratulated
Mr. Kitchen on his narrow escape.
The bullet struck about a foot from
Mr. Kitchen's head and sent splintered
glass back to the rear end of the
car. No trace of the bullet has been
found and it is just possible that it
was deflected by the thick glass of the
windshield and did not enter the car.
Mr. Kitchen was naturally much up-
set when the shot was fired, and in
the excitement of the moment failed
to take the number of the gunmen's
car. He is certain, however, that it
was a McLaughlin and bore a New
Brunswick number plate. It is believ-
ed that the occupants were rumrun-
ners and while they were heading for
the city at the time it is scarcely like-
ly that they paused very long here.
There is not the slightest doubt but
that the shot was fired with the ob-
ject of doing injury to Mr. Kitchen.
The city police are now working on
the case.

Shediac Company.

The Laborers' Own Remedy, Limit-
ed, is incorporated with head office
at Shediac and capital stock of
\$24,000. The company is authorized
to acquire and take over as a go-
ing concern the undertaking of
Raymond B. Herbert as manufactur-
er of The Laborer's Own Remedy
and to manufacture and deal in cer-
tain medicinal preparations. Those
incorporated are Raymond B. Heb-
ert, John Hebert and Mrs. Isabelle
Hebert of Shediac.

THE MOVIES START TROW IN CHINATOWN

Chinks Resented Film-
ing of Sires in Ancient
Togs.

COPS QUELLED THE RUMPUS

The Younger Genera-
tion Follows Dictates
of U. S. Style.

Los Angeles, Sept. 1.—Invasion of
the Los Angeles Chinatown by a mo-
tion picture company yesterday caused
a near riot of young orientals which
was quelled only after the arrival of
two extra squads of police.

It was not merely the filming of a
picture which the Chinese objected to,
but rather the photographing of half a
dozen Chinese in the antiquated cos-
tumes of years past. The young gen-
eration of Chinatown which follows
American style's dictates, saw them-
selves being caricatured and they
blocked the camera's lens, shouted,
hooted and fell upon a policeman who
attempted to arrest an elderly Chinese
stripping the officer of his badge.

NORMAL SCHOOL ORGANIZED TODAY FOR THE YEAR

Some Class III Entrants
Absent—Places to be
Filled — Fifty-one
Male Students.

The Provincial Normal School re-
opened this morning for the ensuing
academic year with the maximum at-
tendance permitted by present regula-
tion. Three hundred students are al-
lowed with the French Department in
addition. This year that Department
has seventeen students.

The maximum of registration will
be filled up. Some of those who had
been admitted to Class II did not re-
port today. If they do not enroll other
applicants will be notified to take
their places.

Fifty-One Young Men.

Fifty young men are in the enrol-
ment. They are classified as follows,
Class I, 20; Class II, 24; Class III, 6.
In addition there is one male student
in the French Department.

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges and members
of his staff were busy this morning
organizing the school for the year.

Miss Margaret Lawrence of Am-
herst, N. S., took the position on the
staff made vacant by the resignation
of Miss Margaret Lynds.

MID-WEEK MARKET.

Prices For Produce Steady—Vege-
tables and Fruit Abundant.

There was a fairly large mid-week
market at Phoenix Square this morn-
ing. Prices were steady. Vegetables,
apples and berries were abundant.
Prices ruled as follows:—
Eggs per dozen, 35 to 40 cents.
Butter per lb., 35 to 38 cents.
Potatoes per bushel, 80 cents to \$1.
Tomatoes, green, per peck, 35 cents.
Tomatoes, ripe, per lb., 10 cents.
Veal per lb., 10 to 14 cents.
Pork, per lb., 18 to 20 cents.
Lamb per lb., 20 to 30 cents.

Left a Reminder

A trap set in the police station last
night to capture a rat which had been
annoying the police, held the tail of
the animal this morning. The rat had
been able to drag itself to a hole and
break away from the trap.

Chas. K. King of Bangor, Me.,
is a guest at the Queen.

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