

BRITAIN AND U. S. STILL BARGAINING

Slow Progress Is Made Towards Agreement On Amount Due America.

BELGIUM ASSENTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 9.—Great Britain and the United States are getting together slowly "but normally" on the United States reparations claims, which are to finally come before the conference of allied finance ministers, in session here.

At the end of today's informal discussions and conferences it was apparent that the representatives of both English-speaking countries were trying to drive a hard bargain. Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, wishes to economize, and the United States estimate of damage claims tentatively fixed at \$350,000,000, is likely to be whittled down before the Anglo-Saxons finally reach the expected agreement.

Standing Ground.
United States Ambassador Herrick and Kellogg, with James A. Logan, Jr., United States representative with the reparations commission, are standing their ground, but the negotiations for the time being are up to the respective governments of Britain and the United States. The continental delegations are watching the apparent deadlock between the two principal countries with ill-suppressed chuckles.



Ralph Soule and Girls of 1825, in the musical gem "Blossom Time" cast at the Grand on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Wednesday matinee.

Belgium's assent to the reduction of the Spa allotment of reparations from 8 to 5%, and perhaps 5 per cent if necessary, appears to have been the only forward step made today. Complete accord also has not been reached on the Belgian position, as the latter contends she still has about 250,000,000 gold francs due her on her priority claims. The British aver that Belgium has already received 2,500,000 francs in reparations. Experts will go over a mass of figures

and report to the delegates before Monday just exactly what Belgium has actually received.

The Big Question.
The United States war damage claims settlement, however, remains the most important matter before the conference. Three full days have elapsed since the conference convened, and the days, except for two very brief plenary sessions, have been almost entirely occupied by unofficial and private conversations between the members of the British and the United States delegations in an effort to reach a compromise. The net result is that late tonight Ambassador Herrick and Mr. Churchill are awaiting further instructions from Washington and London. Despite assurances of both delegations that an accord will certainly be reached, the slowness of arriving at an agreement is causing a feeling of surprise among the European delegations, from which a touch of satisfaction is not altogether absent.

OFFICE TO BE KEPT OPEN FOR INCOME TAX PAYERS

Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett stated yesterday afternoon that the assessment office would be kept open today until 5 o'clock in order to accommodate citizens wishing to file their income tax returns. The first lot of returns are due in by that time, and all possible facilities are being offered to aid citizens.

ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS.
Special to The Advertiser.
Forest, Jan. 9.—At the annual meeting of the Forest Congregational church the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Robert Hair; vice-president, Mrs. James Gilmore; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Livinston.

TAXES, SCANDAL, "WETS" WILL ENLIVEN SESSION

Proposed Tax On Gasoline, Liberal Demand For Probe Into Tory Bank Deals and Settell Charges and Attack On Ottawa Are High Lights of Program.

LEGISLATURE WILL OPEN FEBRUARY 10

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 9.—Official announcement was made today that the second session of the 16th legislature of the province of Ontario will open on Tuesday, February 10, and the government will endeavor to finish up before Easter.

The house will meet with little change in its personnel, although the faces of the oldest member, Hon. Thomas Crawford, and the late F. J. Glackmeyer, sergeant-at-arms from confederation to his death last year, will be missing.

The only new member will be Karl Homuth, Labor, South Waterloo, which was not represented in the house last session. Mr. Homuth will sit with the other two Labor members. He represented South Waterloo in the 15th legislature.

Discusses Duties.
The new sergeant-at-arms is Lieut.-Col. Ogilvie, who visited the speaker today in connection with his official duties.

By the retirement of Hon. Thomas Crawford, Sam Clark, Liberal, Northumberland, becomes the "father of the house." Every riding will be represented this session.

It is not expected that there will be a heavy program of government legislation. Among the most important is the proposed tax on gasoline and accompanying changes in motor car taxes. There is a keen demand for a tax on gasoline, and many resolutions from representative public bodies have urged it upon the government. However, there is said to be some opposition to the proposed tax. There will be legislation on the recommendation of the advisory committee on roads, which has been working during the year. The main suggestions, it is understood, are to increase the assistance to township roads, cut down the heavy expense and reduce the number of designated county-provincial roads. It is hoped to arrange a more equitable distribution of money assistance so that back concessions will get their share.

There will be considerable legislation from the department of agriculture, but it will not be drastic. Legislation will probably follow reports made by the agricultural committee which toured the province during the recess studying rural conditions.

Iron Ore Bounty.
The department of mines will have an amendment to the iron ore bounty act. The act passed last year left the bounty half payable by the province and half payable by the federal government. So far the federal government has not decided to pay the half, and it is proposed now that the province pay the entire bounty. There will not be any legislation

concerning education, unless it is decided within the next few weeks. The department of forests and lands will not offer much in a legislative way. The assessment act will be consolidated in accordance with recommendations of the revision commission.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, has announced that he will demand greater investigation of the Settell charges against the hydro. He will also demand the publication in full of the Settell letter, in which the charges were contained. The Liberal leader has also stated that he demands to investigate transactions between the Home Bank and the provincial treasury before the Drury government came into power. Both these demands will probably be the cause of sharp debates.

To a large number of the members of the house the possibility of an attempted modification of the Ontario temperance act is the big feature of the session.

Will Attack O. T. A.
Avowed "wet" members of the legislature have announced to the public that demands for modification of the O. T. A. will be made in the house. J. A. McCausland, Conservative, Southwest Toronto, has been the most outspoken of the members, although J. A. Currie, Conservative, Southeast Toronto, and some others have stated that they will have something to say in the legislature. There are also some Liberals, notably J. A. Pinard, East Ottawa, who introduced a beer measure at the last session, who may seek modification of the prohibition law. None, however, has announced any definite program. There are more members in the house representing dry ridings than there are representing ridings which voted against the O. T. A., and the extent of the demand among the members for a change in the temperance law cannot be estimated until the house opens.



Viola Dana, screenland's most popular star, in "The Beauty Prize," at Loew's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

YOUNG DOCTOR SURE HE CAN CURE PLAGUE

Danish Scientist Claims Success For Serum in Tuberculosis Cases.

By CONSTANTINE BROWN.
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Paris, Jan. 9.—"Tuberculosis can be cured with my serum if the patients are inoculated in the initial stages of the disease," Dr. Holger Moelgaard, the young Danish scientist and professor of the veterinary school of Copenhagen, told the writer Thursday. Dr. Moelgaard had come to Paris to get in touch with French physicians, who are greatly worried by the increase in the number of consumption cases among the French people.

According to the latest statistics, 700,000 deaths occurred in the country last year, and more than 20 per cent of them were due to tuberculosis. The Moelgaard discovery is an inorganic composition of a double hypo-sulphite of gold and soda. This remedy was tested in many Danish hospitals, and the chief physician of one of the principal sanatoriums for tuberculosis in Denmark reported that of 32 cases on which the remedy was used 13 were completely cured. The new discovery, so far, has proved ineffective, however, when it is applied to cases where the microbes have destroyed the vital organs of the patients.

MONTREAL PROBE TESTIMONY ENDS

Last Witness Is Heard In Court—Counsel To Be Heard.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—The now-famous police probe at Montreal came to an end this afternoon, after sittings lasting well over four months, in so far as the taking of testimony is concerned, the last witness being an alderman who took the stand on his own behalf in an attempt to repudiate certain charges that had been made against him. The court, however, will assemble again on January 19 for argument of various counsel involved, after which Mr. Justice Coderre, presiding magistrate, will prepare his final judgment.

It is thought highly probable that in view of the sensational evidence given by many witnesses who testified to serious irregularities in the administration of the city's police force, that the Quebec legislature will be asked to consider the court's findings.

The inquiry was the result of charges on the part of several citizens that bribery and corruption were rife in the ranks of local police and detective officers, and during its progress several scores of witnesses were called again and on behalf of the police department.

AVON MISSION CIRCLE.

Special to The Advertiser.
Avon, Jan. 9.—The mission circle met at the parlour on Wednesday evening, with 16 in attendance. Book study was taken by Mary Andrew, watch tower by Dora Hanson, reading by Miss Robb, a paper on "Seward ship" by Cora Sefflin, and a violin solo by Miss Hazel Groat.

PROBE OF SETTELL CHARGES COSTS GOVERNMENT \$4,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 9.—It was semi-officially stated today although all bills have not been taxed and paid that the cost to the Ontario government of the Judge Snider probe of the so-called Settell charges will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000. The fee to Judge Snider is only "nominal," the bulk of the account being for reporting and the services of Mr. Brewster, counsel to the commission.

By an agreement made with Settell, the government will also pay part of the fee to his counsel, R. H. Greer, K.C.

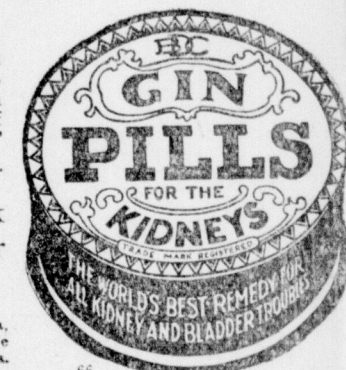
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