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Weather—Colder; flurries.

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ONE HUNDRED BILLION MARKS IN GOLD—AMOUNT GERMAN WILL BE ASKED TO PAY ALLIED NATIONS

Delegates to Brussels Conference Regard Sum as Reasonable Basis for Solution to Reparations Problem—Total Is Far Below That Authorized Under Versailles Treaty.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—Payment by Germany of one hundred billion marks in gold remains the basis upon which experts and delegates to the second financial conference, in session here, are working. This amount, although far below what was authorized by the Treaty of Versailles, is considered by them collectible only in the condition that Germany is helped along the lines suggested by the German delegates. Allied experts in secret individual reports, the substance of which has come to light, recognized Germany's real necessities. German delegates generally are impressed by arguments that Germany is an insolvent nation who must be made to pay what she can. The extent to which strict fulfillment of the Versailles treaty may be waived, however, depends upon the allied governments, before which recommendations have been made by the various delegates.

German Consider Questions.
Germany's meeting was really in preparation for the recess which will be taken until January 10. Allied delegates planned to meet apart this afternoon for the purpose of exchanging views and reaching a common accord which will be reflected in reports to their governments. German delegates are still working on the list of questions submitted by the allies, which covered a wide range of subjects. From some of them the allied experts believe that indirect taxation in Germany is not high enough, the Germans being asked if their taxes on alcohol, beer, tobacco and sugar are as high as those on the same products in France and Great Britain. Other questions concerning the German financial policy relative to taxation of wealthy citizens and possible tax increases within a year or two, British shipping and liquidation experts arrived here last night for final conference with the Germans before today's adjournment. Belief was expressed that when the conference assembles next month it will be well on the way toward a settlement of the reparations question.

HASHARD TIME TRYING TO COUNT CANADIAN CASH

John Crawford Spent Half One Night On Job.

POUNDS TO DOLLARS And Dollars to Pounds, Shilling and Pence Difficult Operation.

Broad Scotch had his official innings as a language of the Canadian courts in the county court sessions before Judge Tabbot Macbeth this morning when the case of Crawford against Smith was heard. John Crawford, with his wife, came to Canada early last spring, and was welcomed by his brother-in-law, and is wife's sister, Mrs. Smith, living on a farm, near London. For a time the Crawford lived with the Smith family and intrusted to Mrs. Smith the exchanging of their money into Canadian currency and the receipt of the purchase of some land and farm stock. Allegations were made in the case that Crawford had been taken from the money, and the question was also raised whether it was exchanged at the current rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford had 641 British pounds when they decided to come to Canada and spent \$25 for passage money. On the way out they exchanged 250 into Canadian money. Arriving here, John Crawford turned over to Mrs. Smith, and payments were made on land and some cow purchased. Mr. Crawford worked for Mr. Smith and received \$45 an acre for nine weeks' work. The purchase of the land was also noted in the evidence, and what expenditures were made before and after a deposit of \$100 in a bank. In the evidence, it was pointed out that the court spent much time in arriving at the fact that Mrs. Smith, when she exchanged part of the money for her brother-in-law and sister, she took it home to them, but they declined to accept it until the remainder was taken, giving their reason that Mrs. Smith could keep track of it better than they could. So she placed it in an envelope between two bags of flour in the kitchen and told them where it was, in case they wanted it.

Mr. Crawford, in his evidence, told of his struggles in counting the unfamiliar Canadian currency and added that he sat up half of one night trying to count it the Scotch way.

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LABOR RIOTERS ARE EXECUTED BY BOLSHEVSKI

Serious Industrial Disorders At Petrograd Are Suppressed.

OTTAWA CITIZEN IS FINED FOR BREACH OF THE HEALTH ACT

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The maximum penalty of \$100 and costs was imposed on William J. Kerwin, grocer, 685 King Edward avenue, in the police court yesterday afternoon when he pleaded guilty to a charge of concealing contagious disease in his home at 194 Somerset street east. Jules Audette, city sanitary inspector, who laid the charge against Kerwin, stated to the court that within a few days of the discovery that a member of Kerwin's family had small pox, seventeen cases broke out within a stone throw of his domicile. Magistrate Askwith in passing sentence said that there was not one mitigating circumstance in favor of the accused. "I am sorry that the offence is not punishable with a jail term," he added.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 30; lowest, 8.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 25.

TOMORROW—COLDER, WITH SNOW FLURRIES.
Toronto, Dec. 22.—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Strong southeast winds, with rain to-day and part of Thursday, followed by northwest winds and colder, with snow flurries by Thursday night.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

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