

## ROADS' MOVE TO BEAT TAXES WILL HIT SNAG

Interstate Commerce Commission May Block Attempt to Dodge Assessments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A concerted move by many of the larger railroad systems to dodge big payments of Federal and State taxes, and provide a ledger "bill" for failing to improve their lines, by converting billions of dollars in cash out of their surplus funds into non-taxable stock dividends, probably will be blocked by the Interstate Commerce Commission, it became known today.

The commission, holding the power under the new law to disapprove the new scheme of the carriers, is now at the most solidly arrayed against the proposal.

The commission settled down to a thorough analysis of the plan, after receiving the application of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which seeks to transfer about \$140,000,000 to its stockholders. The inquiry was devoted to a sensational attack on the plan by legal representatives of some of the western States traversed by this railroad.

Previously the commission had under consideration an appeal from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Hudson Railroad for the transfer of an amount closely approaching \$100,000,000 in funds to stockholders in shape of stock gifts.

## Women's Legion Elects Officers

Miss Florence Martin, who was chief nurse at the Lilly Base Hospital during the World War, was re-elected president of the Berry-Copeland Post No. 128 of the American Legion at a meeting of the organization at the Y. W. C. A. last night. The post, which has forty members, is the only women's American Legion post in the State.

Other officers elected were: Miss Jessie Rotman, adjutant; Miss Gertrude Upjohn, financial secretary; Miss Henri Carrey, war risk insurance secretary and Mrs. Catherine Spicer-Hitch, publicity secretary.

**PARALYSIS FOLLOWS INJURY.**  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 17.—David Eddings, 48, who was buried in a gravel pit cave-in here, is in a serious condition for recovery. Eddings was held prisoner with only his head exposed for an hour, when he was extricated by persons who heard his cries for help. Paralysis has developed in both legs and right arm.

## Rich and Blissful

Wealth had carried Mrs. Nurich into exalted circles, of which she had hardly dared even to dream.

At a big dinner party she was being



shown the glories of an ancestral mansion by her titled hostess, and as they passed along a corridor the latter lady passed before a marble bust.

"Oose that of?" asked Mrs. Nurich, with an air of great interest.

"That is Marcus Aurelius," replied her hostess.

"Oh! Is it?" exclaimed Mrs. Nurich. "But I wish you'd tell me," she went on confidently, "whether it's the old marquis or the new one? I do get 'em mixed up so."

## Treaty With Poet Dissatisfies Italy

ROME, Dec. 17.—The terms of settlement agreed upon by Gabriele d'Annunzio and the parliamentary committee that visited him at Fiume are not given to the government. It was learned from a semi-official source today.

According to reports from Fiume, discipline has begun to weaken among d'Annunzio's forces and disorders occur frequently.

## Clothes Line 'Bandits' Are Busy About City

One of the favorite out-of-door pastimes of the local order of thieves is to steal clothing from the clotheslines in the rear yards of Indianapolis residents.

J. C. Pratt, 317 West Nineteenth street, reported that a thief had stolen a bedspread from the clothesline in his yard yesterday.

Mrs. Effa Conne, 2384 Kenwood avenue, notified the police that a thief had taken from her clothesline two union suits, an apron, six towels and other articles to the total of \$14.

## Carpenters Asked to Stand Wage Cut

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Union carpenters here today are considering a request by the Woodworkers' Employers' Association that they voluntarily accept a cut of 25 per cent in wages. The request was made "to the end that plants may be kept going and continued employment for employees be assured."

A conference of large employers, labor chiefs and various civic leaders has been called for next Wednesday to discuss the problem of unemployment in Chicago. Reports indicate that unemployment is rapidly increasing in this city.

## STORE THIEVES ARE DESCRIBED

Men Tell of Seeing Thieves Enter.

More than thirty-six hours after two thieves had broken into a safe in the People's Outfitting Company store, 138 West Washington street, the police were still without a list of the jewelry missing and also without an official estimate of the total value of the missing jewelry, according to the police the loss will be approximately \$10,000.

Excellent descriptions of the two burglars who carried away two suitcases filled with watches, diamond rings, chains and lockets, were obtained by the police from Trevor Faulkner, and F. E. Hansen, who saw the robbers after they had climbed through a window in the Kentucky avenue end of the store at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday night.

The burglars were white men and were both well dressed. The suitcases they carried were cheap affairs and the sledge hammer they left in the store was a new one.

## ARGENTINA WINS CHILEAN SUPPORT

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minutes only ten minutes before they were asked to vote upon it and had no time to study it.

## MANDATES BODY TO MAKE REPORT

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—The League of Nations Assembly today met to receive a report from a special committee on mandates.

The six members of the commission reported they were unable to summarize the mandate situation or to make recommendations because the league council refused to make drafts of the mandates public.

## CZECHO-SLOVAK REBELS ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Czecho-Slovak government at Prague announces that it is in full control of the revolutionary situation and that the attempt of the Communists to establish a soviet republic has been completely frustrated, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Karlsbad today. More than 200 ringleaders in the rebellion have been arrested.

## GERMANY MAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—Germany as the embarrassed debtor faced an exacting creditor in a financial conference with allied nations here today. Germany's representatives turned their country's pockets wrong side out to show the futility of demanding full payment on the original reparations demands.

Rudolph Havenstein, a director of the

Reichsbank, presented a full statement of the government's financial condition.

Havenstein said the national debt of Nov. 1 was 147,000,000 marks and that the nation must raise 25,000,000 marks more by the end of the year. He testified that Germany already has paid 41,000,000 marks indemnities.

Among allied representatives there appeared to be a feeling that perhaps Germany cannot meet the heavy reparations demands and still continue to produce.

A scheme suggested today was to have a part of the indemnity worked out by German labor.

## ASSEMBLY GIVES ALBANIA BERTH

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—The League of Nations Assembly today unanimously admitted Albania to the league. This brings the membership of the league up to forty-seven nations. The committee on admissions of new members had recommended admitting Albania.

(Albania is a wild desolate mountain land in the Balkans, bordering the Adriatic. It has no recognized government at present. It was formerly part of the old Turkish empire before the first Balkan war. After Albania was created into an independent state Prince William of Wied was selected as ruler of the country by the big powers, but his reign collapsed after brief duration.)

## BRITAIN HOPES TO FIND LEAD

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of Lords is expected to agree to changes made by the House of Commons.

## SEEK LEADERS OF ARMED BAND

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Soldiers are combing Tipperary County (in the martial law zone) today for ringleaders of the armed band which killed four policemen on Thursday. The victims were members of a party of eight policemen who were ambushed by a gang of 100 men near Kilsannon.

## DUBLIN PRIEST IS ARRESTED

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Father Dominic, personal spiritual adviser to the late Terence MacSwiney, was arrested here today. Another Roman Catholic priest was arrested, but was later released.

British troops were active throughout the night and morning. They raided two monasteries. It was during a raid upon a monastery that the Rev. Father Dominic was arrested.

(The Rev. Father Dominic was with the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney during the greater part of his hunger strike in Brixton Jail. The priest was with the Lord Mayor when the latter died and accompanied the MacSwiney family to Ireland to attend the funeral.)

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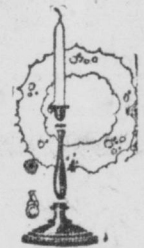
# THE W. H. BLOCK CO.

## "Hoosierdom's Great Christmas Store"

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## Our Art Needlework and Art Shop

offers refreshing gift suggestions to the worried eleventh-hour shopper. Novel things for the home or personal use on which the usual moderate prices have been greatly lowered.



INDIAN MOCCASINS, of brown or gray leather, made up with turnover tops, bead trimming. Infants' sizes, \$1.19 quality...**.89¢**  
Children's sizes, \$1.39 quality...**.98¢**  
Women's sizes, \$1.98 quality...**\$1.69**  
Men's sizes, \$2.50 quality...**\$1.98**

WASTE PAPER BASKETS, made of fancy straw, beautifully colored, \$1.75 quality...**.88¢**

NATURAL MOSS, for making up flower baskets, 25c quality, package...**10¢**

ARTIFICIAL FRUIT, made of rubber; peaches, pears, apples, bananas and oranges, prettily tinted, 49c quality, each...**35¢**

FANCY CANDIES, red, gold, pink, China blue, jade, mulberry, lavender, rose, etc. Special (6 for 25c), each...**5¢**

ARTIFICIAL ROSES, pink or red, also beautiful colored asters, 19c quality, 3 for **35¢**

MAHOGANY SMOKING SETS, with brass holders and glass tray; special...**\$1.08**

BLUE POTTERY CANDLESTICKS WITH CANDLES, made in Japan. Sticks made on artistic lines with slim, curving handles, candles are blue, decorated with tiny rose colored, hand painted flowers. One stick complete with candle, \$3.95 quality...**\$2.95**

—Sixth Floor.

## From Our Model Grocery

(We reserve the right to limit quantities)

FRESH OYSTERS, fancy, select standards, direct from Baltimore (full quart, 79c), pint...**.43¢**

CHEESE, rich yellow Wisconsin, full cream, pound...**.35¢**

FRENCH GLACE FRUITS, assorted, in fancy one-pound Christmas boxes, box...**\$1.19**

SARATOGA POTATO CHIPS, fresh fried, very crisp...**1/4 pound for 19¢**

PEANUT BUTTER, fresh Sun-lit made while you wait, pound...**17¢**

MINCEMEAT, fresh Sun-lit made from choicest meats and fruits, pound...**.33¢**

PLUM PUDDING, old English style, Sun-lit made, pound...**.55¢**

PECANS, fancy Georgia Jumbo, paper shell, lb...**.89¢**

DRIED BEEF, Libby's sweet cured, machine chipped, pound...**.69¢**

MIXED NUTS, five of the choicest varieties, all new crop (3 pounds, \$1.00), pound...**.35¢**

STUFFED DATES, FIGS AND PRUNES, fancy washed, preserved figs, cluster table raisins in Christmas packages. Moderately priced.

SUN-LIT FRUIT CAKE, made from choicest fruits and nuts, pound...**.75¢**

JELLO, the national dessert powder, various flavors (3 packages for 35c), package...**12¢**

SUN-LIT BREAD, round and long Vienna, baked on the hearth, also all varieties of pan bread, hot from the ovens at 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

—Fifth Floor.

## THE BASEMENT STORE

## A Sale of DRESSES That is a Thriller For Women and Misses

\$15.00 to \$25.00 qualities, based on the recent market. Sale price—

**\$9.98**

Brand new dresses, in the newest modes, tastefully trimmed.

TRICOTINE DRESSES  
SERGE DRESSES  
SILVERTONE DRESSES  
TRICOLETTE DRESSES  
GEORGETTE DRESSES  
POPLIN DRESSES  
KNIT DRESSES  
MESSALINE DRESSES

They are in colors of Zanzibar, navy, Malay, Pekin, reindeer, fawn, Copen, etc.

There are dresses for street wear, dresses for office and general business wear, dresses for the school miss. Some are fur trimmed, some are braided, beaded and embroidered. Sale price...**\$9.98**

No exchanges, no refunds. Every sale final.

Fashion's newest dictate—  
SATIN HATS—  
are in this new group of

## Wonder HATS Always \$3.79



Satin hats are the newest for immediate wear—that's why they're included under "Wonder hats"—they are the smartest that any season offers—at a moderate price.

Satin hats in black, henna, brown and navy—close fitting, medium size and large hats—trimmed in the very newest fashion. Also hats of Lyons velvet—in new up to the minute styles. All at the same "Wonder" price, always...**\$3.79**

A suit of clothes would make a splendid Christmas gift for any boy—There are some wonderful values in this

## Sale of Boys' Suits

Up to \$15 qualities  
Sale price **\$9.98**

Every Suit Has Two Pairs of Trousers

Sizes 7 to 18 years

The suits are fine in every detail—we have lowered their prices simply to create an active selling and partly to bring about an adjustment to the newer market basis.

All new winter styles in serviceable dark colors; excellent wearing materials. Up to \$15.00 qualities...**\$9.98**

ALSO BOYS' ALL-WOOL BLUE SERGE SUITS, with one pair of trousers...**\$9.98**

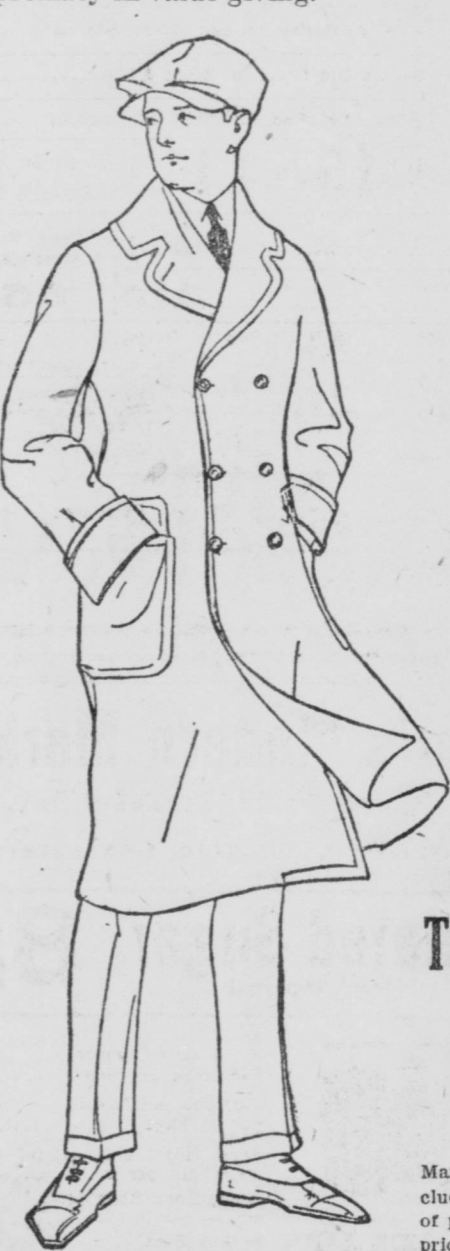
Boys' Mackinaws, \$6.98  
Sizes 6 to 18 years, of heavy weight materials, in dark plaid patterns. Double breasted models with large collars. Belt all around. Special...**\$6.98**  
BOYS' BLOUSES...**.98¢**  
BOYS' ALL-WOOL JERSEYS...**\$2.98**  
BOYS' SWEATER COATS...**\$3.98, \$2.98 and \$1.48**  
BOYS' WINTER CAPS...**\$1.48**



# CLOTHING SALE

## For Men and Young Men

These offerings supply new, additional evidence of the Basement Store's wide supremacy in value giving.



ALL WOOL SUITS  
Sale Price **\$18.50**  
Wonderful Values  
A limited number at this price...**\$18.50**

ALL WOOL OVERCOATS  
Sale Price **\$25**  
Including plaid back overcoats in the newest ulster and ulsterette models...**\$25.00**

## Men's and Young Men's TROUSERS

An extra pair for your odd coat and vest

\$7.50 and \$8.50 TROUSERS  
Sale Price **\$4.95**  
Many all-wool fabrics included, a large selection of patterns, sale price...**\$4.95**

\$10, \$12 and \$15 TROUSERS  
Sale Price **\$7.95 and \$6.95**  
Wonderful fabrics. Ends of piece goods used for suits. An amazing variety. Sale price, \$7.95 and...**\$6.95**

Corduroy TROUSERS  
\$5.00 quality  
Sale price...**\$2.98**

Corduroy TROUSERS  
\$6.50 quality  
Sale price...**\$4.95**

# THE W. H. BLOCK CO.

## Buy Toys at Once

We can not too strongly urge the advisability of choosing at once—nor the importance of SHOPPING IN THE MORNING HOURS. In the mornings we are better able to help you select toys—aisles are less crowded and toys are in orderly array.

SANTA CLAUS HIMSELF is in the toy section. Every child should be brought to visit him.

AUTO COASTERS, strongly made, an ideal gift for active youngsters, extra special...**\$2.98**

WINDING TRAIN ON TRACK, long running locomotive with tender and passenger car; engine guaranteed for six months; complete...**\$1.49**

FLYING AERO PLANES, will really fly; rubber motors; priced, \$3.98 and by degrees down to...**.98¢**

"DUCKY DOO," white enamel finish, highest grade of workmanship; babies love to ride on "Ducky Doo." Priced...**\$2.75**

EDUCATIONAL BOARDS, "reversible," spelling, arithmetic, reading and writing and the games of cross town and fox and geese...**\$1.50**

BOYS' COASTER WAGONS, the famous "Paris" wagon, \$7.00 quality...**\$5.98**

DRUMS, nicely lithographed, priced \$5.98 and by degrees down to...**.39¢**

WINDING TRAINS, "American Flyer," guaranteed engine. Saturday special...**\$1.75**

KIDDIE KARS, a wooden car for the younger boys and girls, priced \$3.00, \$2.50 and...**\$1.98**