

## 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 "alibi" for failing to improve their lines, by converting billions of dollars in cash out of their surplus funds into non-taxable stock dividends, will probably be blocked by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It became known today.

The commission, holding the power under the new rail law to disapprove the new scheme of the carriers, is now almost 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 in stockholders' equity to stockholders.

"But I wish you'd tell me," she went on confidently, "whether it's the old man or the new one? I do get 'em mixed up so."

### Rich and Blissful

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

At a big dinner party she was being



### 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, 133 West Washington street, the police were still without a list of the jewelry missing or also without an estimate of the total value of the missing jewelry or 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, cuff links, buckles, and so on, were obtained from Trevor, Muller, and F. E. Hansen, who saw the robbers after they had climbed through a window on 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.

### 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 Flume are not given to the government. It was learned from a semi-official source today.

According to reports from Flume, 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-doors 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 bed-spread from the clothesline in his yard yesterday.

Mrs. Eff. Conne, 2334 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 show 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.

### ARGENTINA WINS CHILEAN SUPPORT

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

### MANDATES BODY TO MAKE REPORT

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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 Saturday. The victims were members of a party of eight policemen who were ambushed by a gang of 100 men near Kilcummin.

### 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.

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