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WILSON GIVES LANSING'S JOB TO COLBY

TAXES JUMPED 15.1 P. C. IN 80 OF 92 COUNTIES

Both North and South Part of State Hit, One County's Increase Being 32.3 Pct.

REFUTES GOV. GOODRICH

Eighty of the ninety-two Indiana counties for which figures are available in the office of the auditor of the state will pay a total of 15.1 per cent more taxes this year than last year, despite the promise of the Goodrich administration that the new tax law would result only in increased valuation and not in increased revenues.

The increase in Lake county, where Gov. Goodrich boasted that many great manufacturing concerns are paying their fair share of taxation for the first time, is 23.6 per cent.

The increase in Owen county, a representative county of south Indiana, where Gov. Goodrich boasted that the taxpayers had been relieved of an unfair share of the burden of taxation, is 32.3 per cent.

Of these eighty counties, thirty-eight are south of the National road. These thirty-eight counties will pay an average of 12.7 per cent more taxes than paid in 1919. In his speeches in the southern part of the state, Gov. Goodrich boasted that the northern part of the state would be called upon to pay more taxes but that the southern part of the state, which had previously borne an unjust share of the burden, would not be called on for more taxes this year.

BUT HERE'S WHAT

THE FIGURES SHOW. Thirty-six of the eighty counties for which figures are available north of the National road. These counties will pay an average increase of 18 per cent.

Six of the counties are crossed by the National road. These do not include Marion county, for which figures are not available. The six counties pay an average increase of 14.6 per cent.

The calculations are made directly from figures which are a matter of record at the statehouse and show conclusively the result of the first year's administration by the tax board.

REDUCTION IN THESE TWO COUNTIES.

Only two counties boast of reduced taxes: the taxes of only three of the eighty counties have been reduced. Two of these are south of the National road and one is north. They are Marion county, the total revenue of which was reduced \$382,935; Orange county, the total revenue of which was reduced \$19,452; and Warren county, the total revenue of which was reduced \$31,139.12, or more than the total reduction of the other two counties, which lie south of the National road.

The figures show that the eighty counties must pay this year a total of \$22,503,622 in taxes, while they paid last year a total of \$46,825,395.18, an increase of \$7,459,137.04.

The total taxes to be paid by the counties north of the National road this year is \$15,671,525.45, as compared with \$12,807,900.93, an increase of \$1,774,625.

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Counties on the National road, not

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YACHTS BURN; MILLION LOSS

famous Racers Vanite and Shamrock IV Saved.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A mantle of snow on the canvas and decks of the famous America's cup racing yachts, Shamrock IV and the Vanite, saved those vessels from destruction early today when a \$1,000,000 fire burned five other yachts in the Jacobs Brothers shipyard at City Island. The snow prevented the flames from gaining foothold on the hulls of the yachts which was dry docked only twenty feet from one of the ruined ships. The Shamrock IV is owned by Mr. Thomas Lipton.

The yachts destroyed included the Mystery, owned by James Farrell of the United States Steel Corporation; the Yonah, owned by Mrs. George Luther of Philadelphia; the Star and the Aurora, owned by Capt. John L. Petersen, and the Queen, owned by H. C. Clark. The fire started in a frame office building near the drydocks and spread to the yachts.

Exploding gasoline tanks and a high wind handicapped firemen, who were forced to drag their apparatus through deep snowdrifts to reach the shipyard.

Night Help Given
Income Taxpayers

From 6 to 9 o'clock at night until March 15 for the purpose of assisting income tax payers in making returns, according to H. M. Tebey, chief of the Indianapolis division, internal revenue.

March 15 is the last day upon which persons of income tax may be paid according to Mr. Tebey, and the offices will be kept open at night in order to permit railroad men and other workers who are busy during the day an opportunity to gain assistance from the revenue men.

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