

INDIANA'S DEBT PER CAPITA IS LOW FOR 1923

Bureau of Census Gives
Figures for All
States.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, June 2.—With a net per capita debt of only 51 cents, Indiana at the end of 1923 had by far the lowest State debt of the forty-eight states according to reports made public today by the bureau of the census. The average per capita debt for all the states was \$8.72, an increase of 60 cents over 1922 and nearly double the pre-war total. Indiana total debt is given as \$1,446,615. New York's State debt at the same time was \$181,900,000 or \$16.87 per person.

During 1923 Indiana spent \$28,621,168 for all governmental costs, a per capita average of \$9.85. For the nation as a whole the cost of State Governments was \$11.95 per capita.

Since 1915 costs of State Government in Indiana as well as elsewhere have shown a steady increase. In 1915 the average for the whole country was about \$8 per person compared with the 1923 figure of nearly \$12.

Indiana for 1923 collected more revenue than was spent, the collections from taxes and other revenues being \$20,943,299 or \$1,300,000 in excess of costs.

GENERAL DEBT MOUNTS

But State May Be Able to Retire Part of Loans.

Indiana's general fund indebtedness since the year 1923 has mounted to \$2,500,000, represented in a tank loan which falls due June 30.

L. C. Johnson, deputy State auditor, today said it might be possible for the State to retire a small part of the loan, due to the heavy receipts of current tax installments. The State's balance, as of today, was \$8,602,066.57, which Johnson said would be more than necessary to meet current expenses.

WANT COAL RATES UP

Operators' Representative Before Commerce Commission.

Jones R. Waffle, representing the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators Association, testified in the Interstate Commerce Commission examiner's hearing in the Federal Building.

Waffle told examiner Burton Fuller that if coal rates from West Virginia and eastern Kentucky coal fields to Indiana were further reduced they would cause "irreparable injury" to the coal mining industry of Indiana. The Indiana State Chamber of Commerce is asking the rates be reduced.

Statement of Condition of the Inter State Fire Insurance Co.

Detroit, Mich.
408 W. Fort St.

On the 31st day of December, 1924
C. A. PALMER, President.
W. A. ELDREDGE, Secretary.

Amount of capital paid up... \$250,000.00

NET ASSETS OF COMPANY
Cash in banks (on interest
and not on interest).... \$ 70,543.39

Bonds and stocks owned (market value).... 16,710.00

Mortgage loans on real estate
(free from any prior incum-
brance).... \$346,066.11

Accrued securities (interest
and rents, etc.).... 8,502.00

Other securities.... 3,965.83

Premiums and accounts due
and in process of collection.... 2,023.75

Total net assets.... \$443,763.54

LIABILITIES

Reserve or amount necessary
to reinburse outstanding
risks.... 52,909.75

Losses unadjusted and in sus-
pense.... 12,359.94

Bills and accounts unpaid.... 300.00

Other liabilities of the com-
pany.... 4,700.00

Total liabilities.... \$ 70,269.69

Capital.... 260,082.00

Surplus.... 114,404.85

Total.... \$443,763.54

Greatest amount in any one
risk.... \$100,000.00

State of Indiana, Office of Commissioner
of Insurance.

I, the undersigned, Commissioner of In-
surance of Indiana, hereby certify that the
above is a correct copy of the Statement
of the Condition of the above-named
Company on the 31st day of December,
1924, and that the said original state-
ment is now on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sub-
sign this 9th day of April, 1925.

T. S. McMURRAY JR., Commissioner.

Statement of Condition of the
Merchants Fire Assurance
Corporation of New York

New York City.
45 John St.

On the 31st day of December, 1924.

A. C. NOBLE, President.

G. A. ZIEMEN, Secretary.

Amount of capital paid up \$1,000,000.00

NET ASSETS OF COMPANY

Cash in banks (on interest
and not on interest).... \$ 373,820.52

Bonds and stocks owned
(market value).... 5,025,447.00

Mortgage loans on real es-
tate (free from any prior
incumbrance).... 381,500.00

Accrued securities (interest
and rents, etc.).... 29,002.36

Premiums and accounts due
and in process of collec-
tion.... 592,625.68

Reinsurance due on paid
losses.... 2,506.98

Total net assets.... \$7,304,402.53

LIABILITIES

Reserve or amount necessary
to reinburse outstanding
risks.... \$3,053,011.93

Losses unadjusted and not due.... 560,986.96

Other liabilities of the com-
pany.... 500,182.20

Total liabilities.... \$4,059,172.09

Capital.... 1,000,000.00

Surplus.... 2,245,280.44

Total.... \$7,304,402.53

Greatest amount in any one
risk.... 100,000.00

State of Indiana, Office of Commissioner
of Insurance.

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Company on the 31st day of December,
1924, as shown by the original state-
ment, and that the said original state-
ment is now on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have this day
signed and sealed the original official seal
of the State of Indiana, this 9th day of April, 1925.

T. S. McMURRAY JR., Commissioner.

Night Fire Does Damage in State Tax Board Office



ANTI-EVOLUTION FORCES ROUSED FOR BIG FIGHT

Wave of Fundamentalism Is
Sweeping Country, Sur-
vey Shows.

By Henry Minott

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, June 2.—Aroused by what they consider "monkey business," anti-evolutionists in fourteen States have risen to the cry of "down with Darwinism" and threaten to declare war in some form on scientists who claim the Biblical story of Adam and Eve is a fairy tale.

With Dayton, Tenn., where a new State evolution law is being tested, as the storm center, a tremendous wave of fundamentalism is sweeping the country, a nation-wide survey by the United Press shows.

Legislatures, school boards, college faculties, prominent attorneys, free-thought leagues—all these have been drawn into the controversy with the anti-evolutionists crying "God or gorilla" and the opposition flinging back "God is an evolutionist," and "there's no monkey in the evolutionist's family tree."

Fire Fanned

Smoldering fires of indignation among the fundamentalists needed only the impetus of the J. T. Scopes case to cause them to flare up in full blast.

The present anti-revolution movement is centered largely in the South and Southwest, the survey shows. States in which controversies have occurred or are now in progress, include Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota, Arkansas, Iowa, West Virginia and North Dakota.

Teaching of evolution has been prohibited for two years in Oklahoma.

In Texas the board of regents has ruled that "no infidel, atheist or agnostic" shall be employed in any capacity in the University of Texas.

In that State and in Kentucky, the lower houses of the Legislature passed anti-evolution bills, but the upper houses in each case failed to approve the measures.

Recently the Baptists of Kentucky voted to contribute to no school where evolution was taught.

In Florida

The Florida Legislature has passed a resolution requesting school boards not to employ instructors who taught Darwinism.

Not so long ago the Georgia Legislature deferred action on an appropriation for a State library on the ground that books on evolution should be forbidden: sterilization law in cases of confirmed criminals would be a good thing.

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"Modern girls are more gifted with understanding and clear-headedness. I don't think marriage is going to become a business deal," she said.

MODERN GIRLS ARE DEFENDED

Editor Says They Will Make
Better Mothers.

Times Staff Correspondent

WEST BADEN, Ind., June 1.—Modern girls will make better mothers than the older generation of women; marriage for minors and unfit persons should be made harder; the movies give a false impression about society; intermarriage of races should be forbidden; sterilization law in cases of confirmed criminals would be a good thing.

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GOVERNOR AND DRAIN TO SPEAK

Legion Announces Dedi-
cation Program June 17.

James A. Drain, national com-
mander American Legion, and Gov-
ernor Jackson will be principal
speakers at dedication of the first

unit of the Indiana War Memorial,

June 17, according to the program
announced today by Legion officials.

A short parade from the Indianapolis Athletic Club to the new headquarters building at Meridian and St. Clair Sts., at 1:30 p. m. will precede the ceremony.

Other speakers will be Mrs. O. D. Oliphant of New Jersey, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and George Dobson of New Jersey, chef de chemin de fer, Forty and Eight. Prayer will be offered by the Rev. Joseph Lonergan, national Legion chaplain.

Musical programs will be given by the Police and Firemen's Band and the Newsham's Band.

Bids for excavation work for the main memorial building to be erected in the block bounded by Vermont, Meridian, Michigan and Pennsylvania Sts. have been advertised and will be received in about sixty days. Work will be begun as soon as possible, Legion officials said.

Business Meeting

At the general business meeting reports were given by Mrs. John Ruhle, chairman of credentials; Mrs. W. J. Torrance, chairman of the rules committee; Mrs. Lessie S. Read, publicity, and Mrs. John D. Sherman, president. Mrs. Sherman stressed the importance of the importance of the American Government book which the federation has put out in an attempt to combat hostile propaganda about the Government.

Breakfast Held

The junior membership committee at breakfast today discussed plans for bringing older leaders to organize young women.

Among five emergency resolutions approved by the board Monday and submitted today was one recommending a definite study of danger of new international communist movement which "threatens home, school, church and State."

New Directors

Five new directors were appointed: Mrs. Oscar Logren of Kansas, Mrs. Guy A. Spear of New Hampshire, Mrs. Ben Bayless of Kentucky, Mrs. G. S. Gillentire, Murphysboro, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles Dickson of Binghamton, N. Y. The board appointed Mrs. Ross Maynard chairman of the national contest in music. Mrs. Walter McNabb Miller heads committee to conduct national contest to determine which State is best in which to rear children.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

John D. Bond, 26, of 323 E. Washington St., is held today on charge of embezzlement. Police say the warrant for his arrest was signed by C. G. Dahmen, 424 S. Meridian St.

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DRUG STORES.

On George Harvey's editorial suggestion of a French-British-American debt conference in London.

The White House spokesman said that although the debt funding commission thinks Washington is the proper place for funding negotiations Coolidge understands this decision is not final.

PAYS MARSHALL TRIBUTE

"He Found Bible Only Book to Live
By," Says Evangelist.

Raymond T. Richey, evangelist,
speaking at Cadle Tabernacle Mon-
day night, referred to the published
reports that Thomas R. Marshall
had read his Bible.

"Your honored citizen," said the
evangelist, "not only found the old
Bible a blessed book to live by; he
found the only book to live by."

WABASH RIVER IS INSPIRATION FOR PRISONER

Going to Leavenworth, Man
Calls on Muse of
Poetry.

The Wabash River, recipient of numerous flowery tributes, was the inspiration of an attempt at poetry by James W. Longmire of Indianapolis, who wrote the following on his way to the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

Longmire, sentenced to a year and a day on a charge of illegal sale of narcotics, was among thirteen Federal prisoners who were taken to Leavenworth recently.

Good-by, good-by, dear old river,
Many a day in the sun I have a quiver,
Many a day on your banks we spent,
Sun all aglow like the Orient.

We've got to leave you for a while,
I'll be back to you in a while,
You can speak of the Missouri with its
dirty spring, take the old Wabash.

On the