

INDIANIANS PAY \$7.34 EACH FOR BEING GOVERNED

Mounting Costs in State Are
Shown by Federal
Analysis.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Running the State Government of Indiana cost each citizen an average of \$7.34 during 1925, or 80 per cent more than the 1917 figure of \$4.06, according to census bureau's analysis Tuesday of State governmental costs. The 1924 figure was \$7.64.

The total 1925 figure for running expenses was given as \$22,420,000. It is upon this total that the per capita figures are estimated, exclusive of \$13,389,000 spent for permanent improvements.

HIGHER THAN OTHER STATES

The analysis gives \$40,514,000 as Indiana's 1925 total revenue. This is far higher per capita than the figure for any of the surrounding States, Hoosiers contributing on the average \$13.26 each to their State government, against \$4.78 each during 1917, or an increase of more than 100 per cent.

Illinois citizens contributed per capita \$8.30, against Indiana's \$13.26; Ohio citizens, \$7.57 and Kentucky, \$9.21. Michigan was the sole bordering State whose citizens paid more each than Indiana's, \$16.04.

TAX LEVY SOARS.

The same startling increases since 1917 are shown in the Indiana general property tax levy. Each citizen in 1925 paid an average of \$4.83 or nearly \$25 for a family of five, in general property taxes alone, against an average of \$2.94, or less than \$15 for a family of five, in 1917. Illinois citizens paid \$8.83 each in general property taxes, Kentucky \$4.04 and Ohio 51 cents. Michigan had the only higher figure among neighboring States, \$5.99.

The analysis thus shows that Indiana general property taxes impose a far greater burden, proportionate to her population as against special sources of revenue, such as gas taxes, mo or vehicle licenses, and earnings of State departments, than those of surrounding States. Indiana, with 3,000,000 population, raised \$15,241,000 in general property taxes. Illinois, with nearly 7,000,000 people, raised only \$20,532,000. Michigan, with 4,200,000 people, raised \$25,000,000. Kentucky, with 2,500,000 people, raised only \$9,365,000 and Ohio with 6,300,000 people raised only \$2,255,000.

GREATER INCREASE

Reverting to the cost of running the State, the analysis shows that

while Indiana per capita cost of \$7.34 is slightly less than the mid-western average of \$7.89, it has increased since 1917 more than those of some of her neighbors.

The Indiana per capita cost of \$7.34 compares with \$7.48 for Illinois, \$6.82 for Kentucky, \$5.33 for Ohio, and \$11.68 for Michigan. Ohio's per capita cost of running the State has increased only from \$3.33 in 1917, Kentucky's from \$4.20, and Michigan's from \$7.28—less in each instance than the 80 per cent increase of the burden on Indiana's inheritance tax. Special property taxes and auto license taxes are much lighter than those of the other States mentioned, although her gasoline tax is apparently much heavier.

The only nearly State assessing an income tax, Wisconsin, raised \$2,386,000 from this source alone, pointing a possible way for Indiana to lighten her heavy general property taxes. Illinois inheritance tax brought more than \$5,000,000 to the State as against Indiana's figure of \$957,000.

LOREE DEFENDS MERGER

Explains Plan to Extend Railroad to New Orleans.

By United Press
DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 29.—Explaining his plan to extend the Kansas City Southern to New Orleans by acquisition of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation Company, and defending his statement that 30,000 miles of railway in the United States should be scrapped, L. F. Looe continued on the witness stand today in the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing.

Looe, as author of the plan to consolidate the Kansas City Southern, Katy and Cotton Belt railways, was the principal witness.

Represented by the Ben B. Cain of Washington, D. C., the short-line owners are expected today to make strenuous objection to the proposed merger or demand they be included in it.

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HAVE PERSONALITY CLUB

Organization Formed to Carry on Work of Washington Woman. An Indianapolis Roberson Club was organized at the Claypool on Tuesday evening when Miss Harriet Gunn Roberson of Washington, D. C., concluded a series of addresses on personality building. The first meeting of the club, which will carry on the work started here by Miss Roberson, will be held Oct. 6.

Mrs. Louise A. Ross is president of the organization.

TO ADDRESS BIBLE CLUB

Rev. Herbert E. Eberhardt, superintendent of the Wheeler City Mission, will speak tonight at the Y. M. C. A., to members of the Bible Investigation Club. His subject will be, "The Prodigal Slave, or the Man Who Came Back."

JOHN D. GIVES \$25,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Contributions for the relief of Florida storm sufferers, received by the local chapter of the Red Cross, neared the \$400,000 mark today. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., contributed \$25,000.

End-of-Month Sale Today—Thursday

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A FEW SOBER THOUGHTS ON Indianapolis First

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Indianapolis is growing—surely, positively, in size and power. Our own experience in this store proves it to us, and backs up the judgment which has caused L. S. Ayres & Company to arrange for the expenditure of over \$3,000,000 in land and long-term leases alone to keep pace with this steady growth.

What we need now is to assist that growth. To quicken it, perhaps, but with a clear eye far ahead so that the city we know and love may continue to be a good place to live in as it grows to its destiny.

Strangers tell us things about our city that we, living among them every day, do not see. They come from the world's ends and praise our wide streets, our parks and drives, homes both great and small, our gardens, our appearance of well-ordered, sane American home-lovers. "It must be a fine city to live in" they tell us.

They wax enthusiastic over our site. "What an opportunity for growth!" said one. "No ocean, lake or river to crowd your limits and cramp your growth—you can spread out in all directions!"

That's what we have—a fine site, a home-folks atmosphere, a growing city, an optimistic future.

What we need now is encouragement for optimism, a helping hand for worthy enterprise, and clear-headed foresight to guide this quickened growth so that the city we love and honor may keep its finest virtues and strongest cultural advantages and at the same time its rightful place among the great industrial communities of the country.

We at Ayres' believe very firmly that the six Definite Objectives of the "Indianapolis First" movement launched by the New Chamber of Commerce form a virtual creed of faith in our city that should be read, digested and supported by every citizen of this community, and take pleasure in here reprinting them.

### 6 Definite Objectives of INDIANAPOLIS FIRST

1 To awaken and make permanent a BETTER Business and Civic spirit centering in our new Chamber of Commerce.

gineer backed by an organization to permit the proper research work and adequate financing of projects for the development of Industrial Indianapolis.

2 To increase the value of our new Chamber of Commerce by adding new members and new income to permit the development of the present work on problems of:

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4 To perfect a plan for advertising adequately the advantages of Indianapolis and building good will for our city, not only to the outside world, but to our own citizens.

5 To promote a spirit of courtesy and welcome to visitors and new citizens of Indianapolis.

6 To make the path easier in the future for any movement which will result in the development of a BETTER Indianapolis through an organization big enough and broad enough to realize that our city is always changing—always developing—always in the making—animated with a wonderful spirit of co-operative enterprise—dynamic with opportunities for every one.

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