

SCHOOL PLIGHT IN SHORTAGE OF FUNDS DEPICTED

Unpaid Teachers' Salaries
and Other Debts Cited
at Bloomington.

Delegate



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INDIANA BONDED DEBT LEAST IN ENTIRE COUNTRY

Each Hoosier Man, Woman
and Child Owes Only
a Dime.

Indiana is one of the few states whose gross bonded debt has remained stationary for several years and its outstanding obligations of \$340,000 now represents an average debt of 10 cents for every inhabitant of the state. None of the forty-four debtor states or the Union have a smaller gross indebtedness or a lower per capita debt.

These figures are given in a national survey completed by the Bank of America, New York, which reveals that the state governments of the United States have a gross bonded debt of \$2,142,007,491, or \$17.84 per capita.

Half of this debt has been incurred since 1922 and although the eighteen-month period from January, 1923, to July of this year, witnessed the issuance of approximately \$257,000,000 worth of new bonds as compared with redemptions of only \$86,000,000, the rate of debt increase has not been as rapid as in years immediately preceding.

Road and Bridge Cost Most

In studying the purposes for which states have incurred indebtedness, the bank found that 50 per cent of the total debt outstanding was accounted for by highway and bridge construction. Only 34 per cent of the debt in 1922 represented expenditures for highways, but the demands for this purpose have risen steadily and of the total debt in increase of \$170,653,324 since January, 1923, highways are responsible for 99.3 per cent. It is also significant that of the recent increase, 65 per cent represents highway bonds issued by seven southern states.

The second most important purpose for which states have contracted bonded debts is payment of soldiers' bonuses. The total for this purpose stands at \$272,086,360, or 12.7 per cent of the entire debt, but is being reduced steadily. Waterways and harbors account for \$221,055,000, or 10.8 per cent of the debt. Only \$37,743,742, or 1.8 per cent, was incurred for educational purposes.

NEW YORK DEBT LARGEST

Five states have obligations of more than \$100,000,000 and these are in order of their debt: New York, \$355,223,000; Illinois, \$201,286,500; North Carolina, \$165,342,000; Massachusetts, \$123,217,660; and California, \$121,176,000. On a per capita basis the ranking is quite different. South Dakota has been reducing her debt, but still leads with \$80,89.

Brown and Horton confessed, telling Sheriff Daniels they and the Hammer brothers entered the store and brought the loot to Mrs. Keys. She and her brothers came here several months ago from Vernon, Ky. Brown and Horton are residents of this city and roomed with them. The woman has a husband living in Indianapolis and two children living with her here.

Horton told of a trip the party made to the Kentucky hills a few weeks ago. "We had a big time drinking moonshine whisky that was strong enough to knock you off your head," he said.

JURY SPENDS 17 HOURS IN SETTLING HAY CASE

Alexandria Man Given \$70 Which
Was Previously Refused.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 7.—A jury in Madison superior court deliberated seventeen hours to reach a verdict in a suit involving a carload of mixed hay.

Walter Cunningham, Alexandria, was plaintiff in the suit, and Raymond Woodard, Lapel, defendant. Woodward bought the hay from Cunningham, giving a \$19 check on which he later stopped payment because he was informed after the transaction had been made that the hay was wet.

Woodward then sold the hay on the Cincinnati market, realizing \$70 on the transaction. He then offered to settle with Cunningham on the basis of the price he received for the hay, but Cunningham, insisting his hay was in good condition when he sold it, refused, and filed the suit.

The jury awarded Cunningham \$70, which amount he had refused to accept.

SEVEN LEVIES OPPOSED

Four Suits Appealing From Assessments Filed at Anderson.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 7.—Failure of the board of works to modify assessments levied for the Thirteenth street and Ohio avenue district sewer has resulted in the filing of four appeal suits in Madison circuit court in which it is alleged assessments are in excess of benefits to abutting property.

Plaintiffs are Sherman and Ida Makepeace, Frank B. and Angie Davitt, James E. and Anna Swisher, William and Eva K. Dehaven, Blanche C. Sheppardson, Alice Thomas, Earl C. and Mary Morris, Oliver C. and Nelle Clark, Lorena Carr, Cora Guerin, Laura Duffield, Harry Beckman, Elizabeth and Emma Morningstar, Nelle Coughlin and Hattie B. Campbell.

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