

## STATE TAX BODY DEFENDS ITSELF AGAINST CHARGE

Tax Levies Held Down and Burden to Payer Less Than Before, Is Statement.

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 7.—Enforcement of the new Indiana state tax law already has saved thousands of dollars in levies made, according to a statement issued last night by the state board of tax commissioners, which is now engaged in fixing levies for the entire state. The statement is in defense of the new law, which in the few months it has been in operation, has been attacked from all sides.

The saving was realized, the statement says, through the board's consistent refusal to authorize local governments to begin at this time many municipal improvements. Permission to do so would have greatly increased the tax levy, it is said. The new law's strength, it is pointed out, rests in the fact that the commission is required to approve all tax levies of local governments.

Hearings before the board, the statement recites, have convinced the members that, were it not for the restraining powers granted it by the law, there would be an enormous increase in the amount of money raised by taxation. This, it is said, was found to be true all over Indiana, where local governments have insisted on greatly increased budgets for permanent improvements—school buildings, hospitals, public assembly halls and the like.

No Time for Extravagance.

"We do not believe this is the proper time to engage in the construction of public works we can do without," the statement continues. "The time is certain to arrive when the cost of public improvements will have greatly increased. To saddle an enormous debt upon the future generations in the present era of high prices, in our opinion, would be an indefensible act, because the debt would have to be paid with a dollar worth twice its value today and twice as hard to get. "Where there is an increase in the amount of money to be collected, it is very small upon each tax payer," the statement asserts, "and in many instances the amount actually paid for taxes will be a net decrease from 1918."

The statement points out that up to the present, the state board only has ready for publication the levies complete in three counties, namely Bartholomew, Carroll and Jay. In most instances, the new tax rate appears to be much less than the old rate. Figures showing the old and new levies in Bartholomew county, as supplied by the state tax board follow:

Unit	New Levy	Old Levy
Bartholomew County.		
Hope	\$1.30	\$3.72
Hartsville	1.73	3.17
Hawthorn	.87	2.18
Fishers	.86	2.41
Clifford	.97	2.54
German	.65	1.80
Edinburg	1.35	2.94
Nineveh	.68	1.87
Union	.90	2.66
Clifty	.98	2.48
Clay	.58	1.57
Columbus	.70	1.90
Harrison	.90	2.11
Rock Creek	.91	2.45
Sand Creek	.56	1.70
Elizabethtown	.72	1.90
Wayne	.58	1.61
Ohio	1.13	2.45
Jonesville	.86	1.74
Jackson	1.06	2.34
Columbus City	1.86	3.95

## House Urged to Restrict Passports for 1 Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Extension for a year of the war time restrictions on the issuance of passports will be urged today before the house foreign affairs committee by Representative Johnson, Washington, chairman of the immigration committee. Secretary Lansing also will present the senate department's attitude in the matter. Representative Johnson, who has introduced a bill to continue the control, contends his measure would stop any influx of undesirable aliens such as the Russian radicals awaiting opportunity to come to America, according to Johnson's statement. "Certain European countries are trying to unload these undesirable on us," he said. "Unless we can check the incoming of these revolutionists, the United States will become, instead of the peaceful melting pot it has been, a veritable hell's cauldron."

## 100,000 Hun Soldiers Deserted During War

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 7.—One hundred thousand soldiers and officers of the German armies in the field preferred the relative peace and quietness of neutral countries to the gloomy life of the front. There are 45,000 deserters in Switzerland, according to a report of the German legation at Bern to the German foreign office. Fully as many have gone to Holland, and the Scandinavian countries, and the odd 10,000 have managed to find their way into overseas countries. The German government has lately proclaimed a general amnesty for all deserters and extended to them an invitation to re-enter the fatherland, providing, however, there are no charges of treason against them.

## GIANT NAVAL AIRPLANE FORCED DOWN BY INJURIES

(By Associated Press)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 7.—The giant navy airplane N. C. 4, met with a slight mishap on its flight today from Rockaway, L. I., to Philadelphia and was forced to descend here. A leaking oil tank caused the trouble.

The French national library contains 22,000 books on the French revolution.

## LIGHT PLANT DAM AND GRAVEL PIT SAVED CITY MONEY, DAVIS SHOWS

The city administration, through President Harry Gilbert of the board of works, and the Davis, city engineer, have submitted figures on two investments which have been attacked by opponents of the administration.

The city gravel pit, which was bought for \$5,000, say these men, furnished a typical example of the "extravagance" with which the city is charged. Davis furnished figures on the pit. He said:

"The gravel pit contains 76,000 cubic yards of gravel which at the purchase price, means that the city pays 6 and 1-4 cents per yard for its gravel." The price of gravel on the market is now 25 cents per yard. The city has used 2500 yards this year, which at the stated price cost \$162.50. At the market price for gravel, this would have cost the city \$625, and crushed stone, with the same work would have cost \$4,900.

Paid Out in 8 Years.

The city at the rate of saving shown, will pay for the gravel pit in 8 years, using 20,000 yards during that time, he said, and will have left 56,000 cubic yards of gravel, worth at market prices, \$14,000, besides the ground on which the pit is situated, which is well located and may prove valuable.

The light plant dam is another thing with which the city has been charged.

Ever since the dam at the old Main street bridge was washed away, the street bridge to secure a sufficient amount of water for the light plant. In April, 1917, the city received bids on the erection of a dam opposite the intake, at the river.

E. Smith's bid, of \$12,990, was considered too high, so the matter was dropped. The matter of securing water for the light plant was growing more serious each month, so in 1918 the present administration had new plans and estimates made for a dam, but found that prices had advanced to such a point that the cost would be \$20,000. This dam if built at this place would only give a very shallow depth of water, due to the inability to raise the level of the water above the bottom of Carpenter's race.

Bought Carpenter Land.

The board decided to buy Carpenter's land, and with it his water right, for \$2,500. The land consisted of about 7 1/2 acres, half of which contains rich deposits of gravel.

So, in the latter part of 1918, a dam across the race and a conduit connecting the race with the present intake, were built. Due to the lateness

## JEWISH RELIEF DRIVE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FULL QUOTA RAISED

Although not half the desired quota for Wayne County has been obtained by the Jewish Relief workers who have been campaigning the city during the past few days, the committee is planning to get together in a last full force attack in which it is their definite aim to go over the top by the end of the week. "When the drive will be over is a matter which is up to the citizens of Richmond and Wayne County to solve," said Samuel Fred, head of the campaign, Tuesday noon. Fred has hopes, however, that the campaign will go over this week.

## Mostly Personal

REV. DAVIS TO SYNOD. Rev. E. E. Davis, of the Second Presbyterian church, left today for Indianapolis, where he will attend meetings of the Home Missions committee, and the Indiana Synod, of the Presbyterian church, this week.

MOVIES AT CHURCH.

A two reel motion picture, entitled "The Little Shepherd of Eargain Row" will be given at the Second Presbyterian Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

EMILY FLETCHER IN PARIS.

Miss Emily Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Fletcher, of South Eighteenth street, who went overseas several months ago with a Y. M. C. A. unit, is now employed in the Paris office of the American Friends Service Committee, and may do some field work. Miss Fletcher formerly went to France in the capacity of Y. M. C. A. movie censor.

PICKETT COMES HOME.

Clarence Pickett, general secretary of the Young Friends Board, of the Five Year Movement, has returned from Greensboro, N. C., where he went to assist in the Forward Movement and to make advance plans for the national opening of the movement, November 2 to 9.

WOODWARD GOES TO K. C.

Dr. Walter C. Woodward will leave Sunday evening for Kansas, where he will attend Kansas Yearly Meeting for about a week. President Levi T. Pennington will accompany him. Sylvester Jones, who is on his way to Mexico on an investigation trip, is also at Kansas Yearly Meeting. The Richmond men will present the Forward Movement plans.

CARL DAVIS FINED.

Carl Davis, arraigned in police court Tuesday, on charges of driving without lights, was fined \$1 and costs by Mayor Zimmerman today. Frank Richardson, arrested on charges of provoking, was ordered to appear before the court Tuesday, when a decision will be handed down.

MRS. EGGMAYER'S PORTRAIT IS NOT YET AT EXHIBIT

Numberless questions are being asked regarding the absence of the portrait of Mrs. Maud Kauffman Eggmeyer, which was to have hung in the present public art gallery exhibit, according to the catalogue. Adams, the artist of the picture, is asking the same question for the canvass has been in transit to the Richmond exhibit for several weeks, but as yet has not appeared. The hanging committee hope that the portrait will arrive shortly, however.

of the season and the high water, the repairs to Carpenter's dam were deferred until this summer. This dam has now been completed, and the water is running into the electric light plant in greater quantities than ever before. The engineers at the plant have said that they are receiving better service than at any time in the past. The total cost of constructing a conduit and dam was \$8,843.59, which is a saving of over \$4,000 on the bid received in 1917. The total cost of constructing the dam and buying the land is \$8,000 less than the estimated cost of the dam proposed to be constructed in 1917.

## NICHOLSON PRAISED AT CHARITY MEET; MRS. BACON HEAD

FT. WAYNE, Ind., October 7.—

Terre Haute was selected as the place for the next annual convention and officers were chosen at Monday night's session of the Indiana conference of charities and correction here. The conference will close with a general meeting tonight. The committee appointed to name the place for the next conference will be held left the decision about the time of the meeting to the executive committee.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Abigail Fellows

Bacon, Evansville.

Vice-Presidents—R. W. Himelick,

Wayne; Miles Norton, Crown

Point; Mrs. W. O. McLelland, Madison,

and Dr. W. C. VanNuy, Newcastle.

Secretary—Eugene C. Foster, Indianapolis.

Assistant Secretaries—Mrs. L. G. Ellingham, Ft. Wayne; Miss Lena

Reading, Terre Haute, and Paul Kirby, Indianapolis.

Praises T. Nicholson

George A. H. Shideler, superintendent

of the Indiana Reformatory, told

the large audience human interest

experiences in the restoration of young

men to their right minds and useful

places in the social order. His sub-

ject was "Some of Whom Were Lost,

But Afterward Were Found."

In greeting his audience he included

Timothy Nicholson, age ninety-one,

who was sitting just before him. In

his salutation he paid a high com-

pliment to Richmond's former citizen

who has so long served his city, coun-

ty and state, in unselfish uplift labors.

Miss Ethel Clarke, head of the

Wayne county social service bureau,

was made a member of the executive

committee, as well as Dr. S. E. Smith

of Easthaven.

National Guard Company

Proposed for Richmond

State militia authorities are trying

to organize a company of the Indiana

National Guard in Richmond. It was

announced by August Hafner, deputy

county clerk, Tuesday.

It is not for new recruits to the

present militia company, Company K,

said Hafner, but is for the formation

of an entirely new unit.

As an asset to the new company,

he continued, the state has had an

offer of a plot of ground which will

provide a range of 1,000 yards, and

a company can be organized, the state

will erect an up-to-date armory, along

with tennis courts, and other athletic

fields.

Of course, said Hafner, all recruits

will be required to pass the army ex-

amination before admittance into the

service.

As a special inducement to returned

service men, they have the privilege of

enlisting for one year, while those

who are not ex-service men will have

to sign up for a three year enlistment.

Enlistment is open to all men from

the ages of 18 to 45, inclusive.

Men desiring further information

should see Mr. Hafner at the county

clerk's office in the court house. Ap-

plicants for admittance into the new

national guard unit can secure blanks

from Hafner. Carl Meyers, at the

Water Works office, also has a muster

roll.

Rae, Dana, Mrs. Johnson

Talk to Rotary Club

Richard Dana, of Boston, president

of the National Civil Service Reform

League, spoke to the Richmond

Rotary club, Tuesday noon, on the

value of the new civil service reform

work.

Mrs. M. F. Johnston, a member of

the Richmond Art Association, spoke

on the work of the art association and

its value.

Dr. J. J. Rae classified Richmond as

being "one of the most agreeable

cities in the state," and urged that

"everybody should get back of Rich-

mond and boost." A large number

was present.

Report Von Der Goltz

Has Joined Bolsheviks

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 7.—General

von der Goltz, commander of German

forces in the Baltic provinces, whose

activities there have recently led to

sharp exchanges between the allied

powers and Germany, has, with his

staff, joined the Russian Bolshevik

forces, according to a Berlin dispatch

to the National Tidende, quoting a

report from Petrograd Telegraph ag-

ency. There is no confirmation of

the report obtainable here.

MADE HEAD OF ORDER

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Oct. 7.—Father Francois

Verdier has been elected superior

general of the congregation of the

priests of the Mission, or Lazarites, as

they are popularly known. He has been

vicar-general of the order.

Tibet is one of the least-known parts

of the world.

Surnames began to be used first

among the nobility in 1200.

## Printers in Lima, Peru, Demand Wage Increase

(By Associated Press)

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 7.—Publication was suspended by all Lima newspapers today as a result of a strike by the typographical employees. The strike of employees of the Lima Light, Power and Tramway companies has been settled, following authorization by the government of an increase in rates. It is stated that the walkout of men employed in commercial houses will be a complete failure, as 90 per cent of the men have refused to join in the movement.

During the last three weeks of labor trouble, settlements have been made which give the men in organized trades a general increase of 30 per cent in wages.

## Greensfork, Ind.

Mr. Frank McFarlan is seriously ill. Mrs. Lute Hatfield went to Richmond Saturday for a few days' visit.

William Hatfield, Miss Edith Smith and Mrs. Laura Kohrer spent Monday in Richmond.

Virgil Coddington of Winchester, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinson of Greensfork, and Mrs. Yundi and son of Webster motored to Hamilton, O., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Myers and Mrs. Ora Wise and daughter Nadene, are spending a few days in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Yoke had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Cash Robinson.

Lute Hatfield, Robert Beeson, Lark

Hoover and Claude Beeson have

returned from a fishing trip at Lake

George, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelso Mendenhall en-

tertained to a six o'clock dinner Sun-

day evening, Miss Lucile Swain, Ollie

Bane, Glen Veal and John Robinson.

Rev. Montgomery preached at the

L. O. M. church Sunday morning and

evening. Preaching next Sunday morn-

ing and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmer enter-

tained Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kelso

Mendenhall and daughter Lela Nell,

and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Veal and

daughter, Mary King.

Miss Ollie Bane entertained her

Sunday-school class and friends Sat-

urday evening. Games and contests

were the features of the evening.

Those present were: Lucile Swain,

Mary Hatfield, Blanche Davis, Ruby

Gilmer, Mildred Hill, Clara Hill, Glen

Veal, Kenneth Nicholson, Aaron Lind-

ley, John Robinson, Earl Duff, Virgil

Coddington, Wayne Duff, Mr. and

Mrs. John Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs.

Wyrick.

## Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Edith Smith spent Sunday at her home at Millville.

Miss Elizabeth Ward spent Saturday

evening with Miss Ethel Wilby.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben, Mrs. Carl

Lundy and daughter, Helen spent Mon-

day afternoon here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gunkle were

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred