

## 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 receded. 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:

### Bartholomew County.

	New Levy	Old Levy
Hope	\$1.30	\$3.72
Hartsville	1.73	3.17
Hawcreek	.87	2.18
Flatrock	.86	2.41
Clifford	.97	2.54
German	.65	1.80
Edinburg	1.35	2.94
Nineveh	.68	1.87
Union	.90	2.66
Clift	.98	2.48
Clay	.58	1.57
Columbus	.70	1.90
Harrison	1.06	3.11
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	2.54
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 undesirables on us," he said. "Unless we can check the incoming of these revolutionaries, the United States will become, instead of the peaceful melting pot it has been, a veritable hell 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 glorious dream of a triumphant entrance into Paris. There are 45,000 deserters in Switzerland, according to a report of the German legation at Berne 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 Del 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, to do 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 intake, at the river.

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 it has been difficult 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.

I. 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 \$26,000. This dam if built at this place would only give a very shallow depth of water due to the inability of the town to move the water above the bottom to meet 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 7/8 acres, half of which contained 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 save," 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 16mm. real motion picture entitled "The Little Shepherd of Cargain 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 Meeting, 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 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 provocation, was ordered to appear before the court Tuesday, when a decision will be handed down.

#### MRS. EGEGEMEYER'S PORTRAIT IS NOT YET AT EXHIBIT

Numberless questions are being asked regarding the absence of the portrait of Mrs. Maud Kauffman Eggermeyer, 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 canvas 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.

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## 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 Richmand Saturday for a few days visit.

William Hatfield, Miss Edith Smith and Mrs. Laura Rohrer spent Monday in Richmand.

Virgil Coddington of Winchester, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and family.

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

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

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

Luie Hatfield, Robert Beeson, Lark Hoover and Claude Beeson have returned from a fishing trip at Lake George, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelso Mendenhall entertained to a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening, Miss Lucile Swain, Ollie Bane, Glen Veal and John Robinson.

Rev. Montgomery preached at the L. U. B. church Sunday morning and evening. Preaching next Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmer entertained 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 Saturday 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 Lindley, John Robinson, Earl Duff, Virgil Coddington, Wayne Duff, Mr. and Mrs. John Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. John Wyrick.

### Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Edith Smith spent Sunday at home at Millville.

Miss Elizabeth Ward spent Saturday evening with Miss Ethel Ulery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reppole, Mrs. Carl Lundy and daughter, Helen spent Monday afternoon here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gunckle were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunckle at Williamsburg.

Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Miller, Miss Frieda Benbow and Miss Helen Ridge Sunday afternoon at Hagerstown guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Harrison.

Special revival services at Greensfork Methodist church beginning Thursday, October 3, 7:45 p. m., subject, "The Tom Thumb of the Bible."

Special music. A vocal solo, Louise Neff. Rev. O. T. Martin, pastor First Methodist church, Winchester, Ind., will assist with the meetings after Sunday night. On Friday night Mrs. Morris will sing. Everyone welcome.

### Local Men Will Attend Real Estate Convention

High prices of building materials, shortage of houses and the probability of a great building boom for next spring, will be discussed at the annual convention of the Real Estate Association, of Indiana, which meets in Kokomo, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Jessie Bailey, John Peltz, Charles Scheidler, A. T. Parker and Charles Petty are local real estate men who will attend the convention.

### W. C. T. U. Delegates to Attend State Meeting

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 Richmond and boost." A large number was present.

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### MADE HEAD OF ORDER

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Oct. 7.—Father Francois Verdiere has been elected superior general of the congregation of the priests of the Mission, or Lazarists, as they are popularly known. He has been vicar-general of the order.

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Surnames began to be used first among the nobility in 1200.

## 260 ARE ENROLLED IN NIGHT COURSES

### Art Gallery Open During Noon on Certain Days

In order that pupils and the public may visit the art collection in the high school