

FINANCIAL REPORT ON ILLINOIS MADE

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Summary of Expenditures, Revenue, Indebtedness and Tax Levies for State in

The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of Illinois for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

Expenditures

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of Illinois for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, amounted to \$48,063,496, or \$6.94 per capita. This includes \$7,697,368, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1924 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$11.84, and in 1917, \$3.62. The decrease in per capita maintenance and operation shown for 1925 was due to the decreased payments for compensation of soldiers and sailors of the World War. The expenses of public service enterprises amounted to \$38,107; interest on debt, \$3,704,187; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$42,045,190. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and public service enterprises, interest, and outlays were \$93,840,980. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$39,103,831 was for highways, \$2,114,063 being for maintenance and \$36,989,768 for construction.

Revenues

The total revenue receipts of Illinois for 1925 were \$57,441,996, or \$8.30 per capita. This was \$5,646,206 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$36,398,984 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property and special taxes represented 45.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1925, 36.1 per cent for 1924, and 74.9 per cent for 1917. The decrease in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 13.1 per cent from 1917 to 1924, but there was an increase of 37.3 per cent from 1924 to 1925. The per capita property and special taxes were \$3.75 in 1925, \$2.77 in 1924, and \$3.49 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 4.9 per cent of the total revenue for 1925,

5.4 per cent for 1924, and 6.3 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 39.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1925, 44.6 per cent for 1924, and 16.8 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

Indebtedness

The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) of Illinois on June 30, 1925, was \$127,437,103, or \$18.41 per capita. In 1924 the per capita debt was \$14.91, and in 1917, \$0.33.

The increase in net debt for 1925 was due to bond issues of \$23,000,000 for road construction and about \$1,500,000 for soldiers' compensation.

Valuations and Tax Levies

For 1925 the taxable valuation of property in Illinois subject to ad valorem taxation was \$4,081,848,149; the amount of State taxes levied was \$26,532,013; and the per capita levy, \$3.83.

BIG TOBACCO FETE HELD IN VIRGINIA

Festival to Portray History of South's First Great Crop in October

The south's first great export crop, tobacco, will be the subject for a great festival which will be held at Danville, Virginia, during October, through a plan worked out by the Danville Chamber of Commerce. Danville is in the heart of the tobacco producing section of Virginia, and elaborate plans for the entertainment are being worked out.

The history of tobacco from the time that it was first exported to England by John Rolfe, down to the present day, and tableaux of great moments in history with which tobacco has been associated, will all be enacted during the celebration. Among these incidents is the one of Sir Walter Raleigh's impromptu bath when first seen smoking by his servant in England. The president of the Tobacco Association of the United States will cooperate in the movement and just prior to the celebration the national body will place a tablet on Jamestown Island in honor of the first exportation of tobacco from this spot.

The various phases of transportation and growing of tobacco, all known methods of curing tobacco, and other similar educational features will be arranged.

WALKER WHITESIDE IN "THE ARABIAN"

Modern Comedy-Romance Began Engagement Sunday at Studebaker Theatre

Walker Whiteside began a limited engagement at the Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, on Sunday night, May 9, in Gordon Kean's stunning story of the Egyptian desert entitled "The Arabian." This famous actor will portray the fascinating character of Abd el Rey, a businesslike bandit, whose attacks upon trade caravans cause the London War office to send an armed expedition into the desert to kill or capture him. Many exciting adventures ensue, Cairo being the scene of Abd el Rey's plot to entrap the British regiment as soon as it reaches his stronghold in the waste of sand far to the south. The scene shifts to the bandit's gorgeous home in the desert. The soldiers are halted while Abd el Rey carries on negotiations with Colonel Gordon, who is in command of the regiment. After many thrilling scenes a treaty of peace is signed after which the troops are released and sent back to Cairo. A heart-throbbing love story runs through the plot of "The Arabian." Miss Sydney Shields will be seen in the dashing character of Diane, an English girl from London who follows

her soldier-sweetheart into the wilds of the desert where she shares his dangers with him, and eventually saves the lives of the officers and men in a scene of supreme sacrifice. Mr. Whiteside has surrounded himself with a cast of general excellence and in prominent roles will be found such celebrities as Harold Vosburgh, Douglas Penman, J. Irving White, Paul McGrath, Miss Don Donald, Miss Alma Chester and Miss Genevieve Bertolacci.

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