

## Taxes? Tush!

It is said that the Boston Tea Party was a revolt against taxation. We doubt it. Our doubts arise from the fact that we have seen no revolutionary tendency by present day Americans to resist excessive taxation.

Nor can it be said that Americans do not know they are being taxed. Gasoline stations and amusement places, among others, have for years told their patrons the amount they pay in taxes; protests are rare. Cigar stores in New York recently hung up large signs over valuable window space to proclaim that cigarettes cost 6½ cents; the federal tax is 6 cents, the state gets two cents, the city one cent. "You pay" (in red letters) 15½ cents. Nobody has dumped cigarettes into the East River in protest.

We venture the opinion that the reason for this apathy of Americans toward taxation—or rather the alacrity with which they impose more taxes on themselves—is the unexpressed feeling that any reduction in taxes would not, in the long run, affect their purchasing power. They may not know that lower taxes would increase rent; but they do know that they would not be any better off.