

URGING SPAAN FOR CONGRESS

Marion County Democrats See Victory With Him.

A movement is under way in Marion county to bring about the nomination of Henry N. Spaan as the democratic candidate for congressman from the Seventh district.

Mr. Spaan's friends are urging him to become a candidate and although he has made no formal announcement, it is known that he is not averse to entering the race.

Mr. Spaan has been making numerous speeches in Indiana and they have been very satisfactory to democrats in Marion county, who point to him as the logical representative of this county in congress.

ONE OF MARION'S FINEST LAWYERS.

Mr. Spaan has practiced law in Indianapolis for many years and is known as one of the foremost Indiana lawyers, and also as a man of great ability, not only in his profession, but in his views on problems of public welfare.

Mr. Spaan has never held public office. Mr. Spaan has been active in democratic politics. He has been especially so during the last two years, having done considerable party work during the 1918 campaign.

Marion county democrats are particularly interested at this time in obtaining a man of ability to represent them, and believe they have a good chance to carry the district, in view of the fact that during recent years Indianapolis has had little or no representation in Washington, due to the inactivity of Merrill Moores, who was elected to represent the district.

Mr. Spaan has a desire to be elected in his speech, a desire to see party policies eliminated in affairs on which the welfare of the nation depends.

"WORLD LOOKS TO AMERICA."

"The world looks to America for regeneration," he said in a recent speech.

"Opportunity stands knocking at the door and who will be the one to open it to the heaven-sent visitor?

Let us hope that in a short while politicians will cease from trifling with the tears and prayers of humanity and give to our nation its just and proper share of the covenant of peace, that our dead, helpless, make possible by their sacrifice.

No democratic candidate for congress has thus far announced his intention to make the race. There are two republican candidates, Merrill Moores, the present representative, and State Senator Luke Duffey. General dissatisfaction is being expressed by republicans over the fact that Mr. Moores has done nothing to promote the way of representing the district in Washington. Mr. Duffey hopes to go to Washington for only one purpose and that is to push good roads legislation.

With this state of affairs Marion county democrats believe that a man of Mr. Spaan's type has a very good chance to be elected, because he believes he is better able to represent the county than either of the republican candidates.

HAYS WIDENING SPLIT IN PARTY

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managers how their campaigns should be run.

PEACE TREATY IS INVOLVED.

In Washington it is well known that the progressive republicans, who have been among the "irreconcilables" in regard to the peace treaty, have allied themselves with the democrats in opposition to the Lodge reservations, which the standpatters have attempted to make necessary to treaty ratification. The progressive republicans are not committing themselves to the treaty, nor are they committing themselves to the reservations. They are just now standing with the democrats to prevent the ratification of the treaty with the Lodge reservations, thereby creating a split between them and the standpat republicans under Lodge's directions, which split makes it appear unlikely that the treaty will be adopted by the standpatters.

President Wilson is just as unmercifully opposed to the ratification of the treaty with the Lodge reservations as the "battalion of death" is to the ratification of the treaty at all. For the present the two can work together, and with the republican party splitting wide open the standpatters being used by the standpatters to show that progressives are aligned with the democratic party.

Just how much significance can be attached to the appointment of Baldwin Colby, a former progressive, to be secretary of state, in connection with the republican split, but more than a source of much conjecture. It would appear that the standpatters are not so much split and in the appointment has done what he could to show the disposition of the democratic party to fight the old "standpatter crowd" with all the weapons at its command.

TALK OF DEALS WITH BEVERIDGE.

There never has been any doubt in the minds of observers who knew Will Hays that he was a party to the plans laid last spring to create a convention without instructions or a deadlocked convention that could eventually be stamped to a standstill. The progressive president, Senator Watson of Indiana, was the original choice of these standpatters, but more recently it has been conceded that Hays himself was in a position to hold the lightning rod if he chose to do so.

It is rumored that Albert J. Beveridge was asked not to enter the senatorial fight against Watson by the standpatters, that when Watson was nominated for the presidency Beveridge would be named to the republican race for senator from Indiana, and it is also said that Beveridge was also promised that in event of the success of any standpatter candidate he would be seated as a senator of state. It is known that some potent influences were exerted to keep Beveridge out of the race for senator from Indiana and these two promises are regarded as the most likely.

HARDING CALLED "STALKING HORSE."

Some standpatters of Ohio is recognized as the "stalking horse" of the standpatters. He is not expected to win the nomination, but he is expected to prevent either Wood, Lowden, Johnson or anyone else from obtaining an instructed delegation from such states as Indiana, where the standpatters are working desperately to overcome the split to the progressives' lead with the voters.

These efforts on the part of the standpatters to control the convention are causing the split. They are too far advanced to be stopped and the farther they advance the wider will be the split that will come as the convention nears.

British Paper Takes Side With Wilson

LONDON, March 1.—The Daily Telegraph reported today that the allies have dispatched a supplementary note to President Wilson on the Adriatic situation.

The Manchester Guardian warmly praised the stand of President Wilson in its comment today. It said: "The president is suffering from any malady of political judgment, would not some American bacteriologist convey us a few germs that we may inoculate our own European premiers. It is we who should be the first to raise our voices against the proposed settlement that expresses the very spirit we went to war to defeat."

GREATER FORD FACTORY SEEN

Significance in Visit to City of Henry and Son.

Plans for a large Ford factory in Indianapolis are seen in a visit to the city today of Henry Ford and his son, Edsel Ford. Reservation of a large suite of rooms for Mr. Ford and his son was made at the Claypool hotel.

Mr. Ford had not registered at the hotel at noon today, but it was said he had expected to do so before night. Officials of the Ford assembling plant at 1315 East Washington street said Mr. Ford's visit to the city was caused by personal business.

It is said that the Ford Motor Company and Ford & Son Tractor Company had ground in the vicinity of the assembling plant and that a plan for merging the two companies will be put into effect at the assembling plant for the Fordson tractor might be built here, and operated in much the same way as the automobile assembling plant.

RAILROADS BACK IN PRIVATE HANDS

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few control more than half the stock.

Railroad executives are prepared to file application almost immediately for a general increase in freight rates of at least 25 per cent, it was learned today.

In some sections, it is said, the increase sought will be as high as 30 per cent.

The 25 per cent average increase mentioned is known to have been spoken of as a minimum as far back as the end of last year, before the demands of the railway employees' unions had become insistent. Today it is the distinct impression here that they will ultimately get an increase in pay and this may be used as a leverage by the railroad executives to add to their original figures.

Nevertheless there was a ground swell of optimism noted here today, apparently based upon the publication of the series of whitehouse documents. In one of these President Wilson both implied and expressed the hope of a settlement of the railway rate and wage question to the satisfaction of all hands, including the women and children.

PLANT LEASED BY NEW FIRM

Operations to Begin at North West Street July 1.

The four-story brick factory building at Fourteenth and North West streets has been leased by the Rub-Tex Products Inc., according to announcement made by the bureau of industry of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, which B. A. Worthington is president. The Indiana raters applied to the bureau for a site and selected the first on the list, the lease having been signed with the Urbane Realty Company.

The new concern manufactures a complete line of automobile board mats, running board material, rubber mats, rubber heels, fiber soles, stair treads, floor matting and a general line of mechanical rubber goods.

The building they have leased has 45,000 square feet of floor space, and was formerly the home of the National Casket Co. and Tex Products Inc., was incorporated in Indiana with a capital stock of \$750,000. Louis E. Klug, president, will be in charge of production.

"We selected Indianapolis after careful consideration of a number of other cities," said Mr. Klug. "Our choice was dictated by a number of different factors. The location is ideal from a geographical standpoint as Indianapolis is practically speaking, the center of population of the United States. The shipping facilities are excellent and it is one of the largest automobile and accessory manufacturing centers in the country and its importance in this particular will grow steadily in the future. The factory will start operations about July 1."

LEAGUE TO OPEN VOTING SCHOOLS

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WASHINGON, March 1.—"Don't write 'Yours truly Mandie Jones' on your ballot after you have marked it."

"After you have dropped it in the ballot drop, don't ask for it back suddenly remembering that you voted for that way," said Mrs. Smith when you meant to vote for that way Alfred Knobell.

Don't complain because the voting booth fitted with a mirror or hairsprings or anything and there isn't even a chair to sit on."

Don't call to hubby or father in the next booth to ask whether you should vote for all the presidential candidates or not.

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