

## FIGHT COMING FOR ASSEMBLY SPEAKERSHIP

Johnson and Harris Will Lock Horns Over Important Position.

Prospects for a fight over the speakership of the lower house of the Indiana general assembly, in the special session to convene Monday, loomed up strongly today, when it was learned that two representatives would be contenders for the speakership.

Charles A. Johnson, representative of Grant county, and J. Glenn Harris, representing Lake county, in the lower house, will lock horns with the G. O. P. powers in an effort to land the position.

The speaker of the house will be named in the caucus to be held Monday preceding the opening of the special session.

**JOHNSON WILL BE STRONG APPLICANT.**

That Johnson will be a strong applicant for the job was learned when the information was given out the spring prior to election that, if he could be speaker of the house, he would again become a candidate for re-election as representative from Grant county.

Johnson was, however, persuaded to remain out of the race in Grant county, by the local county machine, which favored the nomination of certain others who were known to be favorable to their ambitions.

"If I knew that Jesse Eschbach would not resign his position with the state board of accounts, to remain in the legislature, as speaker, then I would enter the race," Mr. Johnson is said to have declared.

Since Mr. Eschbach has not resigned his position, Johnson will now probably become an avowed candidate for speaker of the house during the special session.

**FRIENDS WILL AID JOHNSON.**

It is said that numerous friends of the Grant county man will come to Indianapolis Monday, to aid him in an endeavor to land the position.

Friends of the Lake county legislator, also, it is said, will come to the city to aid their friend in his fight for the speakership.

Eschbach has already indicated that he is willing to serve as speaker, in case he is selected, but it is claimed that he will make no active fight for the job.

Certain friends of the administration, however, are declining the fact that he is the favorite of Gov. Goodrich and that his chances for selection are "very good."

## EXPERT FLAYS COUNTY JAIL GUARD SYSTEM

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smoke and undoubtedly cause a panic.

"The straw should not be there," he said.

Dr. Wright stated that he was convinced the jail kitchen should be moved to the basement, that new plumbing should be installed and complete new cooking utensils purchased.

"As long as Dr. Wright operates the sheriff's office on a fee basis, one can expect the sheriff to cut down expenses to the bone and to operate the jail with not enough employees," said Dr. Wright.

"A straight salary basis is the cure for the evil of jail mismanagement."

The expert said he was pleased with the way the county councilmen and the county commissioners are co-operating with his report in which positive recommendations were made for correction in the managements of various county institutions.

**COUNTY TO LOSE AT LEAST \$1,600,000**

A minimum of approximately \$1,600,000 will be the loss of Marion county this year in tax revenue, following the action of the Indiana supreme court in holding the horizontal increases as illegal, Mr. Fesler said, according to County Auditor K. E. Fesler, today.

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**NOT TO BE PAID BACK DIRECTLY.**

None of the taxes levied on the basis of horizontal increases will be paid back directly, Mr. Fesler said, but certificates of credit will be mailed to all taxpayers and the amount will be deducted from the next tax installments.

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**15 WHO GOT AWAY ARE YET AT LARGE**

Fifteen of the twenty-four men who escaped from the Marion county jail early Monday morning are still at large today.

The men who sawed a hole through the floor of cell and escaped after hitting the night jailer over the head and binding and gagging him, apparently have made good their getaway.

Federal officers as well as the police are on the trails of some of the prisoners, but so far have been unsuccessful.

**VINCENNES POLICE GET TWO SUSPECTS**

VINCENNES, Ind., July 8.—Two young men were taken from a freight train by police here on the supposition that they were two of the prisoners who escaped from the Marion county jail in the recent wholesale delivery.

They gave as their names Carl Woods, 21, of Kansas, and Leland Devault, 17, of Indianapolis.

No word concerning the arrest of the two men at Vincennes had been received at the office of the Marion county sheriff today.

**'ARE YOU READY TO SIGN?' ASKS LLOYD GEORGE**

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treaty permitting priority payments to be made to either Italy or Poland.

Belgium insisted it would repudiate its signature to the peace treaty if it was not granted priority, thereby making null and void the Versailles pact.

**GERMANS SEE CRISIS IN SPA CONFERENCE**

BERLIN, July 8.—The Prussian minister of interior, Herr Seevering, has left for Spa to discuss the future of the German security police.

While the government is optimistic and the press is expressed in official circles that the allies will ultimately agree to let Germany maintain an army of 200,000 men, the press is plainly pessimistic. The Lokal Anzeiger calls the Spa conference a "crisis for Germany."

**FRENCH NEWSPAPERS ARE WELL SATISFIED**

PARIS, July 8.—French newspapers today expressed satisfaction with the proceedings at Spa.

"The Germans at last understand that they must accept the allies' terms," said ex-Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, *Le Homme Libre*.

"The situation of German disarmament will be settled in accordance with French desires," said Avenir.

Cisar insists that the French shall not abandon their legitimate financial demands.

"The engagements undertaken by Germany at Spa are valuable only if she is forced to keep them," said Petit Bleu.

**Consider Physical Needs of Students**

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 8.—At a meeting here of the Tippecanoe county board of education steps were taken to further the development of physical instruction in the district schools.

The board turned down a proposition of L. N. Hines, state superintendent of public instruction, that the trustees be made depositary agents for the handling of school books for the ensuing school year.

## Many Valuable Gems Are Found on Suspect

NAPLES, July 8.—Police here today are holding Savo de Lellis, who arrived here from New York, on suspicion of being connected with a jewel theft in New York.

Many valuable gems were found on the arrested man's person.

While no details were obtainable from authorities, it was believed Lellis was connected with the recent theft of \$400,000 worth of jewels from the Caruso home.

## ASSEMBLY HAS ONLY SOLUTION OF TAX MUDDLE

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## COX SAYS HE WON'T DODGE BOOZE ISSUE

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spoke to the Ohio State Golf association at the Dayton Country club last night.

Several times he came near to speaking on political questions but switched to golf.

He told the golfers he will keep his part of the campaign free from bitter personalities.

"Regardless of consequences, Senator Harding and I will be the same splendid friends we have been for many years," he said.

Cox told how Harding and he jokingly predicted their nomination after a meeting of the Associated Ohio Daily News men, when the editor of the association endorsed the two to head the party tickets.

Cox urged the golf association to encourage home building as one of the surest means of stimulating real participation.

"Better days are just ahead and I believe clean, open competition in politics will help bring them."

"It is a good thing that once every four years we lift our eyes off the mercantile ledger and put them on the flag."

## GET ACQUAINTED RIGHT NOW

DAYTON, O., July 8—"Up in room No. 6" promises to be one of the most used phrases of democratic campaign history.

Room No. 6 is reached by climbing to the third floor of Governor Cox's newspaper building.

"Publisher's Office, Private," appears on the door, and in the room the democratic nominee plans to hold many of the big conferences on the campaign, as well as direct the publishing of his newspaper.

On the wall appears a large picture of President Wilson and a taken a few years ago in Washington.

Cox sits behind a huge desk with a large flag, which covers almost the entire front of the building, shading the windows.

The editor of his newspaper is in a room to one side and his private secretary on the other.

For the last few days the desk has been filled with congratulations in the way of telegrams.

Newspaper men have found that the word "private" on the Cox door is not to be taken seriously.

He has given them the privilege of "breaking in" at almost any time.

## WANTS U. S. TO IGNORE OBREGON

Carranza Man Fights Recognition of New Regime.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Francisco Bonillas, Mexican ambassador to the United States under the Carranza regime, is in Washington today, attempting to persuade the state department to refuse recognition to the new government of Mexico.

Bonillas' visit followed the reception by Acting Secretary of State Davis Fernando Caudillo, high commissioner of the New Mexican government.

Bonillas has charged to state department officials that Gen. Alvaro Obregon, leader of the revolt against Carranza, was the instigator of the murder of Carranza.

Bonillas charged that Ferrero, accused of the murder, was a tool.

Bonillas visited the state department twice. First, he described the flight and murder of Carranza to officials, and yesterday he presented a letter from Julia Carranza charging Obregon with the responsibility for the murder of her father.

## Name Depositories for Loan to Poland

Appointment of the Citizens State bank in Indianapolis, and the Washington Bank and Trust Company as Indianapolis depositories for the Polish government loan was made today.

Selection of these banks was made because of their situation near communities where a large percentage of foreign population resides.

## WILL RUN SHORT

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"Before the tax decision we had a right to expect that over \$5,000,000 would be collected as revenue, but now we can only reasonably expect \$3,400,000," said Mr. Fesler.

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The total tax duplicate net is \$607,332, 24 of which is real estate, is real and improvements and 20 per cent personal.

## HESITATES TO THINK OF LABOR UNION.

Mr. Fesler stated that he hesitated to think what it would mean if every one of the 60,000 and more names on the treasurer's books had to be changed in accordance with the decision.

"And every one of those 60,000 taxpayers will be still another problem as there is a county and state indebtedness of \$260,000 and of that amount about \$200,000 is due this year in principal and interest.

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