

BEALE MEYER FIGHT A DRAW, NEUTRALS SAY

Former Cabinet Officer and Ex-Minister to Persia in Spirited Fist Battle.

NEAR METROPOLITAN CLUB

One Invites Other Outside, Where They Clash—Long-Standing Feud Alleged.

Peace advocates are drawing texts and morals today from a fist encounter between George W. L. Meyer, of Hamilton, Mass., former Secretary of the Navy, who came to Washington to attend the National Security League's Congress on preparedness, and Truman Beale, of Washington, former minister to Persia and Greece. The combat took place outside the Metropolitan Club.

It was said on good authority this afternoon that the board of governors of the Metropolitan Club would make an investigation of the incident. The members of the board, however, declined to discuss the report, explaining that it was the policy of the club never to discuss any of its activities or business for publication.

Neutral observers call the round a draw, but neither participant was badly drawn. While it lasted the action was swift and furious.

Feud of Long Standing. After delivering preparedness addresses before the Security Congress, Mr. Meyer decided to remain in Washington for several days. Entering the Metropolitan Club he met Mr. Beale. There is said to have been a long-standing feud between the two men, dating back to ill feeling engendered years ago in the old Knickerbocker Club in New York.

Mr. Beale is reported to have invited Mr. Meyer to "come outside." Mr. Meyer lost no time in accepting the challenge. The two clutched, belted to the sidewalk, and pummeled each other vigorously for a time, regardless of the Marquis of Queensberry's other rules. Then friends, with the help of a chauffeur and a cabman, separated them.

Mr. Meyer went to his hotel and Mr. Beale strolled off to his home, a block away. Both were bruised and brutal, but neither seriously injured. Last night and this morning neither was "at home" to callers, or to telephone calls.

Mr. Meyer served in the Roosevelt Cabinet as Postmaster General and was Secretary of the Navy under President Taft. He was ambassador to Italy, Russia, and Germany under President Roosevelt. Mr. Beale is a brother-in-law of the Russian ambassador, Mr. Bakmeteff. James G. Blaine was the father of Mr. Beale's first wife. When Blaine was Secretary of State Mr. Beale was minister to Persia, and afterward minister to Greece, Roumania and Serbia.

In 1902 Mr. Beale was living in California, when a weekly society publication printed a paragraph which, Mr. Beale supposed, referred to him. Mr. Beale and a friend, Thomas H. Williams, president of the California Jockey Club, met in a club and decided it was up to them to revise the days of chivalry, according to testimony at the trial. Mr. Beale telephoned to Patrick Marriott, editor of the publication, who invited them to his home.

Mr. Beale Married Here. At the trial it was said one of the men struck Marriott when he came to the door and later, it was alleged, four shots were fired by one of the men, three of the bullets striking him in the back, one in the thigh, the last crippling him for life.

At the trial both men were acquitted. Marriott sued for damages and got nothing from Mr. Beale. He did get \$12,780 from Williams.

Soon after the affair Mr. Beale and Miss Marie Oge, daughter of a wealthy Californian, were married in Washington.

UNIVERSITY CLUB TO HAVE NOVEL DINNER. William S. Parks, Chairman of Committee, Planning Event for February 14.

Novel features and sketches by special entertainers will mark the 1916 dinner of the University Club on February 14. The committee to arrange the dinner held an organization meeting yesterday afternoon, and details of the arrangements were referred to the sub-committees. The speakers will be announced later.

Red Cross Asks For 5,000 New Members

District Campaign Opens On Monday, With Exhibit of Relief Appliances—Nation-wide Effort to Increase Membership Will Be Undertaken At Once.

"Join now! The American Red Cross needs you." This is to be the slogan of a membership campaign to obtain 5,000 new members, to be launched next Monday by the District Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In connection with the campaign, which will last one week, there will be an exhibit in the vacant rooms of the building at Thirteenth and P streets showing work of the Japanese Red Cross, as well as that of the organization in other nations.

Nation Wide Campaign. Miss Mabel T. Boardman is co-operating with Mrs. T. N. McLaughlin, secretary of the District Chapter, and a membership committee, in the Washington campaign, the forerunner of a nation-wide campaign to swell the membership of the Red Cross.

The Washington committee is made up of Admiral S. E. Mason, president of the District Chapter; Miss Boardman, C. C. Glover, Mrs. John McLaughlin, Reseider, Col. J. Van R. Hoff, and Charles J. Columbus.

There are about 100 subcommittees, made up from the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' Association, and citizens' associations. All these subcommittees will meet with the membership committee of the District branch, Red Cross, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday afternoon to make final plans.

Remarkable Exhibit. The exhibit will be one of the most remarkable and complete of Red Cross work ever given, and will compare with that at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The feature of it will be the portrayal of the Japanese work, with reproductions of Japan's battleships, lay figures of the nurses, and it will include an exhibition of the army tent and other field apparatus. Work in time of disasters and floods will be shown, and there will be a special exhibition of rural nursing, a field to which the Red Cross has been paying especial attention.

Permitting has been obtained from Cabinet members to have an appeal posted in all Government department buildings. This appeal will be followed by blanks to be filled in with the names of those who will join. Five thousand new members are wanted at \$1 each, which price includes a year's subscription to the Red Cross Magazine. One million is the membership mark set for the national campaign.

Next week placards will be displayed on trucks and store windows all over the city. A barometer, similar to that used in the Boy Scout campaign, will be placed in a window of the exhibition rooms and will indicate, day by day, the progress of the campaign.

"Join Now" Leaflets. In the leaflets containing an appeal to "Join now," which will be widely circulated, the following numerical comparison is contained: "Japan, with a population of 43,000,000, has 1,800,000 Red Cross members. Germany, with a population of 67,000,000, has 1,000,000 Red Cross members. Other countries also have large memberships. The United States, and its dependencies, with a population of 100,000,000, has only 27,000 members."

CARRANZA PLANS TO SET UP REAL RULE

De Facto Chief Aims to Call Elections and Re-establish Government in Mexico City.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—While Francisco Villa was organizing a flying regiment of cavalry today as the nucleus of a new revolutionary force, General Carranza, at Queretaro, was endeavoring to set up an effective de facto government.

The task of bringing Mexico out of the anarchy, poverty, and disease which prevail in many sections, according to refugees, heretofore has been belittled by the necessity of suppressing malcontents and bandits. Carranza is now planning for the election of a congress, and afterward a president. The capital will be re-established in Mexico City, after one or both elections are held.

The most drastic step to allay the misery of the Mexican people was reported from Chihuahua City, where the Carranzista governor, in order to avoid extortionate prices, has taken direct charge of the bandit chief dead or alive. Villa was said to be confiscating horses and food supplies and recruiting hundreds of peons for another drive against the de facto government.

Will Open Irrigated Farms in Nebraska. Secretary Lane Announces 14,000 Acres Will Be Available March 24.

An offer to homeseekers who desire irrigated farms in western Nebraska was announced by Secretary of the Interior Lane today. Announcement was made that on March 24 the land office at Alliance, Neb., will receive entries for approximately 14,000 acres for which water is now available from the North Platte irrigation project.

These lands lie in the valley of the North Platte river. Homesteaders will find here nearly 60,000 acres in tillage with hundreds of comfortable farm buildings, according to the announcement made through the Interior Department. Cities and towns are flourishing, schools have been established, and excellent transportation facilities are provided, the announcement says. The annual harvests now total millions of dollars and the pioneering stage of development has long since been passed.

Marion Osborn Leaves Estate to His Family. The will of Marion Osborn, filed for probate today in the offices of the register of wills, discloses that one-half of the estate be left to his widow, Laura I. Osborn. The remainder is to be divided equally between the four children, C. Lee Osborn, Anna M. Smoot, John G. Osborn, and Bessie O. Towson. Walter J. Pilling is named executor.

Mary O'Leary today petitioned the Probate Court for authority to administer the estate of Jeremiah O'Leary. The realty includes properties at 25 and 25 1/2 Massachusetts avenue northwest, assessed at \$2,728, and personal property valued at \$500. The debts amount to \$290.

GARDNER QUESTIONS DANIELS' FIGURES. Secretary Daniels' synopsis of the recent report of Admiral Fletcher on battleship target practice was today challenged as to its completeness in a House resolution introduced by Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gardner says his resolution is introduced because Mr. Daniels placed great stress upon the improvement in elementary target practice. The Massachusetts member says the Secretary should have discussed the difference between elementary practice and battle practice.

SUICIDE CERTIFICATE IN EDWARDS' DEATH. Plate Printer Is Found Dead By Wife in Kitchen of His Home in Eighteenth Street. Coroner Nevitt has issued a certificate of suicide in the death of John P. Edwards, thirty, of 1815 Eighteenth street northwest.

QUIT AS DELEGATE TO CITY FEDERATION

Action of Leo A. Rover May Lead to Withdrawal of Central Citizens' Association.

The Central Citizens' Association will be without a delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Associations until its February meeting, at which time the organization will vote on withdrawing its affiliation with the latter association.

Leo A. Rover, delegate to the general association, after condemning the action of the federation in admitting to membership the representative of the Benning-Kenilworth Citizens' Association, resigned as delegate, and in deference to his action the organization refused to select a successor. Instead it was agreed to withdraw temporarily from the united organizations, and in order that all members of the association may be present to vote, definite action was deferred until the February meeting.

The resignation of Mr. Rover was occasioned by what he termed biased action by the federation in recognizing the Benning-Kenilworth organization, which, he said, does not meet with the requirements for membership demanded of other associations. The resignation was, unanimously accepted and a vote of approval of his action was given.

The Central Citizens' Association also passed a resolution favoring a referendum in dealing with the question of prohibition in the District, and authorizing the legislative committee to communicate with the subcommittee of the District Committee to request a hearing before that body when prohibition comes up. The organization previously had some on record opposing a "dry" District.

Action on the recommendation of the District Commissioners for a change in the law regulating the conduct of the school system was deferred until opportunity was given members of the Board of Education to present their side of the question.

HOME CLUB PLAYERS PRESENT COMEDIES. "Tom Cobb" and "The Maid" Are Staged on Club's First Anniversary.

"Tom Cobb" and "The Maid," two comedy plays, were staged by the Home Club players, of the Interior Department, last night, in celebration of the players' first anniversary. They were under the direction of George H. Palmer, assisted by John McMechan, William Musser, Mrs. William Musser, and O. W. Goodwin.

The cast of "Tom Cobb" consisted of Roscoe C. Bangs, Miss Charlotte M. Crawford, Herman E. Walker, S. H. Meyer, Miss Mary P. Thyson, Miss Margaret E. Stevens, Thomas Schuler, Albert H. Winter, Mrs. J. Yager Hamilton, and Thomas O. Kiath.

The characters in "The Maid" were represented by Miss Elsie Lancaster, Miss Mary P. Thyson, Miss Mary H. Louder, John McMechan, Mrs. Albert A. Winter, Miss Ida Paxton, Miss Mary A. Walker, and Miss Marguerite C. Loden.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers. Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now.

The following experience of a Washington woman is confirmed after one year: Mrs. Jane A. Eichelberger, 1531 Eighth St. N. W., Washington, says: "I have been in such pain with my back, that I could hardly endure it. My kidneys didn't act regularly and sometimes the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and highly colored. I felt all run down and the least exertion tired me out. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended so highly, that I got a box. They soon relieved me of the misery in my back and continued use strengthened my kidneys and stopped all pains in my back. I take Doan's Kidney Pills now and then, so as to keep my kidneys in a healthy condition." (Statement given July 28, 1914.)

AGAIN PRAISES DOAN'S. On December 1, 1915, Mrs. Eichelberger said: "The results I received from using Doan's Kidney Pills were highly satisfactory and I praise them at every opportunity." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Eichelberger has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Propps, Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv't.

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\$10 for \$20 Marabou Sets. Tipped With White Ostrich—Only Two of These Sets. Cape and Muff Sets—One Natural and One Black Set. \$8 Stoles \$3.50 \$8 Muffs \$4.98. Ten of the stoles—of natural marabou, some with white tips. Three of the muffs, in white only. On Sale Tomorrow Morning—at 9 o'Clock. In Neckwear Department, near G street door. The limited quantities and the nominal prices make a prompt response imperative.

Camisole Laces. 14 Inches Wide—Beaded Top and Bottom. Per Yard, 17c Usually 50c. Wanted and standard at 50c yard—is not a busy day assured here tomorrow? Street Floor Near G street Door.

Crystal Nets. 40 Inches Wide—In All Colors. Per Yard, 50c Usually \$1.75. In lovely shades of pink, lavender, purple, blue, and green. In lace department. Street Floor Near G street Door.

Sofa Cushions Cretonne Covered 89c. Cretonne—this best quality in colorings that will be impossible later—have advanced 20 per cent in cost within the last few days. A bargain price—89c for a generous size cushion filled with good quality floss. Made in our workshop. First floor—with the lace curtains worth to \$2.50 a pair at only 98c.

The Chance of a Lifetime —To Buy Exquisitely Decorated Foreign Chinaware. The supply of Open-stock China from Germany and Austria is stopped. Deliveries from France and England are erratic and unsatisfactory. Business is hors de combat. The Open-stock China here—over 5,000 pieces—is to be closed out as follows: 5-inch Plates, up to 50c, at 12c; 6-inch Plates, up to 60c, at 15c; 7-inch Plates, up to 65c, at 18c; 8-inch Plates, up to 75c, at 20c; Soup Plates, up to 65c, at 15c; Oatmeal Dishes, up to 45c, at 10c; Fruit Dishes, up to 25c, at 5c; Individual Butters, up to 20c, at 3c; Bone Dishes, up to 24c, at 8c; Afternoon Dinner Cups and Saucers, up to 60c, at 15c; Tea Cups and Saucers, up to 75c, at 20c; Sauce Boats, up to \$3.00, at 75c; Covered Butter Dishes, up to \$1.50, at 50c; Sugar Bowls, up to \$2.00, at 50c; Creamers, up to \$1.00, at 25c; Celery Dishes, up to \$2.00, at 45c; Pickle Dishes, up to \$1.00, at 25c; Vegetable Dishes, open, up to \$1, at 25c; Teapots, up to \$1.50, at 45c; Saled Dishes, up to \$2.00, at 50c; Comports, up to \$2.00, at 50c; Cake Dishes, up to \$2.00, at 75c; Chop Dishes, up to \$2.00, at 50c; Vegetable Dishes, covered, up to \$2, at 75c; Casseroles, up to \$3.00, at 75c; Meat Platters, 8-inch, up to 65c, at 20c; Meat Platters, 10-inch, up to \$1.95, at 45c; Meat Platters, 12-inch, up to \$2.00, at 75c; Meat Platters, 14-inch, up to \$2.50, at 85c; Meat Platters, 16-inch, up to \$4.50, at \$1.25.

A. LISNER The Palais Royal G & Eleventh

News From the Home of the Coffee Bean

Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, noted correspondent, writing from Santos, Brazil, said to be the chief coffee port of the world—in an article in the Los Angeles Times of Oct. 30th, 1915, says:

"The people here believe in coffee. They talk nothing else and as they talk they drink. They drink so much of this beverage that they grow sallow, and the muscles of their faces twitch continuously. When one of them sits in a chair, resting his toes on the floor, his knees bob up and down with nervousness, and the whole system seems afflicted with St. Vitus' Dance."

Very interesting! And what, pray, is there in coffee that makes people sallow and nervous? The drug, caffeine—about 2 1/2 grains to the average cup—a powerful irritant of the nerves and delicate tissues of the body. Of course not everybody is affected so severely. But caffeine is a cumulative poison, and sooner or later it gets in its work with many users—slowly with some, faster with others. Is it wise to tamper with such a menace to health? By far the better way is to leave coffee alone, and for a pleasant, delicious table beverage use

INSTANT POSTUM —the pure food-drink.

Postum is made from primate wheat, roasted with a small portion of wholesome molasses, and contains no drug or harmful substance whatever—only the goodness of the grain.

There are two kinds of Postum. The original Postum Cereal, which requires boiling; and Instant Postum, the soluble form, which is made in the cup with hot water—instantly! They are equally delicious, cost about the same per cup, and both are good for the nerves, good for the general health.

"There's a Reason" Send two cent stamp to Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich., for 5-cup sample tin of Instant Postum.

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