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ANOTHER CHANCE FOR PUGILISM

When Messrs. Jesse Willard and Frank Moran enter the ring at New York there will be more at stake than the purse for which they will battle.

The fight will offer another chance for the rehabilitation of prize fighting. Once rated among the most popular of all sports and styled the manly art, pugilism, through the machinations of its alleged friends, came into such disrepute that it has been barred in most American commonwealths.

The Willard-Moran bout will be under the direct supervision of the New York State commissioners. It is the duty of this board to see that all the rules and regulations surrounding the fight are religiously adhered to.

If properly conducted the meeting of Willard and Moran may redound to the permanent benefit of pugilism; let some untoward incident occur, a "fake" be suspected, or the vast throng become unruly, and prize fighting will be speedily relegated to depths from which it will require another decade to emerge.

MONROE DOCTRINE DUTIES

Some of the most thought-provoking testimony yet brought out in Washington this year at any of the numerous Congress hearings was given this week by E. R. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, before the House Naval Affairs Committee.

One of the striking points made by Grace has an importance far above the merely incidental treatment he gave it. Grace boldly predicted that most, if not all, the South and Central American states would become involved in any war in which the United States was a participant.

This prediction is not new, but it comes just at this time with authority, for probably only the diplomats themselves know, more intimately than the armor makers, the undercurrents of diplomacy which deal with possible war and its reaction on international relations.

Grace did not say on which side our Latin neighbors to the south were likely to be found, nor did he reveal on what he based his prediction. It is probable he had in mind attempts of America's foes to seize, after war had been declared, portions of the rich continent now protected only by the Monroe doctrine in various expansionists.

A NEW PARK FOR THE NORTH-EAST

Widespread agitation for the purchase of the Dean estate for use as a public park is well directed. But one other item in the District estimates should not be neglected. That is the recommendation of the purchase of the Patterson tract, in the northeast section, for \$500,000.

As much as any Washingtonian would like to see the historic Dean estate preserved as a park, he who surveys the relative need of the two sections, the rich section about the former, and the large congested area of small homes in the vicinity of the Patterson tract, must come to the conclusion that the northeast need for a park is much stronger than that of the northwest.

Within a few blocks of the Dean estate is Rock Creek Park. Five or six blocks to the east is the Mt. Pleasant playground, at Fourteenth street and Park road. Even nearer is the smaller summer playground at 1840 Kalorama road. All about this section are small parks which afford breathing spaces.

The entire northeast section has not a single large park. Nearly a mile away from the Patterson tract is Stanton Square. Only one playground is to be found in the northeast, the Rosedale grounds, nearly a mile from the Patterson tract.

Even the southeast is better off

than the northeast when it comes to parks and playgrounds. The northeast development has been rapid, and the recent police census indicated how remarkable that growth has been.

As a problem of the greatest good to the greatest number, the investment of \$500,000 in the eighty-one acres of the Patterson estate looks like a better proposition than the investment of \$625,000 in the Dean estate.

THE ROOSEVELT HOMECOMING

Colonel Roosevelt will arrive in New York some time this evening from his trip in the West Indies and his homecoming is regarded universally by politicians as likely to be highly significant.

Nobody, no score of men, have done so much since the European war began to impress the American people with the weight and seriousness of their obligations in this sadly muddled world as has Theodore Roosevelt.

It is perfectly plain that during the weeks of Colonel Roosevelt's absence the sentiment in favor of his nomination as the Republican candidate has grown by leaps and bounds.

It is declining to let his name go before the primaries in the various States, Colonel Roosevelt has simply taken the position that he does not want to lead unless there is real and spontaneous demand for him.

THE MEXICAN DANGER INCREASES

The beginning of disintegration of the Carranza military power is powerfully suggested by the withdrawal of a force of 2,000 of his very best troops, and their joining Villa.

It becomes a question, then, largely of the disposition of a group of military men. Villa at one time seemed the idol of the military chieftains, because he was the sort of dashing commander that won battles and was quite amiable with regard to the conduct of his troops; if they saw something they wanted they were likely to take it and be assured that no difficult questions would be asked.

Can Carranza hold his military chiefs to his cause, as against an "invasion" by Americans? That is the big question right now.

It would be easily enough answered if the United States were in position to pour into Mexico an overwhelming and impressive force of soldiery, which should make the Mexicans understand that no coalition of their factions could possibly affect the ultimate result.

Anyways, what's the use? If Europe ever gets out of the trenches, it'll be into a rut.

INVASION OF ENGLAND

Daily Star Seriously Suggests German Fleet May Be Sent Out With Transports.

LONDON, March 24.—That the German fleet, if it comes out to do battle in the North Sea, will be accompanied by scores of transports carrying troops for an invasion of England, was seriously suggested in an article appearing today in the Daily Star.

The Star, which recently gave warning that rumors of new German super-dreadnaughts equipped with seventeen-inch guns may be found true, declared the war office fully realizes the dangers of such an invasion and is keeping a large force of men in England to meet the expected attack.

There is a growing feeling that an attempted German invasion of our eastern coast during the next week or so is quite on the cards, said the Star. "There are many signs in East Anglia that the military authorities share this view, but these signs must not be discussed here and it is sufficient to consider the possibility of an invasion."

Spanish War Veterans Entertain Commander

Col. John Jacob Aster Camp, No. 4, Spanish War Veterans, the only camp composed exclusively of former soldiers of the regular army, entertained Commander-in-Chief L. C. Dyer and the members of his staff in Stanley Hall, Soldiers Home, last night.

The program was provided by the Red Cross, which included a singing by Mrs. M. Zimmerman; Zandic, the mystic; Miss Katherine McKittick; Miss Fay McKittick; Miss Doris Schlegel; Edward Moore; Louis G. Grawe; Voerner, Mr. Gross, Thomas G. McKean, and Gustave Griewel.

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Europe Must Cancel Debts or Spend Less

Taxation Will Reach Enormous Figure Unless Nations Decide to Wipe Out All Their Obligations and Start Afresh—Rich Then Would Bear Heaviest Burden.

LONDON (By Mail), March 22.—Europe will have to do one of two things after the war: Accept a far lower standard of living than heretofore, or Cancel all war debts and start afresh with a clean slate.

It is impossible to calculate, for instance, what England's war debt alone will be, because nobody knows how long the war will last. Certainly, however, the figure will be enormous as to stagger the imagination.

These economists themselves, however, do not pretend the difference will be heavier to cover the deficit. The only conclusion is that industrial England will be twice as hard as before the war, for loss pay.

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The Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Vincent, president of the Washington Pastors' Federation, and also chairman of the Sunday evangelistic committee, made up of clergymen and laymen, will go to Baltimore this afternoon to confer with Sunday.

Billy Sunday Himself Hits the Sawdust Trail

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Billy Sunday, after hurling challenge after challenge to about 100 Johns Hopkins students who attended the meeting for men only at the tabernacle last night, climaxed his appeal for converts, climaxed the meeting, and climaxed his campaign here so far by springing from the rostrum, plunging down the sawdust aisle, and "calling the bluff" of some of those students who promised to hit the trail if he would come for them.

Changes Are Announced in Interior Department

Acting Secretary Jones of the Interior Department, today announced the following changes in personnel in that department:

Temporary appointments—Simon Klein, typewriter at \$4 a day, and Miss Martha Morris, of Colorado, under clerk at \$2.50 a day in the Geological Survey; John H. Johnston, under clerk at \$1,500; Clark J. McKee, Pennsylvania, first aid miner at \$1,200; Arthur M. Johnston, Illinois, and Robert Miller, D. C., typewriters at \$720 in the Bureau of Mines; Claude L. Harding, Colorado, under clerk at \$1,020, and station engineer at \$60, all in the Bureau of Reclamation Service.

Merchants to Be Guests on New River Steamer

Arrangements have been concluded by the Polomic and Chesapeake Steamboat Company to have as the guests of the corporation on the maiden trip of its new steamer, The Majestic, the officers and members of the board of Governors of the Retail Merchants' Association.

Sister-in-Law His Heir.

The will of Gustavus A. Brandt, dated January 17, 1916, leaves his entire estate to his sister-in-law, Amy Barnard. She is also named executor without bond. The testator died on March 13 last.