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 fistic encounter between George von 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 Truxton 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 this report, explaining that it was the policy of the club never to discuss any of its activities or business for publication.

The contestants hadn't time to be weighed in, and since have not had the disposition, but their ages stand: Meyer, 57; Beale, 59.

Neutral observers call the round a draw, but neither participant was badly bruised. 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 going, and after blows the two clinched, rolled to the sidewalk, and pummeled each other vigorously for a time, regardless of Marquis of Queensberry or any 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 topped and bruised, 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. Bakhmeteff. 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 a friend, 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 live up to the days of chivalry, according to the rumors at the trial. Mr. Beale telephoned to Frederick 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 $16,780 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 subcommittees. The speakers will be announced later.

The committee on arrangements follows: William S. Parks, chairman; William L. Browning, vice chairman; Louis Beyer, jr., secretary, and William T. Galliher, treasurer; and Clifford K. Berryman, Angelo Conti, William E. Davis, Orville H. Brown, Leo O. Harlow, James E. Hutchinson, jr., Oscar W. Lange, Newbold Noyes, George H. O'Connor, Myron M. Parker, jr., Alvah W. Patterson, Frank Spriggs Perry, Walter J. Pilling, Dr. Frank H. Shultz, John B. Smallwood, Odell S. Smith, Dr. A. Camp Stanley, William H. Walker, A. Coulter Wells, George W. White, and James L. Wilmeth.

Marcus A. Jordan Wins Medal For His Heroism

From the Library Committee of the Senate, Senator Williams has reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to confer on Marcus A. Jordan the life-saving medal of the first class.

The medal is "for most gallant and meritorious action in effecting the rescue of a woman who had fallen overboard from the Hamburg-American liner Cleveland" in the shark-infested Java sea. The date was December 16, 1913. Mr. Jordan is a brother of Eldridge Jordan of this city.

Emma Goldman to Speak.

"The German Drama," the second in a series of lectures which she is delivering in Washington on Wednesday nights on "The Dynamics of the Modern Drama," will be discussed by Emma Goldman, the anarchist, at the Arcade Hall tomorrow night.

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 F 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 N. E. Mason, president of the District Chapter; Miss Boardman, C. C. Glover, Mrs. John McLaughlin, H. S. Reeside, 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, and other civic organizations.

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.

Permission 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 40,000,000, has 1,000,000 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."

Included in this appeal is the following summary of "A Few Facts:"

"The American Red Cross (present organization) was chartered by Congress in 1905.

"Its president is the President of the United States.

"It is the one volunteer relief organization for war and disaster recognized by the United States Government.

"It has expended in ten years for the people of the United States in humanitrian work over thirteen millions of dollars in money and supplies.

"It is non-sectarian and non-political.

"It is organized to furnish aid to sick and wounded of armies in time of war, and to devise and carry on measures of relief for those suffering from pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great calamities.

"If this country should ever become engaged in war the Red Cross would be the official channel through which friends or relatives would be able to locate and communicate with sick, wounded, or imprisoned soldiers.

"It expends its relief funds in accordance with the designation of donors.

"Its accounts are audited by the United States War Department."

All schools, clubs, organizations and Government departments will be urged to help increase this membership.

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 915 Eighteenth street northwest.

Edwards was found in the gas-filled kitchen of his home late yesterday by his wife. He was a plate printer at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

The coroner says Mrs. Edwards told him the door to the kitchen and the door of the dumb waiter were closed, and that her husband was seated before the gas stove from which the fumes were escaping.

GARDNER QUESTIONS DANIELS' FIGURES

Resolution Says Secretary Should Have Replied More Completely.

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.

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 prevails in many sections, according to refugees, heretofore has been eclipsed 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 sales of foodstuffs.

With the report that Villa was raising a new army in Chihuahua, nothing was heard from the Carranzista troops sent to bring 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 L. Osborn. The remainder is to be divided equally between the four children, C. Lee Osborn, Anna M. Snoots, 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 2[illegible] and 25½ Massachusetts avenue northwest, assessed at $6,726, and personal property valued at $900. The debts amount to $360.

QUITS 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, it was decided last night at the January meeting in the North Capitol Savings Bank.

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 gone 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 may be 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 playlets, 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. Banks, Miss Charlotte M. Crawford, Herman B. Walker, S. H. Moyer, Miss Mary P. Thyson, Miss Margaret E. Stevens, Thomas Schuler, Albert H. Winter, Mrs. J. Yager Hamilton, and Thomas O. Klath.

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

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., Props., Buffalo. N. Y.—Advt.

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 2½ 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 prime 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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$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	Celery Dishes, up to $2.00, at	45c
6-inch Plates, up to 60c, at	15c	Pickle Dishes, up to $1.00, at	25c
7-inch Plates, up to 65c, at	18c	Vegetable Dishes, open, up to $1, at	29c
8-inch Plates, up to 75c, at	20c	Teapots, up to $1.50, at	45c
Soup Plates, up to 65c, at	18c	Salad Dishes, up to $2.00, at	50c
Oatmeal Dishes, up to 48c, at	10c	Comports, up to $3.00, at	75c
Fruit Dishes, up to 25c, at	8c	Cake Dishes, up to $2.00, at	50c
Individual Butters, up to 20c, at	3c	Chop Dishes, up to $2.00, at	50c
Bone Dishes, up to 24c, at	8c	Vegetable Dishes, covered, up to $3, at	75c
Afternoon Dinner Cups and Saucers, up to 69c, at	15c	Casseroles, up to $3.00, at	75c
Tea Cups and Saucers, up to 79c, at	20c	Meat Platters, 8-inch, up to 65c, at	20c
Sauce Boats, up to $3.00, at	75c	Meat Platters, 10-inch, up to $1.98, at	45c
Covered Butter Dishes, up to $1.39, at	50c	Meat Platters, 12-inch, up to $3.00, at	75c
Sugar Bowls, up to $2.00, at	50c	Meat Platters, 14-inch, up to $4.00, at	98c
Creamers, up to $1.00, at	25c	Meat Platters, 16-inch, up to $4.50, at	$1.25

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