

# GERMANY IS WILLING TO ENTER THE WORLD UNION

## Speech of the German Chancellor Is Regarded of the Utmost Importance

(By Associated Press.)  
 BERLIN, Nov. 11.—The morning papers treat the speech of Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg in the Reichstag yesterday as a document of the utmost importance in throwing light on the responsibility for the war, the character of peace and the subsequent political status of the world, and Belgium in particular. What the imperial chancellor said concerning the Russian imperial order authorizing mobilization as equivalent as war against Germany and the chancellor's own communications to Austria-Hungary, are regarded as convincing proofs of the justice of Germany's course in the critical week preceding the breach, but the newspapers generally express regard that these matters were not published earlier.

What Dr. von Bethman-Hollweg has said about German's willingness to enter a world union for compelling peace is endorsed generally, except by some conservative newspapers. The Kreuz Zeitung, however, endorses it. The Vorwaerts points out that in favoring the settlement of

differences by arbitration, the chancellor takes up an old socialist plank and hopes also that the chancellor's speech will tend to disperse the clouds of distrust in enemy countries.

The Vorwaerts adds: "In the chancellor's speech we heard the rustle of the wings of the future which will bring these horrors to an end."

The imperial chancellor's remark that he never demanded the annexation of Belgium is generally treated as equivalent to a definite denunciation of annexation. The Kreuz Zeitung says it understands his words in this sense and regrets them along with the other conservative organs like Die Post, Tages Zeitung and Tagliche Rundschau. These papers also regret that the chancellor did not define more clearly his position regarding Belgium and ask what the real guarantees for Belgium's correct neutrality, as formerly demanded, he now means to give.

The papers generally say that Viscount Grey, the British foreign minister, has been answered effectively. The Lokal Anzeiger says: "Splendidly refuted."

# BODY OF GAMBLER IS FOUND AFTER YEARS

## HIS KILLING WAS THE CAUSE OF ORGANIZING THE 'FRISCO VIGILANTES

(By Associated Press.)  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—A mystery of 59 years' standing has been solved with the finding in a neglected corner of an old cemetery the grave of Charles Cora, a gambler, whose death marked the origination of the famous San Francisco vigilantes in 1855. History named a little cemetery at old Mission Dolores as the burial place, but it is known that the widow, Bell Cora, caused the body to be removed thence soon after the first burial.

Our idea of a good provider is one who brings home something besides a hicough.—Dallas News.

### AEROPLANES ATTACK HARBOR

(By Associated Press.)  
 LONDON, Nov. 11.—The British admiralty last evening made public the following communication: "Early this morning a squadron of naval airplanes attacked the harbor and submarine shelters at Ostend and Zeebrugge. A great weight in bombs was dropped with satisfactory results."

### RULING ON DEMURRER

In the case of Mrs. Lucille Mapes vs. E. R. Bennett et ux, Judge Mark R. Averill ruled yesterday on demurrer to reply and motion to strike out. The demurrer was overruled and the motion to strike out was denied except in one particular. This case grows out of a contract for the sale of a house and lot.

Six dollars for a Christmas turkey and you can recall when a good sized gobbler could be bought for six bits.—Waco Times-Herald.

### BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Time Was When He Used to Assist in Abducting the Bride.

Do you know why the bridegroom's attendant at the wedding is called "best man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding? He is supposed to look after the ushers, the carriage, the wedding ring and a host of other things that the fortunate lover could not be expected to concern himself with at such a time. But there was a period in the history of the human family when the best man had other duties than these to perform. It was when there was no church ceremony and when primitive people had come to the conclusion that marriage within the tribe was not good for the race. Then it became the fashion for the young man of marriageable age to go forth in quest of a bride, the daughter of some neighboring tribe.

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwilling to be captured, but no girl, either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted. Even if there was no brother at hand the girl was likely to put up a game fight, and the prospective bridegroom had need of the assist-

ance of a strong muscled friend to aid him in subduing her. There was very little to do the ceremony once the girl had been taken to the home of her future lord, but the "best man" was always a honored guest in her home, especially if the marriage turned out well. In many mountainous parts of the civilized world where old customs obtain the "best man" still pretends to assist in abducting the bride.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat

### BONEHEAD BASEBALL.

One Curious Break That Even the Umpires Did Not Notice.

Baseball's champion football play was made in a game between Washington and the White Sox in 1907. In that battle Larry Schaffly was captain of the Washingtons and also played second base.

At the end of an early inning Schaffly went out to telephone or buy a goat or something and was delayed so long that the Senators had three men put out before his return.

The Sox came trotting in for their turn at bat. Washington took the field, with only eight men and nobody on second, and the game went on that way till Fielder Jones hit one straight across second. Then, and not till then

was it discovered that there was nobody on second base.

Incredible as it may seem, nineteen men—seventeen players and two umpires—had started the half inning in this fashion and not one of them got wise till Jones' hit shot over the empty station.

Schaffly reappeared at this juncture, and the umpires decided that the hit was illegal when made with only eight men in the field. Jones had to go back and bat over.—New York Sun.

### Naming the Gerrymander.

The gerrymander was christened in 1813, although it must have been in operation long before that. A staunch old Federalist, Governor Elbridge Gerry, controlled through his legislature the redistricting of Massachusetts under the census of 1810. In the office of Benjamin Russell, an ardent Republican editor, hung a map of the state as newly subdivided by Gerry and his men. Gilbert Stuart's ready pencil whimsically added to the outlines of a grotesque district the wings and tail of a dragon.

"Ha!" he said when he had finished. "How's that for a salamander?" The Republican snarled. "Better call it a gerrymander." And American politicians have taken his advice.

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