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# BERLIN CLAIMS BELGIUM WAS TO BLAME

New Phase of German Diplomacy Revealed in Reply to Sir Edward Grey's Recent Exposure

Berlin, Sept. 1 (By wireless to Sayville, N.Y.)—The North German Gazette publishes an official reply to the recent statement of Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, with relation to the speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg at the opening of the last session of the Reichstag. The Overseas News Agency today summarizes the reply in the Gazette as follows:

"At the beginning the article alludes to the fact that Sir Edward Grey diplomatically ignored the valuable material contained in reports from Belgian ministers at various European capitals prior to the war, recently published in Germany, but goes exhaustively into the subject of threats against Belgian neutrality. The chancellor never said that Belgium sold her neutrality to Britain, but asserted that it had been proved by documents that Belgium had fostered British military plans, thus herself violating her neutrality.

### A New Claim.

"Documents found in Brussels, it is asserted, show conclusively that a British military attaché coolly told his Belgian colleague that Great Britain would land troops in Belgium without Belgium's consent, and that Belgium never had protested against this; but that upon the mere supposition that a German invasion was possible the Belgian government prepared complete plans for co-operation with British forces.

"The chancellor, it is added, did not endeavor to bring to light facts that would justify a violation of Belgian neutrality in August, 1914, and stated the reason in his Reichstag speech, declaring that German troops invaded Belgium after the latter had already broken her own neutrality.

"Besides, it added, the excitement over the morals of a 75-year-old treaty made for entirely different purposes was ridiculous for a country which unconcernedly disregarded a promise solemnly given 25 years ago to all Europe, and which continuously supported French violations of the obligations accepted in 1911 regarding Morocco."

### Memorandum To Envoy.

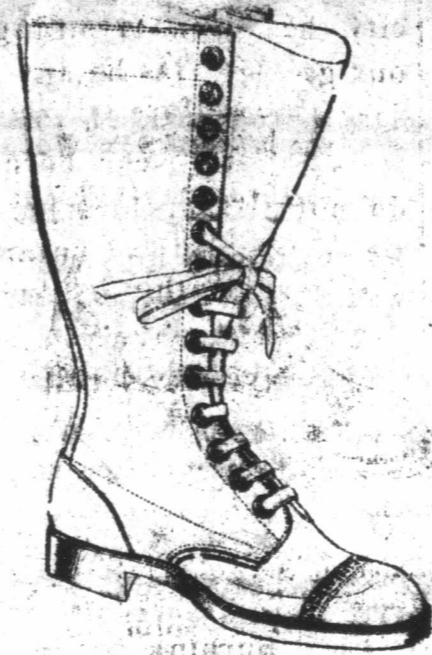
The Overseas News Agency here takes up the assertion by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in his recent Reichstag speech that Sir Edward Grey had said to the German ambassador as he was taking leave of him after the outbreak of the war that it might be possible that Britain could be of more assistance to Germany at the war's close by entering the conflict if she had remained neutral. It notes the Gazette's assertion that Sir Edward Grey had denied having made such remarks as the German chancellor in his Reichstag address had interpreted as meaning that Sir Edward would be able to aid Germany against Russia. The text of the memorandum in which Prince Lichnowsky, the German ambassador at London, recorded the part in question of his interview with the British secretary for foreign affairs is reproduced from the newspapers by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

### Britain's Position.

"Sir Edward Grey was visibly moved as he greeted me. He said the decision he had been obliged to take was the gravest of his entire life, and that the deciding consideration was that participation in the war would injure Britain little more than a passive course; moreover, that Britain as a participating power would be in a better position to throw her influence into the balance than by remaining neutral, because she would be able at any time to threaten to withdraw from the conflict.

"The violation of recognized international treaties guaranteed by Britain, he said, made it impossible for her to stand aside. Also he regarded it as inexpedient to consider the suggestion of the Imperial chancellor establishing conditions for Great Britain's neutrality from the British standpoint, such a transaction impressed him as improper, and he could not enter into negotiations with a power that could make such propositions. As in former interviews, he laid chief stress upon the Belgian question without adding, as he did in his speech in the house of commons, that Britain could not look on while Germany endeavored to reduce, not only France, but Belgium and Holland, to a state of depend-

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## Alleged Communication.

The foreign secretary's confidential communication to Prince Lichnowsky is thus summarized:—

"The confidential communication was to the effect that should events not take the turn anticipated by the German military party, or should Great Britain wish for other reasons to bring the war to a speedy end, we always would be prepared, if he remained in office, to undertake the task of mediation and be of assistance to Germany. He had not the slightest intention to crush Germany, and wished only to restore peace upon acceptable conditions and put an end to the unspeakable misery for the civilized world.

"Prince Lichnowsky remarked that the role of arbiter would be easier for Sir Edward Grey had Great Britain maintained neutrality. He answered that the participation of Britain would shorten the duration of the war."

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# HOW BALKANS AFFECT POLICY UNITED STATES

Editor Berliner Tageblatt Points Out That This "Free Road" Policy is One of Importance

New York, August 31.—A Berlin cable to the Times says: Theodore Wolf, editor of the Berliner Tageblatt, who is close to the chancellor, writes significantly: "While the German armies in the east are solving a knotty problem, here behind the front must be found the right solution of two problems which are surrounded by all sorts of difficulties, a solution which must be decisive and in any event is serious and pressing.

### The Balkan Obstacle

"The Balkans, including Bulgaria, have not yet committed themselves to a binding policy, and the sinking of a great passenger steamer, the Arabic, has led to new diplomatic pourparlers between Germany and America. It might seem as though the two problems had nothing to do with one another, as if there was no connection between America and the Balkans, but the political battlefields are not so sharply separated.

### Not Remote Question

"Those who, like us, desire a 'free road' to Constantinople, must see that in order to achieve this task rich in future possibilities, we must not split our strength and pile up avoidable difficulties. Those who with clear insight are fighting for a free road to Constantinople will not forget this most important goal in considering the American question which apparently is so remote from the Balkans.

### Look For Understanding

"Even without this consideration the responsible leaders of the German foreign policy harbor a very natural wish to work toward improving German-American relations and as far as possible preventing a serious conflict, which no sensible person, either here or in American desire. It is safe to assume that Ambassador von Bernstorff has been instructed to work on behalf of such an understanding, and that the means of achieving it have been given to him.

## FRANCE PROHIBITS EXPORT OF WINES

This Year's Vintage Prospects Are Poor

London, Aug. 31.—The Daily Mail says that the exportation of all wines from France is prohibited until further notice. Since last Wednesday no wines have been shipped. It is understood that the French government wishes to keep all the practically national beverages, for the use of the troops.

This year's vintage prospects in Bordeaux are exceptionally poor. Usually large quantities are exported to South America and other countries, and faced with the probability of a shortage, the government has ordered that none shall be sent out of the country.

## His Best Girl

"So your best girl is dead," sneeringly said a New York magistrate to a young man who was arrested for attempting suicide. "Who was she?" without raising his eyes, the unfortunate victim burst into tears and replied, "She was my mother." The smile vanished from the magistrate's face and with tears in his eyes, he said, "Young man, go and try to be a good man for your mother's sake." How little we realize what tragedy may be going on in the hearts of those whom we sneeringly condemn.

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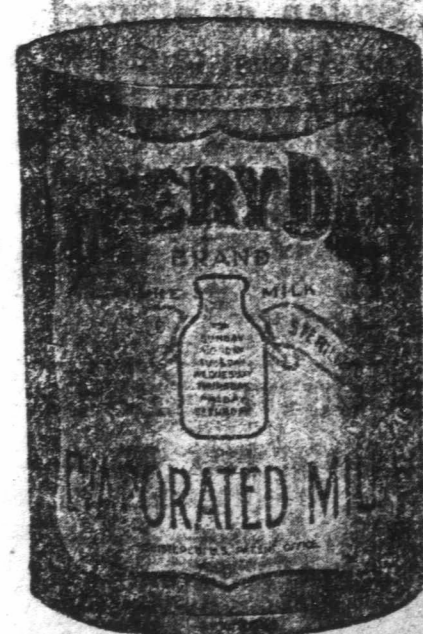
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# Censorship And The Hohenzollern

The Clarion (London)

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pressive violence and ruthlessness are the foundations on which the throne of the Hohenzollern has been erected and maintained.

All Through the Kaiser

Newcastle Chronicle. Two soldiers were chatting together in the Central Station refreshment room, and one said to the other: "That and villain of a Kaiser has torn everything topsy-turvy since the war started." "Hoo's that?" said his companion. "Because in sad times they need to hang thieves on crosses, but now it's crosses they're hanging on thieves."

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