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# CARDINAL MERCIER

#### HAS DOUBTS AS TO GERMAN TRANSFORMATION

C. P. A. Servi

London, April 17.—Cardinal Mer-cier, who has retired from the public eye ever since the armistice-thanks his own modesty and the desire of a certain Free-Masonic element to ignore him !--- has just given an interview to a Catholic journal of the Allies. The Great Figure of the War, the Archbishop of Malines, who is the only great man of his country during the War who has not been honored with the title of Minister of State for his eminent services during the occupation, is missed by those who know what Belgium owes to him; and his traducers endeavor in vain to raise a wind of ill feeling against him by declaring he worked not for his country but for the Church only

The Cardinal fold the Catholic journalist that he was skeptical on the transformation of the Germ mentality. "Defeat," he said, "w will help to change it, but a certain force is necessary before they cease to be the men they have shown themselves. in Belgium. They must pass through a period of re-education, which will refashion them, or they will never be a free people. By a free people," he said, "I mean one, which is capable of understanding the nobleness of moral values.'

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

The Cardinal then described one of his own experiences of the occupation, apropos of that remark of moral values

It was at the time, when the German governor was convinced that I meditated leaving my house to take the lead in the popular re-volt," said His Eminence. "I con-sented to promise that I would abstain from going out for any cause whatsoever. The following day an officer brought me a letter from the The officer was accompanied by an automobile full of soldiers, which entered the courtyard of the archiepiscopal palace. A moment after, having need to pass into the opposite wing of my palace to get a document, I descended and Little enough of either will the conscientious have. But there is many a mother who should ask herself was about to cross the courtyard. Suddenly the officer, who accompanied me, turned his revolver upon ne, while the soldiers in the court yard levelled their firearms at me, evidently convinced that I was about to try to escape. I took no notice of the soldiers but I could not help saying to the officer : I pity you that you have done this. You will never understand that the word of a man of honor is a surer guarantee than the bullets of your revolvers."

### ENDURING SOUVENIR

The Cardinal added that that glimpse into the mentality of the Germans had left an enduring souvenir upon his mind. The Cardinal has been invited by

ported in the Arkansas Gazette that the Vatican would not take part in the proposed Pan Christian Congress. the Minister for Economic Affairs to assist in April at the solemn session, Nor have we any doubt about the authenticity of the report. organized at the Palais d'Egremont for the benefit of the works for child To the outsider this stand may seem narrow. And it would be nard, a ceremony at which the King row if religion were a matter of pri-

and Queen will also assist. On Tuesday of this week the Arch. bishop of Malines went to Zeebruge, where he was the guest of Admiral Keyes on the flagship Termagant, the admiral himself explaining to the Cardinal the phases of the famous attack by British sailors. sailors. His Eminence afterwards visited the battlefields of the Yser.

# CHAPLAINS

AND RETURNING SOLDIERS The United States from the very beginning of our entrance into the beginning of our entrance into the War recognized the importance of chaplains as a part of the military organization. Every effort was made of religious belief, and every facility in must not see much be discovered

wishes of those who have died for their country than to have a chap-lain in attendance on the flag. For him the chaplain is the link between the soldier, whether deed on allow object of debate. No power on earth or under the earth will ever be able to seduce the Cabb-olic Church from what she considers the soldier, whether dead or alive, and God. The officer is responsible for the lives of his men; the chap-lain for their souls. The army wishes the soldiers to do their duty, and to die if need be, as men; the chaplains work to help them to fight, and should the extreme sacrifice be demanded, to lay down their lives as Christians. Since the Yankee Divi-sion, which fought and died with such herois generosity, was com-posed so largely of Catholics, and since the chaplains had so large a stitute of their own making. An attempt in this direction would con share in creating and sustaining their unshaken morale, it was wise private judgment.

and fitting that a chaplain, a priest, should have had an honored place in the guard of honor to their heroic which even the Catholic Church could join would be possible, viz., the negative union of dropping all bitter-ness and acrimonious contention. We all acknowledge that but for a living and dead.-America

THE MOTHER CHOOSES

another's encerity, which is not only possible but a duty of Christian char-Upon the death of Sir Mark Sykes, the most promising of British Catho-lic statesmen, his constituents volity. Thus we may all have a part in showing the way, more or less direct, unteered to send his widow to repre of salvation to struggling souls-souls that have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, the Saviour of all men. sent them in Parliament. It was, indeed, a significant tribute raid to her dead husband, but also, it offered her, the enviable opportunity of being the first woman to take a seat in the House of Commons. Lady Sykes, however, declined on the plea that bringing -S. in The Guardian. VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES that bringing up her children must that bringing up her children must consume all her energy. That reply proves her a worthy candidate for Parliament, but a far better mother. Of course, it has about it that which will make the feminists fume. But if there should be a wavering woman The Victorian Order, Toronto branch, have recently opened two new suburban districts and the nurses have been provided with auto-

mobiles, with which to make their calls, and it has been found that this if there should be a wavering woman somewhere, it may encourage her to know that one who had the opporhas been of considerable help to them in making more visits and covering, great distances. We are given to understand that Miss Hall, 281 Shertunity to speak either in Parliament or in the home, preferred the home. There are women who could not be frusted with such a choice. What bourne St., is anxious to add several nursing assistants to her staff. trusted with such a choice. what would mothers choose in such a case, who now prefer bridge parties and matinees, though there is none to whom the children can be en-trusted in the meantime? There is providentian to deny the right of

IRISH BISHOPS SCORE MARTIAL LAW IN LAND no intention to deny the right of

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO father and mother to recreation. BE GOADING IRISH INTO OPEN VIOLENCE The Catholic Bishops of Ireland

what her choice would have been in Lady Sykes' place. There is only one possible judgment when unachave just issued a statement con-demning the institution of martial law in Ireland by the British Govern-ment. Bishop Hallinan, of Limerick, companied children are seen at night published protest, appeared in the British and Irish press, says : The Government seems bent on

provoking the Irish people into overt acts. Ireland, the most peaceable acts. treasno, the most peaceable country in the world, is today the only example before the eyes of the Peace Council of a nation of law-abiding and God-fearing people, be ing dragooned and 'Prussianized' by

county in Ireland." The executive of Sinn Fein at meeting at Dublin, issued an appeal to the people not to let any acts of the Government incite them into misguided action, to cling to the policy of passive resistance and in their daily lives to carry out the idea that English government has no place in Ireland and that the men own all the light Government of the Irish Republic human reason, and where whose claim for recognition is now the is question of solving before the nations is the light Government of the Irish Republic

because of any labor trouble. Mrs. Lillian Scott Troy, of San Francisco, hold a philosophy that has been the bounded of any of San Francisco, growth of ages from Aristotle to the Lillian Scott Troy, of San Francisco, breach generation of the American woman who was descholars contributing its share to ported to America without any charges being made against her, is scholars contributing its share to-wards fathoming the riddles charges being made against her, is of the universe, more reliable understood to have brought down than the philosophic systems spun But the Christian religion is prim-

CARDINAL OPPOSES PUTTING

OF SACRED HEART UPON FLAG

Brussels, April 2, 1919.-Cardinal

#### HOME BANK OF GANADA to be her duty of witnessing to God's revelation. Nor do we believe that a congress Letters of Credit and Drafts issued to over 1500 principal points in the King-dom and the world-wide British Empire, of the other Christian denominations would result in a real union among them. For such a union would sup-pose a central authority, a kind of pope of Protestantism. And having rejected the historical papacy, they and countries of Europe and Asia not still under the War ban. The service is most complete and of unexcelled efficiency. are not likely to succeed with a sub Full compound interest paid at highest bank rate on Savings Deposits of One Dollar and upwards Any Branches and Connections Throughout Canada to shipwreck at their principle of London 394 RICHMOND STREET Six Branches Still one step towards a union in DELAWARE, ILDERTON, KOMOKA, LAWRENCE STATION, MELBOURNE, THORNDALE

miracle of divine grace it is not pos-siblesfor all of us to believe alike. Let us then, at least believe in one year by a solemn Benediction on the 8th of December. An interd'ocesan commission, with headquarters at Louvain, has been charged with the mission of collecting been and publishing the documents rel-ative to the history of the Church in Belgium during the occupation. The Cardinal, in conclusion, ad-jures the faithful not to permit

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jures the faithful not to permit themselves to be depressed by the disorder, deception and discomfort which are inevitable on the morrow of a great catachaem of a great cataclasm.

# OBITUARY

## MRS. BENJAMIN BLONDE

The news of the death of Mrs. Benjamin Blonde, Chatham, Ont., Benjamin Bionde, Unatham, Ont., will come as a great shock to the friends of her family. After a pro-longed illness hastened by an attack of the dread influenza she passed away on April 25th, at St. Jozeph's Hospital, Chatham.

The late Mrs. Blonde was born in Raleigh township, fifty years ago and was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John O'Rourke. Her life was a beautiful example

of Catholic motherhood and Chris-tian charity. The memory of her cheerful, kindly disposition will be an inspiration for many years to a wide circle of friends.

An untimely death robbed her of the supreme consolation of witness-ing the conferring of the dignity of the priestbood upon a son at the coming ordination in June

A large family remains to cherish her memory. Its members are, Mrs. T. C. Sallivan, Miss Anna, Rev. Gregory Blonde, deacon at St. Peter's Seminary, Clara, Irane, Angela, Antoinette, Benjamin, Elizabeth and James Richmond Blonde at home. May her soul rest in peace.

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O'BRIEN .--- At her residence, 115

Augusta St., Ottawa, on Tuesday, April 29. Mise Hannah O'Brien. May her soul rest in peace. McDonald.-Suddenly, on Tuesday, April 29, 1919, at his late residence, 252 Laurier Ave East, Ottawa, John McDonald of the Exchequer

Court. May his soul rest in peace.

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an alien power. As far as Limerick is concerned, it is the most peaceful

of human reason, and where there is question of solving problems that lie within the scope of reason the more adequately the rea-son of mankind is represented in their solution the more promise is there of success. This is why we hold a philosophy that has been the

of religious belief, and every facility accorded the ministers of religions to exercise their important functions. In the camps at home and abroad, and in the fighting lines, chaplaine were treated with a broad spirit and with large courtes. So, too, on the return of the soldiers the same generous recognition, with character. I want to listen. The truths of relig-ion must not so much be discovered as accepted. This would be simple enough, you say, if the voice of God spoke unmistakely to each individual. And, no doubt, God could have chosen this way to make known His revela-toon to mankind. As a matter of fact, however, He return of the soldiers the same generous recognition, with character-istic American fairness, has been extended to those whose insignia of office is the Cross. An instance of this, selected out of many, will serve as an illustration. The the soldiers the same state of the soldiers the same soldiers the same the total through Moses and the prophets and last of all through His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. And the latter committed the teaching office to His Church. Having prom-

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Mercier's Lenten Pastoral is a call to gratitude to the Sacred Heart which, he says, has so visibly protected Belgium. His Eminence says several have suggested demonstrating this gratitude by placing the emblem of the Sacred Heart on the



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