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## BRITISH CHECK ENEMY IN OPENING THRUST OF OFFENSIVE Most Decisive Battle of War Raging in West

Pontiff Delivers an Easter Message to the American Continent

THE SAVIOUR'S APPEAL

Rome, March 21-A plea for By Courier Leased Wire lasting peace is made by Pope Benedict in an Easter message to the American continent which he sends through the As-

sociated Press. The holy father's message says: "The first message of the risen Saviour to his disciples after sufering torture of passion week, was 'peace be unto you.' Never has the world for which he sacrificed himself, needed so poignantly that message of peace as to-day.

"On this solemn occasion no better wish can be made to the country se dear to our hearts than that the Divine Redsemer may grant a realization of the desire of all, that is, a healing of the existing hatred and the based on the foundations of justice, fear of God- and love of humanity, giving to the world a new organization of peoples and nations united under the acgls ne religion in a n nobler, purer and kinder

civilization "It is thus we desire to fulfill our Master's last injunction to his aportles 'Go Ye into all the World and preach the Gospel to every creature."

PRIESTS SUFFER.

London, March 22-The execution in Belgium of two Roman Catholic priests on the charge of espionage, is report-ed in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. Eight other priests, the dis-patch says, have been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life at Brussels on the

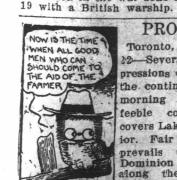
charge of espionage.
ITALIAN FRONT. Rome, March 22.-Fighting is becoming more active along

The Italians drove back patrols at several points on the front and ejected an Austrian detachment, which had forced its way into an advanced post in the Frenzela valley sector. Along the Piave the artillery fighting became more intense.

BIRTH RATE LOW

in statistics read to the Hungarian Chamber of Deputies recently and Britain. made public here to-day in an official dispatch. In the year preceding the war, 765,000 children were born; in 1917 the number was 328,-000. The peace time infant mortality rate was 34 per cent. In 1916 it had increased to 50 per cent. THREE BODIES RECOVERED

ted States Destroyer Manley have been brought here to be embalmed ship question. for removal to America. Announcement was made in Washington yesterday that an officer and three men on the Manley had been killed and eleven others injured by the explosion of a depth charge on the destroyer, caused by collision in the war zone on March



Toronto, March 22-Several depressions exists on the continent this morning while a

PROBS.

Northerly winds, fresh during the signing a contract he would like to day; fine and a little cooler to-day confer with the officials of the To-

## MAURA HAS FORMED

Former Premier Dato, Foreign Minister; Romanones Minister of Justice.

Madrid, March 22—Antonio Maura, the former premier, has succeeded in forming a cabinet to succeed that of Marquis de Alhucenas. Senator Maura will be premier, former Premier Dato will be minister of foreign affairs, Count Romanones minister of justice and Geneal Marina minister of war. The Marquis de Alhucenas will take the interior portfolio. Count Romanones also is a former pre-

Liner Held Up Cadiz, Spain, March 21—The Spanish Transatlantic liner Mon-tevideo, which sailed for New York Monday was held up by a German submarine Tuesday and forced to return here. After firing a warning shot the sub-marine came alongside the liner and made the captain promise not to use the wireless. The cap-tain was then taken aboard the submarine, where he was de-tained while German sailors searched the Montevideo.

Further Concessions to the Allies Will be Ground For War

RELATIONS CHANGED **Dutch Ministry Has Receiv**ed No Answer Yet From The Entente

Germany, according to unofficial reports from The Hague, considers that the attitude of Holland towards the Anglo-Amercian shipping has changed the relations betwen the German and Dutch Governments. The same report says that Germany would take it as a cause of war if Holland should abandon her remain-By Courier Leased Wire Washington, March 22. — The ing demands regarding the birth rate in Hungary has been cut use of seized Dutch ships by more than half by the war, as shown the United States and Great

No Reply Yet The Hague, Thursday, March 21.—One p.m.—No reply has been received up to this hour by the ministry of nirish Port, March 22.— The foreign affairs from the Al-A nIrish Port, March 22.— The bodies of three men from the Uni- lied Powers regarding the

> BREAK WITH U. S.? 'Amsterdam, March 22.—A despatch from The Hague to The Handelsblad says one of the most prominent members of Parliament intends to ask the Government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch Minister at Washington and hand passports to the American Minister at The Hague.

LAJOH PURCHASED New York. March 22.—Napolean Lajoie, veteran infielder, who manmorning while a aged the pennant-winning Toronto team in the International League covers Lake Super- last year, has been purchased from ior. Fair weather Toronto by the Brooklyn National prevails over the League club, it was announced here Dominion except to-day. Charles H. Ebbets, presid-along the British ent of the Brooklyns, said he had Columbia coast, where rain is falling heavily. falked over the telephone with Lajoie at Cleveland and that player said he had no objection to playing with the Brooklyns, but that before

## SPANISH CABINET ARMED HOSTS OF DEMOCRACY AT GRIP WITH MILITARISM

British Hold Foe Along the Entire Battle Line; Fighting From Oise to Sensee Develops no Advantage for Attacking Teutons---French Also on Defensive

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, March 22.—The great battle on the western front continued until late last night, the war office reports. The British are holding the enemy. The statement follows:

"Fighting continued until a late hour last night on the whole front between the River Ois and the River Sensee. Our troops continue to hold the enemy in their battle positions."

"During the enemy's attacks his massed infantry offered remarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All the reports testify to the exceedingly heavy losses suffered by the enemy.

"No serious attack has yet developed this morning, but the heavy fighting is still to be expected." French Also on Defensive.

Paris, March 22.-Local attacks were made by the dermans at various points during the night, but they achieved no success, the war office announces. The state-1 本でかり 日本の 大型 地の 国際

"French troops repulsed strong German raids south of Juvincourt, in the sector of Godat, north of Courcy and General Returning Officer north of the Aisne. In the two last named regions German detachments were driven from advanced French positions after lively fighting. The enemy suffered considerable losses.

"The Champagne west of Mount Carnillet a German attack also was repulsed. There were rather heavy artillery engagements in the region of the heights at some ats on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woevre. "It has been established that on March 5, Sub-Lieut."

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"General Returning Officer, to attend in person for the recount here, and to submit all ballot boxes containing points on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woevre.

and at seven o'clock, some of the German units left their trenches and attacked the Brit-

ish with heavy and light ma-chine guns. Between nine and

ten the engagement became general on a front of some 25

attack was aimed at Croisilles.

Bullecourt and Lagnicourt and

there was hard fighting in a brick field near the first of these villages. Along the Bap-aume-Cambrui road the enemy

alme-Cambrel road the enemy also attacked and then towards Gouzeaucourt, while his left wing was pushed in the direct-ion of Roussoy and Hargicourt, The British front in the area of

attack forms a rather sharp salient. If the enemy could pinch off this salient and run his line straight in a north-westerly slant instead of hav-

ing it run at an angle first

north and then west, he would be able to hold it with fewer troops. Also in pinching it off he would hope to surround and capture a good number of Britsch troops.

capture a good number of British troops. These it seems plain are his aims in the first stage of the offensive. The enemy is trying to repeat on a larger scale the operation by which he won back some of the ground we gained in the battle of Cambrai. Then, he pushed in on an angle of our front both from the north and the east. His two bodies of troops did their best to join hands but could not make it, though they had at first considerable success, Much the same design is

cess. Much the same design is being followed now. We have good reason to hope that it will be checkmated as was the

FOE CLAIMS

"The right of the German

Harbelin, brought down his tenth German airplane." WITH U. S. FORCES. With the American army, March 21—(By the Associated Press)—Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed completely by American artillery fire. After the raid into the German positions last night, the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and

on the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans de-serted last night and surrendered to a patrol in a certain wood, The Germans approached the pairol, shouting "Don't shoot." The prisoners were turned over to the French.

DETAILS SCARCE London, March 22.-It is not yet possible to give more than a very general and vague idea of the fighting Thursday on the front between the Oise and the Sensee, which continues with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of cor-respondents at the British front in the morning newspapers. The German attack made on the British front, west and southwest of Cambral evidently aims at recapturing all the Hindenburg line, says a despatch to The Morning Post from British headquarters in France, which adds:

"The German army attacking south of the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambral and Bapaume-Cambrai roads, while the German army south of Cambrai is striking against our trench systems in the region west of the Scheldt canal. No doubt the enemy hopes that the at-tacking forces of these two armies may succeed in forming a junction and thus cutting off a considerable slice of the British front and taking back all the Hindenburg trenches lost exactly four months ago."

Struggles for villages and ruined farm houses continued ruined farm houses continued throughout Thursday, according to The Daily Mail correspondent. "The enemy bom-bardment," he says, "began at five o'clock in the morning,

is Wanted to Attend Recount Here.

The situation arising out of the re-

DECISIVE BATTLE

are now entered on a decisive

The Tagclische Rundschau of

Berlin, according to an Ex-change Telegraph despatch

from Copenhagen, in announcing that the commencement of

West is received with great

felicitation by the German

people, who will follow it with

feverish interest. The news-

"A single combat between

England and Germany, which

is to decide the war, our fu-

ture position in the world and

whether the Anglo-Saxons shall continue to press their

will on the world, opened to-

German offensive in the

battle for general peace," says

London, March 22,- "We

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cent federal election in Brant riding received another airing before His Honor Judge Hardy this morning, when, on behalf of Col. Harry Cockallots for Brant riding, Mr. Brewster submitted that Mr. O'Connor had exceeded his authority in allo-cating ballots cast for Brant to other cating ballots cast for Brant to other ridings. In proof of the fact that all the ballots cast at Fort Worth had not been forwarded here for a recount, Mr. Brewster pointed out that the name of Lt. Arthur Hardy, the Judge's son, did not appear in the list of those which had been forwarded, when he had been at Fort Worth at the time of the election.

On behalf of John Harold, M. W. McEwen submitted that the Judge. McEwen submitted that the Judge had power only to recount the ballots sent from Ottawa.

Mr. Brewster asked that Mr. O'-Connor be required to attend He had already been asked to do so, and had written, declining to come to Brantford, whereas Mr. Brewter considered that under the War-time Election Act he was obliged to come when summoned in such a case. Mr. Brewster stated that it was undeniable that all the ballots cast for the Brant riding election sent here were not the original boxes, but those interesting the ballots of the sent the s to which ballots were placed at Ottawa, and Mr. Brewster demanded both the original boxes and the original polling books used at Fort

Mr. McEwen submitted that only the ballots accepted by the general returning officer were all required to be forwarded for the recount.

Berlin, March 22,—(Via London)—The British first line has been captured by. German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras as far as La Fere, the war office announces.

The heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders. Reconnoitering detachments are said to have penetrated the opposing lines at many points, Ostend was bombarded from the sea.

Death Struggle Continues on a Front of Over Fifty Miles

HUNS HELD IN CHECK

Both Sides Prepared For Shock of Prolonged Sanguinary Combat.

WESTERN SITUATION

British have met and withstood the most stupendous attack Germany has hurled against the western front in three and one-half years of warfare. On a front of more than fifty miles the armed hosts of democracy are at grips with the forces of Prussianism and what may be the decisive struggle in the great war is raging in Northern France.

In their first onslaught, the memy after a gigantic bom-pardment from great masses of mus, passed the British out-losts at some points and at-ained the battle line, but no-where did the Germans gain

British front and Field Marshal Haig reports the German losses as exceptionally heavy. Desperate fighting continues all along the line from Sensee to Boise and especially on the Cambrai sector. Enemy efforts before Cambrai were aimed principally to the north and south of the salient left after the fighting ceased there last November with the evident purpose of cutting off the salient and driving through the open-ing toward the old battlefield of

ARE PREPARED. Germany's latest offensive finds both sides prepared for the shock of prolonged and/san-guinary combat. For months the Germans have been training troops and moving up guns and supplies behind their lines between Arras and St. Quentin. The British also hace been active and were prepared for any blow the enemy might deliver and had anticipated that the offensive movement would come where it did

MUST HOLD. Behind the British lines is the devastated area over which the Germans retreated last March. Field Marshal von Hindenburg declared at the time that the devastation was carried out, not only to hamper the Allied armies, but to pro-vide a battlefield for the future. The German attack may be only a feint, but a large breach in the British lines might involve the safety of Paris and Amiens and the French channel ports from the mouth of the Seine to Belgium.

German artillery fire also has German artillery fire also has been intense on a lengthy front north of the La Bassee Canal and in the Ypres sector in Flanders. On the French front the Germans have carried out minor attacks northeast of Verdun and in Lorraine. French troops repulsed both attempts with loss.

# DANGER OF

Russia Threatens Moral Contagion, Says Prince Max of Baden.

CALLS FOR DEFENCE German World Order Mus Undertake Protective

Measures

New York, March 22. Germany is threatened from Russia by a "moral infection" says Prince Maximilian of Baden, in an interview with the Wolff Bureau of Ber lin. "German world order" must undertake defensive measures against "Russian world disorder" ac cording to the Prince, who is helf to the throne of Baden and presid-ent of the Baden upper chamber. In his interview he outlines, three neasures of defense against th Russian menace as follows, according to The Berlin Tageblutt of Feb ruary 16, a copy of which has been

eccived here "First — Trotzky proclaims world destiny, which he desires hring about. Against ideas one must fight with ideas. Certainly we are

"But the 'dea of self-preservation," a if unsupported, leaves large resour ces of human strength untouch We must set against the world di-s order of Trotaky which destroys freedom, a world order which pro-tects freedom. Germany may conidently avow that it comprises in its national will the happiness and rights of other peoples. All great nations must strive for a world conaition in which their name will be attered with fear and hope, whereever a wrong is done. In this respect Germany must not renounce the position of being a morale world factor. That would mean to strive for a renunciatory peace.

it is necessary to make our German organism as sound and as capabl of resistance as possible. A great mass of the German working people is fighting with a strong and sound instinct against the attempt to weaken Germany's power of resist-ance. Therefore, I regret the agitaion aiming to characterize as unpatriotic a broad strata of the population and to isolate the members. Regarding the aims of the war there must be lively contentions in every country. No able-bodied person must stand aside in the task to maintain a common national feeleding, otherwise we endanger our im<sup>2</sup> nunity against the eastern contag-

"The third and most effective measure naturally would be peace. The key to the situation is in the ands of the Anglo-Saxon races. It is difficult to see clearly. The reports from America are of a contradictory character. I do not wish to anticipate the reply the chancellor will make to President Wilson, but I desire to point out that the president in his latest speech, does not speak as a world judge. The United States has no desire to interfere in the affairm on the set. terfere in the affairs as to act as arbitrator in European controversies. America will readily acquiescs if it is clear that the conditions proposed by it are not the best and most durable."

the sands accepted by the general returning officer were all required to be forwarded for the recount, while Mr. Brewster submitted that every ballot cast should be sent. Discussion took place as to the allocation of the votes of soldiers enfranch by the War-time Election Act, who could thus vote in any riding they chose. Mr. Harold and Mr. McEwen submitted that soldiers outside Brant riding must establish clearly the fact that they had no home riding, in order to have their votes qualify when cast for Brant.

Mr. McEwen claimed that all the ballots rightly applied to Brant riding, according to Mr. O'Connor, had been forwarded for the recount. If Mr. O'Connor were subpoenaed to attend, and still refused to do so, he would render himself liable to arrest, and expressed a desire to avoid such a state of affairs. He reserved his decision.

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