

### CARDINAL BOURNE DISPLEASES IRISH

#### Pastoral Condemning Outrages Will Not Influence Catholics, Asserts Art O'Brien

### SINN FEIN IS DISGUSTED

By the Associated Press  
London, Feb. 17.—(Special indignation was caused among Irish Catholics in England by the pastoral letter written by Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, which was read in English churches under his jurisdiction last Sunday, said a statement issued here today by Art O'Brien, secretary of the Self-Determination League.

Cardinal Bourne's letter warned people of his archdiocese not to allow themselves to become implicated "by active sympathy or even actual co-operation in societies and organizations which are in opposition to the laws of God and the Catholic Church." In the course of the letter, the cardinal referred to the "horror and outrage" in Ireland.

"His eminence," the statement declared, "has expressed the only impression left on the Irish laity, as well as the Irish clergy in his archdiocese, by such letters is one of disgust at his narrow and unchristian attitude."

Mr. O'Brien referred to Cardinal Bourne's attitude toward Sir Roger Casement, who was executed for high treason during the war, and stated that he is "not only unchristian but anti-Christian." He said the cardinal had continuously refused to allow his name to be used in recognition of British barbarities in Ireland.

"Cardinal Bourne may have," the statement continued, "that his partisan political lecture will help the activities of his government in the Vatican, which during the last year have been very vigorous, and which, it was hoped recently, would produce fruit in papal condemnation of the republican movement in Ireland. If his eminence has any hopes in this direction it would be well for him and leading English Catholics who are sharing his hopes, to understand that not even the most devoted Catholics in Ireland or among the Irish throughout the world will accept political guidance or direction from Rome."

Boston, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Secretary of the Navy, Isaac C. Hays, today to Matthew Cummings, president of the Greater Boston Council, Friends of Irish Freedom, when Mr. Cummings made public today, expressed his knowledge of Admiral Sims' recent reference to Sinn Fein activities in the world war.

"I think the attempt of the admiral to reflect upon the Irish people upon him, doing them no harm, but doing him injury. It is always unjust to charge a race of people with the mistakes of a few, and the admiral's letter which was dated February 12 and received yesterday was written in reply to an invitation from Mr. Cummings to Secretary Hays to address the Greater Boston Council at the St. Patrick's Day banquet on Irish participation in the war, with special reference to Admiral Sims' remarks."

### PAID FOR FAKE BRIGADE

Mexican Commander Pocketed Cash for a Thousand Soldiers  
Mexico City, Feb. 17.—A phantom brigade of 10,000 men, whose commander for three years has pocketed all the money advanced by the government for its pay and upkeep, has been discovered by the War Department in its investigations into a military ring which is said to have swindled the government of millions of pesos.

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### BONAR LAW REFUSES PLEA

#### Will Not Submit Mesopotamia Mandate to Commons to Discuss

London, Feb. 17.—Anti-government members of Parliament, who have been insistently proclaiming the right of the House of Commons to pass judgment on the Mesopotamia mandate before it was submitted to the League of Nations, received a shock yesterday when Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, declined to lay the mandate on the table and give the Commons a chance to approve it before it was turned over to the league.

Mr. Bonar Law explained that the peace treaty provided that mandates were first to be submitted to the league, and the government intended to carry out the provisions of the treaty. Answering a question as to whether the government was going to commit the Commons to great expenditure without an opportunity of discussing it, Mr. Bonar Law said that the Commons already was committed to possible expenditure by Great Britain's accepting the mandate.

### DEFENSE COUNCIL CRIPPLED

#### Ends Research Work as Congress Voted Against Appropriations

Washington, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Immediate abandonment of research work of the Council of National Defense was announced today following action of Congress in voting against appropriations for the council's support during the next fiscal year.

"Because of this action," said a statement issued by Emmons K. Ellsworth, acting director of the council, "it is considered that the interests of the government will be best served by discontinuing at once the research work of the council."

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### BATTLESHIPS WON WAR, SAYS TIRPITZ

#### German Admiral Reaffirms Faith in Above-water Craft—Are Necessary for Success

### SUBMARINE WAS OVERRATED

By the Associated Press  
Saint Blasien, Baden, Feb. 17.—Battleships won the world war and will win future wars, in the opinion of Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, at one time minister of the German fleet and minister of the navy during the critical period of the historic struggle. He reaffirmed his faith in above-water craft during an interview here yesterday and declared that, strangely enough, owing to the peculiarities of the war, the submarine had been given greater importance than was warranted by the facts.

England, Japan and the United States recognized the fact, he said, that in the world struggle for supremacy outside of Europe, land forces would be secondary. He asserted such a struggle must necessarily be one of sea supremacy, but added that the sort of maritime forces to be constructed, in the light of the experiences of the latest war, was a great open question.

"There was no decisive action between opposing fleets during the world war," he said, "because, in misreading the political situation and poorly assessing the inherent power of the German fleet, the Berlin government did not risk it during the decisive first years of the conflict. When the favorable time for naval action was past, England had to suffer directly only from German submarines; against them she had no preparation."

"In reality the war, so far as the sea was concerned, was won by the English high sea fleet, and the verdict could have been reversed only through battleships."

Admiral von Tirpitz said he had little patience with the controversy now raging in England over the submarine and the surface warship, and declared it was largely due to a lack of information among many disputants, a conflict of personal interests, and a "desire on the part of the English cabinet to keep the world ignorant of the real official views."

"While submarine engines had become somewhat stronger, and the boats somewhat more enduring," said the admiral, "the Germans, in the main, contented on their submarine campaign for years with virtually the same craft they perfected in 1913. Further development of the submarine will be much hampered until an efficient and uniform motor can be developed for traveling above and below the surface. After this is solved there will be a question whether a vessel fitted for underwater traveling can, in the long run, compete in general performance with a surface vessel. I believe the ship constructor will think the surface warship will always show a better general performance."

### LE CONDIZIONI DI CARUSO DISPERATE

#### Il Figlio Enrico Jr. e' Giunto al Capozzale dell'Inferno

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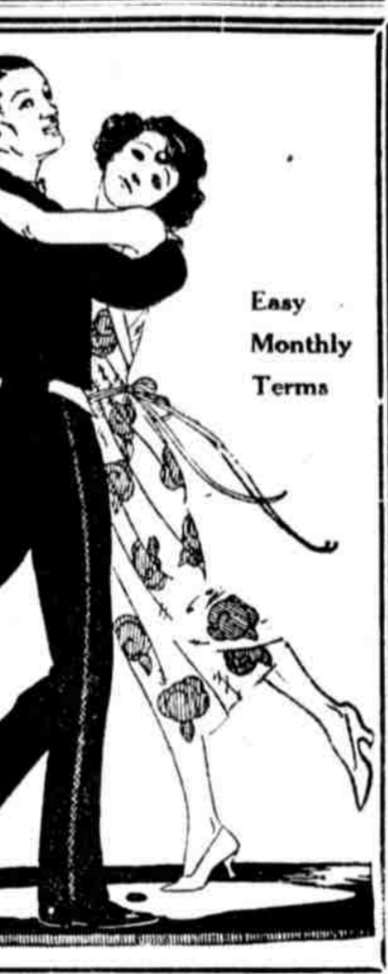
New York, 17 febbraio.—Le condizioni di Enrico Caruso continuano ad essere non soddisfacenti e critiche, secondo un bollettino emesso dal Dott. Francis J. Murray, uno dei medici curanti, poco dopo le ore 9:30 di stamane. Il bollettino dice: "Le condizioni di Caruso non sono soddisfacenti questa mattina, come lo erano ieri mattina. Io non posso esprimere alcuna opinione in una via o nell'altra. Le condizioni sono molto critiche."

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Enrico Caruso, Jr., il figlio sedicenne dell'illustre inferno, e' giunto all'Hotel poco prima delle ore 10, proveniente dall'Accademia Militare Culver, nello Stato di Indiana, in seguito al telegramma che gli fu spedito per informarlo delle gravi condizioni del padre. Il giovanotto era accompagnato da Bruno Zirato, il segretario particolare del grande tenore, e passo piangente tra la folla che staziona fuori dell'hotel. Fu immediatamente introdotto nella stanza del padre.  
Il figlio di Caruso entrando nella stanza del padre cerco' di frenare la sua commozione e forzandosi di sorridere abbraccio' il padre che lo riconobbe e gli stese la mano. Il giovane rimase pochi momenti al capezzale dell'inferno, poiche' la sua prolungata presenza era causa di eccitamento per il padre che cercava di parlargli.

Roma, 16 febbraio.—In automobile, nel quale si trovavano il Ministro della Guerra, On. Bonomi, il Generale Di Giorgio ed il Deputato Teso, ritornando da una visita all'Accademia Militare, si capovolve per una falsa manovra. Il Generale Di Giorgio rimase gravemente ferito, il Deputato Teso riportò escoriazioni e contusioni, ed il Ministro Bonomi rimase incolore.

Roma, 16 febbraio.—Il Governo e' riuscito ancora una volta vittorioso alla Camera, durante la discussione del progetto di legge per l'aumento del prezzo del pane.  
I deputati socialisti Umberto Grilli e Casolini svolsero un loro ordine del giorno con il quale si proponeva l'istituzione di due qualità di pane, una di lusso, a prezzo esorbitante, che avrebbe dovuto rimborsare in parte al deficit governativo per il mantenimento del prezzo politico del prodotto, l'altra da destinarsi ai poveri, senza aumento di prezzo. L'On. Giolitti dichiarò di non accettare il detto ordine del giorno e ne spiego i motivi.  
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### GERMAN PROPOSALS ASKED

Great Britain and France Keen to Get Reparations Offer  
Paris, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Germany has been asked by Great Britain and France to communicate to them the counter proposals of the Berlin government before the opening of the London conference, which is fixed for March 1, says the Journal. The newspaper adds it "would not be surprising if the conference should become unnecessary because of the derisive character of the German offers." In this case, it is said, the Allies will notify Germany of their decisions and give the German cabinet a few days to make known whether it accepts or refuses to execute them.  
A Mayence dispatch to the Echo de Paris says the German proposals will be "intentionally derisive" to influence the plebiscite to be held in Silesia. Rumors that Charles Laurent, French ambassador to Germany, will leave the Berlin embassy after the London conference, are denied.

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