

Premier Out In Hungary

Timely Illness May Bog Aid Promised Reich.

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Bern, March 10.—Almost drowned in the maelstrom of world conflict are the events in Budapest where Premier Dr. Ladislaus de Bardossy fell ill and retired, with the result that the whole Cabinet is expected to resign today.

Hungarian politicians have earned a reputation for dying suddenly when Nazi demands conflict with their patriotic consciences. Last May Premier Count Paul Teleki committed suicide when Germany requested Hungarian participation in the attack on Yugoslavia shortly after the signature of the non-aggression pact with that country.

Only a month before, Foreign Minister Count Stephen Csaky died under less clear circumstances after participating in a hunting party with Regent Prince Paul of Yugoslavia.

CONVENIENT ILLNESS.

Today's disappearance of Premier Bardossy from the political scene is of somewhat a different nature, according to information available here. Bardossy's illness is genuine but coincides conveniently with strained relations with his former German friends as a sequel to Etienne de Horthy's appointment as successor to his father, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, as regent.

Creation of the Horthy dynasty thoroughly displeased the Germans who consider the staunch



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Ex-Premier de Bardossy. Predecessors Died Suddenly.

Nationalist admiral as the biggest stumbling block in the path of the National Socialist current in Hungary.

It is the common opinion of Balkan observers here that Bardossy's resignation will have a direct effect on Hungarian help to Germany for the spring offensive. Bardossy, who did not have the ticklish patriotic mind of his predecessors, promised the Germans a further twenty divisions for the Russian front. The chances are now that the promised Hungarian manpower will be delayed by eventually prolonging internal political difficulties following the Cabinet crisis.

EX-PREMIER EXCLUDED.

Hungary has practically no available outstanding politician to replace Bardossy at the last moment. Former Premier Count Stephen Bethlen before the war was so much in with the British that the possibility of his leadership must be excluded.

Another eligible politician is Dr. Tibor Eckhardt, head of the agrarians, who is now in America.

(A Berlin radiocast said a new Cabinet under Premier Nicolaus Vonkally has been formed, including all the old members except de Bardossy, whose post of Foreign Minister will be filled until his recovery by his permanent deputy, Jenö Vonghiczy.)

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Hungary's reluctance to send troops to Russian graves is shared today by every Balkan country, according to reliable information, even by Italy. Rumania gives definite signs of the same state of mind. Premier Marshal Ion Antonesco's agreement to muster twenty more divisions met the strong disapproval of the Rumanian population.

WOULD END SACRIFICE.

The old Transylvanian patriot, Juliu Maniu, is reported to have addressed to the Marshal a memorandum urging no more sacrifice of Rumanian youth.

Rome news sounds the same. The Germans have requested thirty divisions from their Italian ally. Mussolini at length agreed to send them on condition that only ten out of the thirty should be used as shock troops while the twenty remaining divisions be employed as occupational supplying forces in newly-conquered areas.

Even tiny Croatia, owing everything to the Axis, is not very keen on having more sons killed.

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