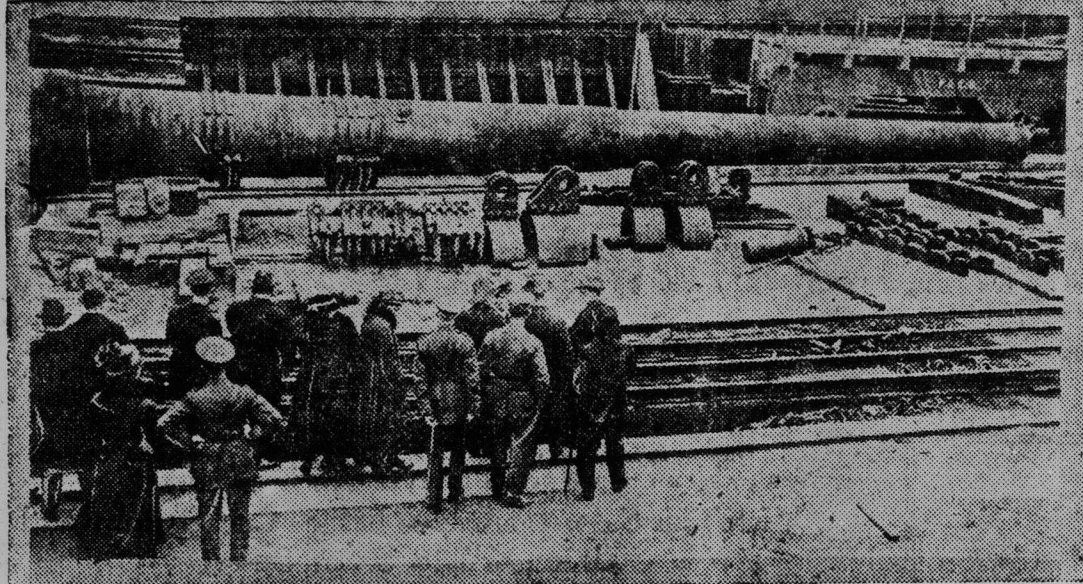


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THE "BRITISH LION," THE TITLE GIVEN TO NEW BIG GUNS FOR THE WEST FRONT



Munition plants in Great Britain are rushing through new heavy calibre guns to check further Hun drives. This gun is much greater in size than any yet used by the land forces of our Allies. Its calibre is fifteen inches, and it has been dubbed the "British Lion."

HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE

Reports of work undertaken and plans for the future were discussed at the meeting of the Housewives League which was held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Flewelling occupied the chair.

Mrs. Hooper read the latest regulations for eating houses and urged that picnics and entertainments should conform to the food regulations. She announced that she had engaged, at her own expense, rooms in the Y. W. C. A. for canning demonstrations in July and August. A committee was appointed to arrange for the demonstrations.

The vigilance committee reported that

they had found conditions satisfactory in the stores they had visited.

Mrs. Hooper explained charts which have been published to aid in giving talks before members of the various women's societies.

A \$10,000 FIRE IN BIG STEEL PLANT

Hamilton, Ont., June 19.—Fire did damage to the extent of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 this afternoon to the Rolling Mills plant of the Steel Company of Canada. While the fire was in progress two wires carrying \$2,000 volts dropped to the ground. Thirteen-year-old Michael Quetch picked one of them up, and his right hand was very badly burned.

NEEDED AS PART OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

The committee appointed to inquire into the question of vocational education in the province has published its report in the form of a very interesting pamphlet, dealing with the subject in a systematic and thorough way and showing clearly that there is a very real need for vocational education in the schools of the province. Vocational training, the report declares, is being the effective fitting of a child for profitable employment in the industries of the country. Taking up the question from a purely economical standpoint the report shows that vocational training pays and that from the social and industrial point of view we cannot afford to be without it. The report recommends some very sound methods of applying vocational training to the present scheme of education and touches on the important question of compulsory attendance. That vocational training and attendance of adolescent pupils are closely related, the report shows in the following quotation: "Our committee believes that the proper law in this connection would require all students to remain in school full time until sixteen and part time until eighteen years of age. As a step towards the realization of this ideal it is recommended that an act be passed requiring full time attendance until fourteen, half time attendance from fourteen to sixteen and evening school attendance two evenings per week from sixteen to eighteen; and that such an act be enforced throughout the province."

Several appendices are given in the report and they contain some rather startling statistics. The age grade table for the city of St. John, 1918, is worth consideration as the following extract from it will show: The total attendance in Grade I, was 1,272; in Grade VI, 790; in Grade II, 1,127; in Grade VII, 614; in Grade III, 1,144; in Grade VIII, 478; in Grade IV, 1,002; in Grade IX, 279; in Grade V, 971; in Grade X, 144; while Grade XII had only ten. It will be noticed that the falling off in the higher grades is startling.

Another of the appendices contains a recommendation from the New Brunswick Federation of Labor that vocational training should be provided for the following occupations: Electricians, masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, brush and broom makers, bookbinding and stenography, telegraphy and agriculture and home economics.

DECORATION FOR THIS—HALIFAX BOY SCOUT

Halifax, N. S., June 19.—Temple Lane, a fourteen-year-old boy scout, was today recommended for the Silver Cross of the organization for having saved the life of a nine-year-old lad, Gerald Lewin. Young Lewin, while in bathing in the North West Arm, got beyond his depth. Cries from his companions brought young Lane, who immediately dived in and after great exertions got the unconscious boy ashore. His scout's training in first aid enabled him in about half an hour to resuscitate the nearly drowned boy.

Major Funkhouser, Chicago's movie censor and deputy police superintendent, is suing the "Exhibitors' Trade Review," a "movie" journal, for \$100,000, alleging that the magazine assailed his patriotism.

WAR SUMMARY

The Teutonic allies apparently have lost their spirit of do-or-die. Their attacks everywhere lately have lacked the tenaciousness of days gone by.

Instead of ploughing through Allied lines with stubborn indifference to cause so long as an objective was gained, they now waver and then halt in the face of artillery and rifle fire barring their way, with the points they try to attain, still beyond their reach.

The opening of a gateway to Paris through the western front running from Montdidier to the Marne failed completely; the offensive on the Italian battle line launched by the Austrians seemingly has failed miserably in the mountain regions and apparently has almost been stopped along the Piave, while a stroke started by the Germans against Rheims broke down in its inception without the enemy taking a yard of territory.

And in these various attempted enterprises the high commands of the Germans and Austro-Hungarian armies have seen their men literally moved down until battlefields have been clogged with dead or wounded as recompense to the Allied troops for the small bits of terrain they yielded.

The Austrian offensive on the Italian theatre is still in progress along the Piave river, but in the mountain region after the sharp reaction the British and French troops, in counter-attacks having pushed back the invader from the points he had reached in his initial rush, the enemy evidently is fearful of again trying out the mettle of the defender.

On the Piave numerous attempts have been made by the Austrians to gain further bridgeheads on the western bank of the stream, but the Italians everywhere are holding them with their gun-fire and also doing sanguinary execution within the ranks of the enemy across the river with bombs and machine gun fire.

The Austrian war office asserts that the Austro-Hungarian troops have crossed the Fossalta Canal at some points where, Tuesday, it was claimed they had made advances and also that several Italian lines at the southern foot of the Montello Plateau, the key to the Venetian Plains, have been pierced. Rome, on the other hand, declares that all the weak attempts made in the Montello region were completely repulsed.

More than 9,000 men have been taken by the Italians since the offensive began, and many guns and several hundred machine guns have been captured. That intensive air-fighting has also taken place is shown by the fact that fifty enemy planes have been shot down. Only two of the Allied machines have failed to return to their base.

The attack of the Germans near Rheims resulted disastrously to them. Hardly had they left their trenches, after one of the most terrific bombardments of shells of all calibre, including gas projectiles, ever experienced on the western front, nearly 40,000 men were faced by the reinforced French armies, and literally cut to pieces and forced to fall back precipitately. Only at a point, to the east of Rheims, did the enemy succeed in penetrating the French line. Here they were ejected almost immediately.

TONIGHT'S BAND CONCERT

The following programme will be rendered this evening by the Temple Band in King square, under the leadership of William Jones: O Canada; march, New White House; Taylor; overture, Lustspiel; Keler-Bela; waltz, Inspiration; Miller; selection, Caladonian Bouquet; Hayes; serenade, In Twilight's Watching Hour; Phipps; march, Argandale; Thompson; scottische, Frog Frolic; Hilddreth; selection, Sounds from England; Langley; waltz, Nights of Gladness; Ancliff; one step, They Go Wild; Singly Wild Over Me; Fisher; God Save the King.

Monignor Roy Ill

Montreal, June 19.—Monignor Roy, vicar-general of the archdiocese of Montreal and chairman of the Central Catholic school committee, suffered a stroke of paralysis at the archbishop's palace here today and was taken to the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Though it was stated at the hospital that he was in no immediate danger, information from the palace was to the effect that he was very ill. The paralysis had affected the right arm, causing loss of use of the fingers.

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