

BRITISH OPINION

system of fire control on British war ships will be altered.

It is claimed that a strictly confidential nature, but it is claimed that the invention will have the effect of making the attacking gunnery and observation of the enemy's ships, and obtaining greater accuracy of sight, particularly in heavy seas.

The guardians of St. Alban's University propose to send a pauper boy aged 14, who is blind, up for a scholarship examination at the Royal College of Music.

The net profits of the Canadian Western Lumberhouse for last year were \$487,953.21, an increase of 32 per cent. over 1928.

The Government of the Great Britain, the fortresses at Karls and Baur, in Transcaucasia, of several Turkish officials, and the British Consul-General, the minister of marine has forbidden British vessels, without respect to nationality, from approaching or entering any port or anchorage of the Great Britain, if this order is disobeyed the vessel will be bombarded.

Experiments with regard to changes in fire control are also being undertaken at the Admiralty in London. Standard says: "The battleship Vanguard and cruiser Ariadne have proceeded to Torbay where some important experiments are being made in connection with fire control instruments. The tests will introduce quite a new feature in naval gunnery. Hitherto the fire control instruments, which are of a very delicate nature, have been placed on plate machinery, and are known as fire control stations. The instruments are worked by electric motors and by their agency every gun station on the ship is controlled and formed as to the result of firing, and, consequently, changes in elevation, deflection or direction can at once be made. The instruments have been considered invaluable, particularly in long distance firing, but complaints have been made that there is a danger in relying too much upon them. In the future the instruments and instruments on Russian warships were rendered useless, and the recent trials on the old hero, which had a complete set of fire control instruments on board, clearly demonstrated how easily the delicate apparatus could be put out of action."

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