

## FRENCH AT VERDUN GET GREAT PRAISE

High Tribute Paid to Valor of  
Troops and Judgment  
of Officers.

### AVIATORS DOING WELL

Keeping Enemy Craft Back  
and Using More Scientific  
Principles.

LONDON, April 22.—Col. Hopkinson, the Times military correspondent, who has just made a trip to the Verdun front, pays a very high tribute to the valor of the French troops and the military judgment of their commanders in the following despatch:

"We must render great homage to the stubborn defenders of Fort Hill, the Fort Homme, Vaux fort and the other French positions on the Verdun front for their magnificent fighting thru the great Verdun battle."

"The French aviators also deserve the highest praise. During my visit I saw many aviators brave the enemy's anti-aircraft guns with the greatest intrepidity, but I did not see a single German aviator cross our front. In a single day the French accounted for six German aeroplanes without themselves sustaining any loss."

"From my personal experience I am of the opinion that the French anti-aircraft guns are superior to those of the Germans, and it also appears to me that our allies employ this artillery upon more scientific principles."

"Gen. Petain realized the role which artillery was to play in this war after the second month of the conflict. He rapidly learned to appreciate the value of modern artillery. This is particularly true of the French artillery which is particularly destructive in the hands of the French aviators."

"Nevertheless, it is in the employment of heavy artillery that Gen. Petain excels. He has rendered the use of this heavy artillery extraordinarily effective and the heavy guns have become a battle instrument of marvelous efficiency. Gen. Joffre spoke to me with enthusiasm of the method whereby the French medium-



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### CONSTRUCT CABINET FOR PEKIN MINISTRY

Yuan Chi-Jui, Former Minister of War, Becomes Premier As Well.

PEKIN, April 22.—In accordance with the mandate issued yesterday by President Yuan Shi-Kai, in which he admitted his full control of the administration had caused dissatisfaction and authorized the secretary of state to organize a responsible cabinet, it was announced today that a new cabinet was being constructed.

Foreign Affairs—Lu Cheng-Hsiang, Chi-Jui, former minister of war, has accepted the premiership and the war portfolio. The following other members of the cabinet, which is being formed under the direction of Yuan Chi-Jui, have been virtually selected:

Foreign Affairs—Lu Cheng-Hsiang, the present incumbent.  
Finance—Chang Hu, now vice-minister of finance.

Interior—Wang Yih-Ting, former minister of trade and commerce.  
Marine—Admiral Liu Kuang-Hsun, the present incumbent.

Communications—Tsao Yulin, now vice-minister of foreign affairs.  
Chow Tzu-Chi, minister of agriculture, becomes director-general of the Bank of China.

President Yuan Shi-Kai has agreed to surrender all civil authority to the new cabinet. The Pekin Government hopes that the premiership of Yuan Chi-Jui, who is a staunch Republican, will reconcile the southern provinces and put an end to the uprising.

Joy! Joy! Joy! We shall soon be able to put our winter clothes in pawn and get hold of some warm weather gear.

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## SCHOOL QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED

Governor General Answers  
Letter Asking His Aid To-  
wards Settlement.

### APPRECIATES GRAVITY

Hopes Equitable Solution May  
Soon Establish Peace and  
Harmony.

MONTREAL, April 22.—The Duke of Connaught, governor-general, has communicated to Mr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, his hope that peace will soon be established between the French and English factions at issue in Ontario over the bilingual question. Mr. Bruchesi made a statement to this effect today in the course of an explanation of the attitude of the episcopacy on the school question and the fact that his grace and other prelates had not signed a petition to the governor-general sanctioned and signed by Cardinal Beaudry.

"There can be no question as to the perfect solidarity of the French-Canadian episcopacy touching the vindication of the rights of the French tongue in this country. Together with two of my colleagues, I adopted another formula in the interest of a cause which is dear to us all. We addressed ourselves directly to his excellency, the governor-general, pointing out the acute stage upon which the Ontario school question has unfortunately entered, and respectfully asking his excellency to use his influence and employ any means which he might judge appropriate to put an end to a situation which is becoming graver day by day. These are the facts in all their simplicity, and the reply which came to us without delay, written in beautiful French, contained these encouraging words: 'His royal highness fully appreciates the gravity of the situation and hopes that an equitable solution will soon establish peace and harmony between the two nationalities composing the greater part of the population of Canada.'"

Forming Committee.  
A committee is being formed of Protestant English citizens of Montreal to aid in solving the existing difficulties concerning the Ontario bilingual schools.

W. D. Lighthall, K.C., in making this announcement, says the committee deprecates the struggle in Ontario during war time, and suggests that the difficulties of arriving at a fair solution of the bilingual question be understood. It is also stated that the committee considers the wording of regulation 17 as unnecessarily provocative and could be amended so as to better obtain the educational object by providing for adequate instruction.

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## Are You One?

—of the many people in Toronto  
who would give almost anything  
to be able to play the piano.

How you have yearned all your life for that coveted ability.

How you have regretted that you did not learn when you were a child.

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In English, which the great majority of French-Canadians agree to be desirable. No religious question is involved except as imported into the case by agitators, contends Mr. Lighthall, the registration itself having been introduced in response to the request of a Catholic bishop. No racial question is touched either, as French still enjoy a privileged position in Ontario.

### Red Cross Contributions

Brigadier-General James Mason, hon. treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, reports that since the last publication the following contributions to the fund of the society have been received, amounting to \$18,819.44:

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men in particular desire that Germany yield to the United States, rather than bring matters to a break. It was their influence that caused Austria to back down completely in the Ancona negotiations with the United States.

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