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TWO NATIONAL SPEAKERS **IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE** RAIDERS FROM LEAGUE

AMERICA WARY OF TRICKERY IN GERMAN PEACE

Hint of New Offer as Two Teutonic Kaisers Confer

SOCIALISTS PRESSING FOR REFORMS NOW

America May Shape Policy Toward Germany by Official Actions Today

SPEECH BY CHANCELLOR

Austria's Relations With U. S., Now Critical, May Be Determined Soon

WASHINGTON, March 29. If German Chanc. er von Bethmann-Hollweg should present new peace terms in his speech, scheduled for today, they will not trick the United States Government into change of its present policy.

The State Department let it be known this afternoon that it stands on its previous assertion that Germany must without qualification withdraw her unlimited submarine warfare decrees before there-can be any dealings between the two countries.

LONDON, March 19. Reports that the Central Powers are nning another peace move were revived and strengthened today by the news that Emperor Charles, of Austria, and Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, bave gone to Berlin for a conference with the Kalser and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from

Milan says: The stablen visit of the Austrian Emperor to Berlin was decided upon



Bone-Dry Georgia Hardship for interned Teutons at Fort McPherson

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22 .-- How more han 400 sailors, interned at Fort McPherson, are to get their daily beer in the bonedry State of Georgia is a question that perplexed army officers today.

The Germans, brought here from Phila-The Germans, brought here from Phila-delphia, are contented in all respects but this. They continue their drills and "deck work" as it aboard ship, under the eye of United States troops, but clamor for beer. Army officers asked the State Department about it today.

GERMAN BAND PLAYS "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

But Only After Mike Fahey, Saloonkeeper, Shows His Skill With a Gun

ABBOTSFORD, Wis., March 23 - A Ger-man band of five pieces was invited into Mike Fahey's saloon last evening. When requested to play the "Star Spangled Banner," the musicians refused. Mike locked the door procured backed the door, procured a gun, mounted the bar, made several threats, demon-strated his ability by shattering an oil lamp in the rear of the establishment and demanded that the national anthem be played played. It was played. And the German band left town.

SIEBOLD PITCHES MACKS' FINAL AT JACKSONVILLE

Real Baseball Weather Greets Athletics on Last Day at Training Camp



tzman. p. By ROBERT W. MAXWELL ROSE PARK, JACKSONVILLE, Fla. March 29.-For some reason or other the weather decided to come warm today and the Athletics played their farewell act with the local club this afternoon under a

The sudden change for the better added more pep to the Mackmen. Their work more pep to the autosmut, then average surpassed that of yesterday. Siebold, Naylor and Schauer did the hurling for Mack, while Schatzman and Wyatt and Dowden shot them across for



AMBASSADOR JAMES GERARD The former envoy to Berlin will speak at the patriotic mass-meeting here Saturday.

GERMANS FAI TO CHECK FOES'



Ex-Envoy to Berlin Conversant With Teutons' Armed Strength

PREPAREDNESS MAY BE DIPLOMAT'S TEXT

Edmonds and Patterson Home Speakers for Independence Square

PUBLIC INTEREST GROWS

Philadelphia to Greet New American Citizens

ON SATURDAY, the day of the great patriotic demonstration in Independence Square, originated by the EVENING LEDGER, the United States navy will take formal pos-session of the Virgin Islands which were purchased from Denmark as the Danish West Indies.

The first message of congratulation to the peoples of these islands will be sent from the great meeting in Independence Square. It will take the form of a message from the peo-ple of Philadelphia assembled in patriotic mass-meeting to a brother people who have just been received into the world's greatest democracy. The congratulations from Philadelphia to the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands will be sent to Ad-miral James H. Oliver, who sailed for his new post yesterday, and Admiral Oliver will then convey the message to the people.

James W. Gerard. ex-Ambassador to Germany, will speak at the great patriotic lemonstration in Independence square Satarday afternoon. He informed the Even-NG LEDGER, which suggested the demon-

stration, this afternoon that he had obtained permission to address the meeting

QUICK NEWS

BASEBALL SCORES

Phillies. Yanigans 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 1 Alexander, Fittery, Fish and Killefer; Rixey, Fortune and Burns, Adams.

Jacksonville	0	0	0	1	0	-
Athletics	0	0	1	0	0	-
Schatzman, Wyatt and Baker	12	Sieb	old.	N	avlor and	Haley.

LAST OF GERMANS REMOVED FROM NAVY YARD

Officers and a squad of United States marines removed the last remaining Germans from the raiders Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich at the Philadelphia Navy Yard this afternoon. There were only two seamen an da Chinese cook left on board the ships. They were taken to the marine barracks under guard.

THIRTEEN KNOWN DEAD IN SINKING OF ALNWICK

LONDON, March 29 .- Thirteen men are known dead and a boatload is unaccounted for from the sinking March 19 of the British steamship Alnwick Castle, it was announced today.

HELD AS GERMAN SPY IN ALBANY, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 29 .- The police today held Karl Rank while they investigated information that he was working here as an agent of the German Government. A number of chemicals were found in his apartments, but he declared that he was working on a chemical formula which he hopes will make him rich.

REDFIELD BACKS COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING

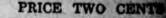
NEW YORK, March 29 .- William G. Redfield, Secretary of Commence, indorses universal obligatory military training as "a national necessity" in a letter made public by the National Security League today.

NO CAUSE FOR U. S. WAR, PACIFIST "AD" SAYS

NEW YORK, March 29 .- Addressed to "mothers, daughters and wives of men, full-page Emergency Peace Federation advertisement, published in all New York papers today appeals for a fund of \$200,000 to be used as a "peace chest" to trouse the West, "We do not want war," two-inch letters proclaim. "We have no real cause for war. The West and Middle West are opposed to war. They do not realize how near we are to war. Two hundred thousand dollars are needed to arouse them to the danger. This sum spent within the next week may keep this country out of war." The federation plans through newspaper advertising to "liberate the overwhelming peace sentiment" of the West in the form of letters and telegrams to President Wilson.

"DAMPEST" OF STATES TAKES "DRY" STEP

MADISON, Wis., March 29 .- Wisconsin-probably the wettest State in the Union-took its first step today toward prohibition when, after two hours' debate, from Secretary Lansing. The Mayor has the Assembly passed the Evine bill providing a State-wide vote on prohibition in





FINAL

Wrong in Principle Faulty in Detail and Costly," Says Report

P. R. T. WOULD SHIFT ALL OPERATING RISKS

Declares Deficits of \$4,000,-000 to \$5,000,000 a Year Would Appear

TWENTY-TWO CRITICISMS

Views on Rapid Transit of Mayor Smith's Experts

Under company's proposal, an-• suming five - cent universal fares, city will face deficit of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 per year for first fifteen years of opera-tion of system. **7** This deficit may be met in fol-

2 · lowing ways:

A. Temporary increase in tax rate of 25 cents on \$100, in 1926, increase to disappear as deficit gradually vanishes. B. A charge in 1922 of a six-D. cent fare on both high-speed and surface lines with free transfers, or an alternate charge of an eight-cent fare on high-speed lines and five-cent fare on surface lines with universal free transfers.

3. Deficits of early years would be made up in latter years, there-fore, a higher than five-cent fare now should likewise mean lower than Deficits of early years would be five-cent fare during latter years of 01140

A business-like method of han-4. dling the problem would be to make the following changes:

A. Cut the program of im-mediate construction as nearly as practicable to the amount of the appropriation. B. Defer for a period of lower prices such portions of con-

struction as will not interfere with value of system to public. C. Devote to payment of city's fixed charges on investment part of abnormal increase in real estate taxes due to development.

5. Work out a new contract with Company on basis of changes and mendations contained analysis.



xpectraly cted, there is reason to believe, with new pro-posals for peace, which are to be made to the Allies and for which the Russian revolution serves as a pretext.

A Vevey, Switzerland, dispatch to the Mail says that the Imperial conference may result in a modification of the drastic ubmarine warfare to prevent war between Germany and the United States.

The German Chancellor is expected to an sounce sweeping reforms in Germany's

sovernmental structure, permitting more active participation by the people, according to rumors here.

Dispatches indicated the most intense in-terest in Berlin in the speech which the Chancellor was scheduled to deliver to the Reichstag this afternoon. For the first time the German Socialists

have united in formidable demands which the Government apparently realizes have the backing of a large part of the people. These demands are aimed at the very foun-dations of the present governmental system and have been accelerated trmendously by full realization of the overthrow of autocracy in Russia.

Herr Scheidemann, Socialist leader, who has heretofore supported the Government's war policy, was understood to have warned Yon Bethmann-Hollweg that the democratizing of Germany must start at once. Dispatches from Berlin even hinted that

the Socialists' were demanding immediate institution of a constitutional monarchy like England, claiming that Germany is the only autocratic Government now left, and In order to maintain the friendship in fu-ture years of the rest of the world's de-mocracles, she must change her system.

REFORMS DEMANDED NOW The Socialists' demand for abandonment of all plans of conquest by Germany are expected to receive support from other quarters.

It was on March 14 that the Chancellor made first concession to what, leaders must have observed, was the growing tide of

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THEY WERE NOT U-BOATS; JUST THE USUAL SCARE

Craft Sighted Off New York Prove to Be Merely Two Small Innocent Vessels

NEW YORK, March 29 .- The two supmosed hostile submarines reported seen off lock Island turned out to be two small

boats belonging to a compercial company up the Sound when the Navy Department investigated today. Admiral Usher, in announcing this fact and nailing another U-boat scare, said he would be glad to receive information from any one sighting a submarine in this vicin-ity.

"When American submarines are seen they can be distinguished because they fly the American flag," he said.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair totht and Friday; slightly colder tonight; aderate winds, mostly northwest.

LENGTH OF DAY

DELAWARE, RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

ERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Tannehill's crew.

ropical sun.

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BONAR LAW APPEALS FOR MORE FIGHTING MEN

Exchequer Chancellor Declares "Prospective Casualties Will Be Terrible"

LONDON, March 29. - Appealing for more men to man the fighting lines, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law today declared "prospective fighting casualties will be terrible." The casualties so far this year had been "less than expected," he as

Bonar Law introduced the re-examination bill, providing for another medical exami-nation of all of England's males to select those physically able to fight. A million men are affected by the bill.

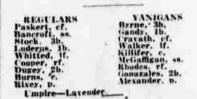
The Cabinet spokesman said the Govern-ment considered such a re-sorting of England's men to seek out others available for service as absolutely necessary, in view of the military situation. The needs at home, said, had heretofore been so pressing that those of the army afield had been

The Chancellor asserted that since the beginning of the year the recruit shortage had been 100,000. ompelled to suffer.

"The decreasing of the troop supply he said, "might mean the difference between a decisive and a fruitless victory."

ALEX HURLS FOR YANS IN SECOND 'REG' GAME Eppa Rixey Chosen by Moran to

Even Up Spring Series at St. Pete



Bu a Staff Correspondent COFFEE POT PARK, St. Petersburg, Fla.

March 29. Manager Moran mobilized his forces here Manager Moran mobilized his forces here today with the intention of driving the players during the remainder of their stay. Pat wanted to take full advantage of the glorious training weather so that the team would be able to stand for a spell of bad

Biorious training weather so that the team would be able to stand for a spell of bad weather on the way Norths.²⁰ The series between the regulars and the yanigans was resumed this afternoon, with Alexander, pitching for the latter and Rikey for the regulars. It was the last hard work that these stars will be called upon to do in a game this spring.²⁰ Moran urged the players to cut out all horseplay and get right down to business. Pat didn't relish seeing his regulars defeated last Tuesday, while Killefer. of the yanigans, so thoroughly enjoyed seeing the veterans get a calldown after that game from Pat that his players were determined again to thrash the Luderus combination. ²⁰ Of the four twirters used by Moran in batting practice this morning Fittery was the only one who did not complain of a sore arm. Nevertheless, Moran kept Carmichael, Luts and Zinn working on the rubber for fifteen minutes, each in the bops that they could work out the soreness.²⁰ Whited jumped into the practice this morning with all of his usual energy, but "Photon" will have to work hard in order in the tops that they could work out the soreness.²⁰ Moran with all of his usual energy, but "Photon" will have to work a series in course.²⁰ ²⁰ The soreness is the is several pounded.²⁰ The soreness is the series the series in the sore the sore the series with all of his usual energy.²⁰ The soreness is the series the series of the series is several pounded.²⁰ The series is several pounded.²⁰ The series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat the series is several pounded.²⁰ The series the series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat the series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat the series and the series the several pounded.²⁰ The series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat series is several pounded.²⁰ The series weat series is several pounded.²⁰ The se



British and French Claim Continued Advance Against Teutons

GERMANS STIFFEN FRONT

LONDON, March 29, The Germans' derce and sudden attack against the French lines in Champagneevidently intended to divert the attention of the French from the battle zone north of the Aisne-has failed to check the Anglo-

French advance. Both the British and the French troops have extended their lines within the last twenty-four hours, say dispatches from the front today. General Haig's men have occupied more villages, pressed nearer to mbrai and trained their heavy guns on

the Cambral-St. Quentin Railroad. General Nivelle's forces carried out still further their encircling movement between La Fere and the Aisne and have engaged the Germans in one of the most violent artillery duels seen on this front since the German retreat began.

By rolling back the German salient south of La Fere and west of the forest of St. of La Fere and west of the forest of St. Gobain the French have straightened the Allies' battle line, but the sallent has not yet been completely wiped out. Military experts expressed the opinion today that the Germans in the district around the forest of St. Gobain and Laon

were trying to revert to trench warfare to halt the flanking movement of the French.

A dispatch from Paris today quotes the Petit Parisian as saying that when the Germans retired from Roisel before the British advance they carried off between British advance they carried off between 500 and 600 girls and able-bodied men, sending them to Maubeuge. The resistance of the Germans to the advance of the British near Cambrai is

described to correspondents at the front as "most desperate." But the same applies to the resistance against the French. At Coucy-le-Chateau every German defending

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Berlin Denies Riot Rumors BERLIN, March 29.—Paris press reports that riots have occurred among the work-men of several German towns, particularly Leipsic, Dresden, Munich and Berlin, as a result of the Russian revolution are flat inventions, says the official German press bureau in a statement today.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, claiming, horses and seldings, our-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs: Freeman, 108, Molesfour-year-ol 1. Freeman, worth

3. Ben Hampson. 106. Crump Time. 1:07. Elizabeth McNaughton, Medding Miss. Jay Thummel, Houdo and Kitty Cheatham also ran. THIRD RACE, three-year-olds and upward, 4 furionas: 1. Time-aling, 108. Mere-ment Markov State 5 1 to 5 2. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 1 to 5 3. Greenwood, 115. Markov State 5 3. Greenwood, 115 3. Greenwoo

FORWARD DASH Great interest is attached to the address of Mr. Gerard, who, more than any man in the United States, is qualified to tell the exact conditions in Germany and just how the United States is fortified for war

far the United States is fortified for war in the event of such an emergency. AMAZED AT UNPREPAREDNESS

When Mr. Gerard addressed an immense assemblage in New York city shortly after his return on March 15 he expressed amaze-ment at the condition of unpreparedness in the United States. At that time he said. among other things: "It is a positive shock to me to find that

in the two years in which the world has been on the week base done nothing to pre-pare for even a reasonable means of national defense. There is only one thing to do-adopt universal military service or military training. That nation that stands opposite to us today has probably not fewer than 12,000,000 under arms. If we had 1.000,000 under arms today we would not be near the edge of war."

THE SPEAKING PROGRAM Thus the speaking program for the in-dependence Square part of the great demonstration is virtually complete. It is as fol-lows: Senators-elect Hiram W. Johnson, ex-Ambassador James W. Gerard, C. Stuart Patterson and Franklin Spencer Edmonds. The invocation will be 'by Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, and the

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\$24,000,000 MERGER -MADE IN CHAIN STORES

Acme, Bell, Robinson & Crawford, Childs and Dunlap in Huge Combine

Amalgamation of five chain grocery companics, with a total of 1285 stores, has been completed.

The firms affected are the Acme Tea Company, Bell Company, Robinson & Crawford, Childs Grocery Company and George M. Dunlap Company. The new corporation will be known as "The American Stores Company," with a capital of \$24,000,000.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State at Dover, Del. An announcement will be made in a few

days outlining the scope of the business to be done in the future. Chandler Brothers & Co., of this city, made the financial arrangements, and are associated in the deal with large banking interests in the West. This gives rise to the belief that the combine expects to extend its business in cities all over the country.

Samuel Robinson is to be president of the new company. Names of other officers are not yet announced. None of the employes of the five firms will lose their positions be-cause of the merger, it is declared, but, on the other hand, will be admitted into a profit-sharing arrangement.

ront-snaring arrangement. It is estimated that the companies in-cluded is the merger did a business of \$50,-000,000 last year. Under the new arrange-ment, competing stores will be rearranged and new districts of the cities covered. Papers of incorporation were filed by Samuel M. Clement, Jr., and Graham and Giffilian. The incorporators named are F. R. Han-sbil and Robert P. Spurgeon, Philadelphia.

corporators named are F. R. Han Robert P. Spurgson, Philadelphia to H. R. Martin, S. C. Spurgson, and

April, 1918. The bill goes to the Senate, where it is expected to pass by a close vote.

CONNECTICUT BLUE LAWS BROKEN BY ASSEMBLY

HARTFORD Conn. March 29 -- Connecticut's famous blue laws went to smash today. The Martin bill permitting Sunday sports and amusements passed the State Legislature.

WHEAT SOARS TO HIGHEST PRICES IN YEARS

CHICAGO, March 28 .- Wheat advanced today on sensational crop damage news to the highest prices in many years. May closed at \$1.98%, July at \$1.66%, and September at \$1.54. Buying was heavy most of the day, but although May finished near the top, July and September lost much of their gains on profit-taking,

LA TOURAINE, FROM U.S., SAFE IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, March 29.-The French Line steamship La Touraine, which left an American port March 17, has arrived safely at a French port, according to advices to the offices of the company here today. The La Touraine carried thirty-one first-cabin passengers, five second-cabin passengers and forty-eight steerage passengers.

FOURTH BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP REACHES ROTTERDAM

NEW YORK, March 29.-Another Belgian relief steamship, the fourth within the present week, has arrived safely at Rotterdam, while fourteen relief ships, under German safe-conduct, are westbound out of the danger zone, cables to the relief commission offices here announced this afternoon.

ONLY FIVE ITALIAN SHIPS SUNK OUT OF 1006

EOME, March 29 .- During the week ending March 25, 517 vessels arrived at Italian ports and 489 departed, the Italian Admiralty stated today. Four vessels of less than 2000 tons and one sailing ship were sunk by Teutonic submarines, while attacks were made without success on ten other vessels.

CHICAGO HOG PRICES SET NEW TOP MARK

CHICAGO, March 29 .- The hog market soared again today, after hovering around the \$15 mark for nearly a week. Heavies, mixed and butchers sold as high as \$15.30 per hundred pounds, the highest price ever paid on local markets,

PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL PROTECTS WAR EMPLOYES

The Philadelphia National Bank has arranged to continue the salaries of such of its employes as may enlist in the army or navy of the United States in the event of a call for volunteers by the President, to restore to them upon their resumption of service with the bank a position affording a salary equal to that which they received at the time of enlistment and also to continue, without expense to them, the protection of the insurance now carried by the bank for the benefit of all its employes.

NEW YORK SHIFTS PUBLIC WORKS TO RUSH TRANSIT

NEW YORK. March 29 .-- Following threats of sixteen contractors engaged in work on the city-owned lines of the dual subway system here to quit unless their demands for concessions and allowances in their work were granted, Mayor Mitchel took steps to enable the city to carry on the work itself, even if the contractors should abandon the job. The Mayor called for a reorganization of the work now going on in city improvements, so, if need be, the municipality can rearrange its efforts and take care of the subway work first of all. The city refused the demands of the contractors.

NEW JERSEY TO PAY EMPLOYES WHO ENLIST

TRENTON, March 29 .- The State is to set an example to private employers by allowing a pro rata of the salary of each State employe who is called to the colors. This decision followed a conference today of Governor Edge with the legislative leaders, and when the Legislature reconvenes tomorrow a resolution providing for such pay will be introduced and passed.

ONLY NATIONAL AND CITY FLAGS FOR STREET DISPLAY

A bill prohibiting the flying of any flags, except national and city emblems, over streets and sidewalks was approved by Councils' Municipal Government Committee The measure, which was introduced by Common Councilman William J. McCloska Sixteenth Ward, is intended to eliminate street flags and hausers and for allocate

Mayor Smith transmitted to Councils, sembled in special session this aftern the long-expected report of Transit Di rector Twining upon the proposed leave of the city's high-speed system to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The port contains, as appendix A, the analysis of the Transit Company's offer made by the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, New York experts, engaged by the Mayor.

The Director's report was referred to the Joint Committees on Finance and Stress Railways, following a short address by Chairman Gaffney, of the Finance Commit-tee, in which he promised that before any action was taken by Councils the entire question would be thrown open to the most full and free discussion in a series of million full and free discussion in a series of p hearings. Summarized, the report of the Direct

holds the company's proposal to be "wron in principle, unfair and costly to the eily and very faulty in detail." The proposa aims, the Director declares, "not to lease the city's property to the company, but to lease the company's property to the city at a fixed rental of \$1,500,000, the company remaining in charge of operation wit a proper degree of responsibility." The report contains tables and exter

The report contains tables and extension financial estimates to show Director Twi-ning's belief that a universal five-cent far would not be sufficient to meet the operating expenses, the company's fixed charges as the city's fixed charges on construction bonds. By inference, although not by direct statement, the report holds that an inde-pendent operator would be preferable to the P. R. T. Company on the condition that legislation is enacted which would compa-the P. R. T. to make transfers of passes the set ween its surface system and the gers between its surface system and t city's high-speed system upon terms to fixed by Public Service Commission. The Director specifies twenty-two may objections to the company's proposal one collection of minor points, which a chiefly faulty phraseology.

THE OBJECTIONS

First. The company seeks to avoid all the risks incident to the railwas business and to make the city bear th

business and to make the city bear the full brunt of such risks in so far as a expected return on the city's, capita investment is concerned. *Second. The amount of the dividen or guarantee to the company in base on earnings which are not well catab-liabed.

lished. Third. One of the chief difficulti confronting the city in dealing with a company is the comparatively hi fixed charges of the company. The op pany offers no plan for the amelioratio of this condition, but proposes to it on the city and traveling public offer years longer.

It on the city and traveling publi fifty years longer. Fourth: Although the city is pected to provide the larger part o money needed for the plan, the case does not guarantee or even hold bright prospects of a five-ceat with universal transfers, while citizens were led to expect when embarked on this comprehensity of city expansion and transfit ment.

sent. Fifth. The proposed the 1907 contrast would admission by the city pany has a legal right the exchange.

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lished.

These defects found by Director Twin follow in the order given by him: