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Autocracy Has Found Ways, Notwithstanding Its Iron-Handed Methods, to Win Gentler Homage Also.

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FEAR rules Germany—fear of enemies without and of the terrible German government within. But the sensation is familiar. Fear runs all through German life and always did.

the three class voting systems in Russia and the gerrymander incidentally gives disproportionate representation to the multitudes of radicals—catch the roasting they deserve. But the thing does not differ there by any means.

Pointing out that The Netherlands government itself does not question the legality of the act, Mr. Lansing devotes himself to a demonstration that it was an act of necessity.

Legality Not Argued. The memorandum follows: "The Netherlands government has issued a statement regarding the recent action of the Government of the United States in putting into its service certain vessels of the Netherlands registry lying within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States."

Finer Test Suggested. "But, as The Netherlands government themselves suggest, our action might be subjected to a finer test than that of mere legality."

American Supplies Light. "Our own supply of bunker coal at seaboard has been reduced to our pressing national needs."

Ships Idle Many Months. "The owners of Dutch ships were, however, unwilling that their ships should perform any other services than those which it was clearly impossible for us to facilitate."

Threats of Violence Cited. "Had not the Netherlands government, under German threats of violence, which were a matter of common knowledge, felt unable to carry out the temporary shipping agreement, it is inexplicable that the steamships remaining in Dutch ports were not called for a Dutch port with their cargoes of foodstuffs, which under the agreement The Netherlands was to receive and of which it was asserted that people were in direct need."

Delay Sought by Dutch. "As recently as March 14, 1918, after The Netherlands government had been informed that the situation had reached a point where the associated governments could see no alternative but resorting to a blockade, a note was presented on behalf of The Netherlands government, expressing the hope that Germany's objections might still be overcome, so as to permit at some future date complete performance of this agreement, which was to have been put into operation immediately and completely upon its conclusion nearly two months before."

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Not a stone has been left unturned to make him appear so. Post cards show him talking with the poor, or kneeling in prayer, or standing before the altars after the war. He weeps over the slain after a battle, and how his affectionate sympathy for his people has made him old before his time and how, in order to prove his humility and his devotion to his subjects, he once ate from a soldier's dish at the front and, on another occasion, he was seen to ride in a Berlin subway like an ordinary mortal.

What do the sour, angered, secretly malicious German masses think they want? What does the German autocracy think they want? A republic, one might infer, as every means had been employed to disgust them with the very idea of a republic.

Or do the German masses sincerely believe in some Socialist "Utopia of the future"? I wonder when the autocracy would help them to secure it. Not Liebknecht, even had he a free hand. I know too many Germans who now call him traitor and say he is their own cause. Not Harden, had he a free hand. He was enormously influential when he stood for Wilson's policies.

Sometimes I think the Imperial German government shows altogether too much nervousness regarding the possibility of a republic. It is as if a decimated, the grip of autocracy on the German people. No matter how discontented and even disloyal they may have become, they are monarchists by life-long habit.

It is not against the chancellor or against the Hohenzollerns that the insupportable bitter hatred, among the masses is directed. They hate the whole government—as an institution. If they gave it little thought before the war, they discuss it with astonishing freedom, once they get to know you. The same people who beg to condemn it, and they discuss it with astonishing freedom, once they get to know you.

lying in ports of the United States and subject to its jurisdiction and control approximately 500,000 tons of ships of Netherlands registry.

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WALTER PETERS INTERNED

New Light Turned on Activities of German Agents on Pacific Coast.

Seized Papers Include Maps of Seattle and San Francisco Harbors, Showing Position and Power of Defenses.

MARTINEZ, Cal., April 12.—German operations on the Pacific Coast, including activities of the raider Lepsic and details of a systematic espionage system which emanated from a German Vice-Consul in Mexico, whose identity is kept secret, were laid bare today, according to the Federal authorities.

The activities of Peters, according to the authorities, consisted of making a daily report to the German Vice-Consul on the progress of war activities in the United States and furnishing the German officials with information concerning the movements, destinations and routes of many vessels which have left San Francisco recently.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A denial was issued in this city today of the statement made in Washington a fortnight ago by the alien property custodian that the Garfield Worsted Mills, of Garfield, N. J., had been taken over by the Government because they were owned by Germans.

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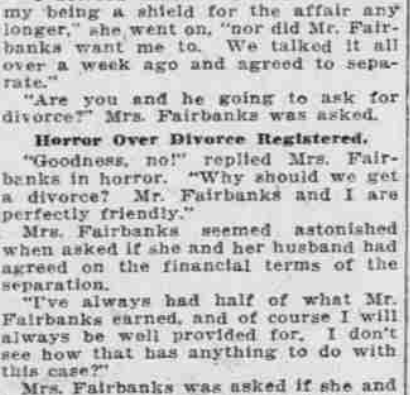
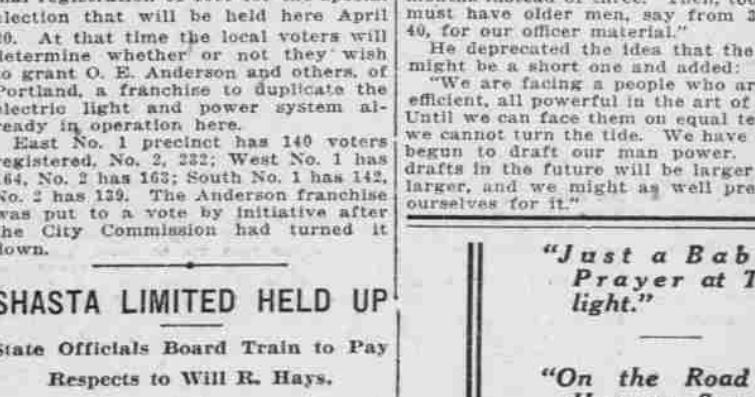
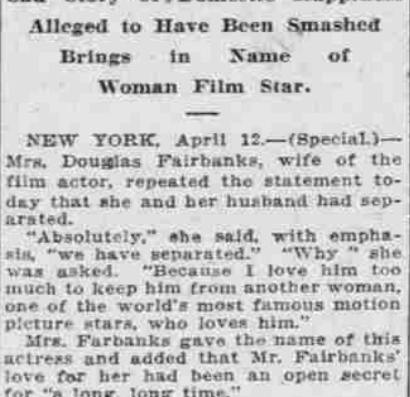
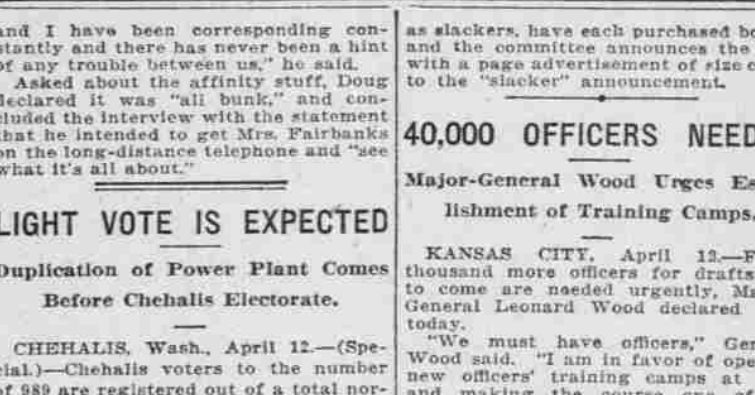
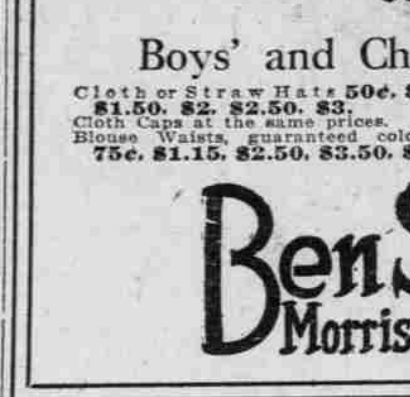
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40,000 OFFICERS NEEDED Major-General Wood Urges Establishment of Training Camps.

KANSAS CITY, April 12.—Forty thousand more officers for drafts yet to come are needed urgently, Major General Leonard Wood declared here today.

"We must have officers," General Wood said. "I am in favor of opening new officers' training camps at once and making the course one of six months instead of three. Then, too, we must have older men, say from 25 to 40, for our officer material."

"He deprecated the idea that the war might be a short one, he added. "We are facing a people who are all efficient, all powerful in the art of war. Until we can face them on equal terms, we cannot turn the tide. We have only begun to draft our man power. The drafts in the future will be larger and larger, and we might as well prepare ourselves for it."

"Just a Baby's Prayer at Twilight." "On the Road to Home, Sweet Home." "Give Me the Right to Love You."

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