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LEADS LOCAL PAPERS IN AMOUNT OF READING MATTER

MONEY FOR MAIL SACKS

Buyers' Checks Not Turred Into the Department Accounts.

CASHED BY BUSINESS MEN

Government Funds Apparently Appropriated to Private Uses--Revenue Arising From Sale of Condemned Bags Cut Down One-Third by Combination of Purchasers.

A new phase of the government sweat-box exposure, as described in The Times, has today come to the surface and is of unusual interest and importance.

Attention has been called to the singular omission from the reports of the Second Assistant Postmaster General as to the amount of revenue derived from the sale of condemned mail bags, and no record showing its disposition, unless it be included in the miscellaneous account of the sixth auditor.

This account for the year 1894 has \$18,828. The number of sacks condemned that year was 79,718, an amount \$7,000 for last year, being an increase of 17,766. The statement is made in The Times on apparently reliable authority that the checks of dealers purchasing condemned sacks are sometimes returned to them through their bank of deposit, with the endorsement of the Postoffice Department. Such a condition would indicate that the checks have not been turned in with other government funds.

QUEER BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

It is preposterous to suppose that the chief officials of the Postoffice Department, who conduct the auction sales of condemned mail sacks, would take the checks obtained in payment therefor, go to business firms and have them cashed, and then turn the funds thus obtained over to the proper office for accounting.

On the contrary, if the checks of purchasers were turned over to the government cashier, the contractor giving the check would receive it through his bank of deposit, bearing the endorsement, not of some private firm which had advanced the money and taken the check for collection, but of the departmental accounting officer.

The large number of checks thus returned bearing unexplained endorsement leads to the belief that a considerable portion of the money derived from the sale of condemned sacks, has been appropriated to private uses and has never advanced to the statement of departmental revenues.

A remarkable feature connected with the auction sales of condemned mail sacks is found in the fact that the revenues whereby there should be no further competition. The price was then successively dropped to 85 cents per hundred pounds, 80 cents, 75 cents, and finally to 70 cents, the maximum price bid at auction.

CUTTING DOWN PRICES ONE-THIRD. This is a reduction of 36 cents on the hundred, or a decline of more than 33-1/3 per cent. There is no doubt that the combination handling the waste material will continue from time to time to reduce their bids, and the government will suffer a consequent loss, there being no other competitive bids, but the dealers in this class of material will make an offer for the whole lot, and divide the goods, according to a pre-arranged agreement among themselves.

The price will soon reach a ridiculous minimum unless the same rule shall be followed in the sale of other departments, and the waste material of this character be sold by yearly contracts.

An effort was long ago made by The Times to ascertain the exact method which was employed in accounting to the government for the funds derived by the sale of condemned mail sacks, but no one of the Nelson nor his subordinates would explain the process.

The sixth auditor has entire charge of the Postoffice Department. He is an official of the Treasury Department, and has no superior except in cases where an appeal is taken from his decisions to Comptroller Fowler.

THE REASON FOR THE RUSH. Editor Times: We have, I think, found out why we were rushed so hard Tuesday. The order was sent from the general office to do it, and we were ordered to get \$1 a day, so as to contradict The Times and to force us to fall back into the old way of doing the work without revoking the new order, which allowed us to only get out thirty per day. We all made a good day's work today by getting from fifty to sixty bags out.

The new order has disappeared like a shadow. The only thing left of it is three old bags tucked upon the wall to look at to see the way to do the work, and no one else will touch it. It is a very high and dry. I wish you would write this up and let them see it is not as blind as they think we are.

What The Times has said is every word true, and every one is blessing The Times. We signed the pay roll to get our wages since the 16th of the month. To Tuesday, the day we signed, there was not one that had made \$3. It only made their hearts ache, and they had, the slowest one of them, put on over 200 patches.

Now, what will we have on the 1st of the month to pay house rent, and coal, and feed the mouths of hungry little children and those depending upon us.

I thank you a thousand times for your help, as it has already been the cause today of our making \$1, which we have not made for so long a time.

I hope you will not think I am running The Times too much, and if you think it would be a good time to publish this I leave it to your discretion. But do try and get our salary. That is what we need. If Tyler finds we are satisfied with the piece work going as it is he will do something to crush us again and harder.

Please take the opportunity out of his hands. We all thank you very much for your interest.

P. S.--The work is being rushed out. Whoever gets the highest number is the best man, never mind the quality; any kind of work will do it is the number of bags. A VICTIM.

TALK FREE COINAGE.

Democratic State Committee of Missouri Meets.

Ill on a Journey to the Queen.

Chicago, Jan. 25.--Ex-Lieut. Gov. Sir Joseph Trench, of British Columbia, was taken ill in the train while traveling from Detroit to Chicago, in response to a summons from her majesty to be informed on certain subjects, and was removed to the Auditorium Hotel, where the train arrived here. The hotel physician says Sir Joseph will be able to continue his journey in a few days.

WORKERS FOR YOUNG MEN

Many Addresses at Tri-State Y. M. G. A. Convention.

F. E. Tasker of Washington Elected President of the Organization. Other Washingtonians Spoke.

(Special to The Times.)

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 25.--The twenty-first annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and West Virginia, which convened in this city yesterday, is the largest convention of the kind ever held in Western Maryland.

In response to the speech made by Mayor M. L. Booth at the reception and banquet last night the following persons spoke: Secretary F. E. Tasker, Fred E. Tasker, Prof. Percy S. Foster, Washington; W. B. Miller, acting State secretary of Maryland, and one of the United States field secretaries; John Aglionby, Shenandoah Junction; David McConaughy, Jr., secretary of the M. C. A. Association; F. W. Lang, ex-State secretary; C. K. Ober, secretary international committee; Chas. W. H. Morris, secretary Baltimore Central Association; Mr. H. H. Hayswood, the chairman of the nominating committee reported the following permanent officers, who were unanimously elected: President, F. E. Tasker, Washington; first vice president, Robert S. Crawford, Hagerstown; second vice president, J. H. Adams, Jr., Baltimore; third vice president, D. F. Greenwall, Cumberland; assistant secretary, W. A. Burgoon, Western Maryland College.

The chairman then appointed the following committees: Resolutions, James Goodwood and Wm. Brand, Baltimore; R. H. Hayswood, Hagerstown; Business, E. L. Thomas, Hinton; W. J. C. Lynch, Wheeling; W. V. C. Witters, Washington; Ernest Smith, Johns Hopkins, university.

Fred E. Tasker, chairman, made the report of the state executive committee, the main points of which were as follows: The Young Men's Christian Association of Hagerstown association and is much encouraged; W. L. Radcliffe was appointed secretary at Cumberland, vice C. H. Kingsbury, Frederick; E. W. Lang, resigned to accept Wilmington secretary, vice H. S. Dow, resigned; at Charles-town, Md., Sprengle resigned and C. H. Maloney appointed; James E. Pugh, Washington secretary, died in October; and D. F. Harris is now acting secretary; Wm. B. Harrison, acting secretary state secretary; Washington association building burned down; Cumberland paid off debt of \$400.

At the meeting in the Presbyterian chapel today each association gave three-minute reports, the following associations reporting: St. John's College, Central Branch, East Branch, German Branch, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Branch, and Pennsylvania Railroad Branch, all of Baltimore; Cumberland, Frederick, Hagerstown, Hagerstown, Hagerstown, Wheeling, Washington, Wilmington, John Hopkins University, Western Maryland College, West Virginia University, and Annapolis.

David McConaughy, Jr., who is in charge of the Young Men's Christian Association work in India, having just returned from that field, conducted the evangelistic Bible class. Following the Bible class, C. R. H. Jackson read a paper on "The Physical Department Where a Physical Director is Employed." Where a Physical Director is Employed.

After a short discussion of this paper, J. W. Burton of Baltimore, read a paper on "The Physical Department Where There is No Physical Director."

The following names were proposed to fill vacancies on the State executive committee: J. H. Adams of Hagerstown, J. H. Adams of Baltimore, J. E. Lynch of Wheeling, W. T. Stewart of Baltimore, F. E. Tasker of Washington, Mr. E. A. Beckler of Hagerstown, and J. H. Adams of Baltimore. The question tonight was held in St. Paul's church, where the Rev. H. P. Anderson, secretary at Atlanta, Ga., spoke on "The College Association." Mr. David McConaughy, Jr., of India, gave a stereotypical lecture on "The Y. M. C. A. Work in India." Washington and Baltimore speakers will address the men's meeting in the Academy of Music tomorrow afternoon.

KENTUCKY MAN SHOT DEAD.

Ex-Confederate Enraged Because Congressman Kendall Was Unseated.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 25.--Capt. Anderson of Hindman, several days ago shot and wounded James Black, and it is believed the latter will die.

Hayes is an ex-Confederate, a strong friend of Congressman J. M. Kendall. He became enraged at the report that Congressman Hopkins had been seated in Kendall's place. He got together and drilled forty-two men, declaring that he would go to Washington and whip the Republicans for seating Hopkins.

Whoever shot Black, the report says, drew his pepper-box pistol and shot Black in the shoulder. He died at once.

HE TOOK A BRIBE.

Ohio Representative Admits His Guilt as Charged.

Columbus, O., Jan. 25.--Representative James A. Spear, of Clinton county, has admitted that he asked a constituent for \$300 to secure for him an appointment as a guard in the State prison.

Mr. Spear's constituents have asked for his resignation. Mr. Spear came here today to tender his resignation, but was unable to do so as Speaker Sleeper is not in the city.

Timeliness of the Coolidge. New York, Jan. 25.--A report from Grand Turk, Turkey, issued January 16, states that there was picked up about fifteen miles southeast of that place a boat bearing the name "J. F. Coolidge," also parts of what seemed to be the deck-house, benches, planking, etc., of a vessel. The schooner J. F. Coolidge was last reported to have sailed from St. Martins for Fortuaise Island to land a cargo for Baltimore.



BIG SHIPS WERE RACING

Reason Why the St. Paul Ran Aground.

PASSENGERS ALL TAKEN OFF

Campania Was Trying to Beat Her Rival and Narrowly Escaped Accident Herself--Exciting Scenes in Landing the Passengers--Women Had Plenty of Nerve.

New York, Jan. 25.--The American Line steamship St. Paul, from Southampton for New York, went ashore on the outer bar of the Hotel Brighton, Long Branch, during the dense fog of this morning.

It is said that she was just finishing a 350 mile tussle with that other ocean greyhound, the Campana, of the Cunard Line. Both boats, it appears, from the stories of passengers, had been traveling at top speed for seventeen hours, within sight of each other, and though it is declared that neither was racing, each seemed anxious to get to Sandy Hook first.

This fact is acknowledged by Capt. Walker of the Campana. Both vessels ran into a fog bank unexpectedly and then slowed down. After that the vessels came within sight of each other two or three times.

At a few minutes after 1 o'clock this morning the St. Paul drove her bow into the sand less than half a mile from the iron pier used by excursion steamboats during the summer season.

Agent Brown of the Cunard line denied that there was a race between the Campana and the St. Paul. Capt. Walker of the Campana, however, admitted there was a race.

Under Sheriff Louis Worth of Brooklyn and his wife were among the last to land from the Starr. Asked what he knew of the accident, Mr. Worth said: "Well, I suppose we were racing with the Campana. I believe that the excitement of the race put the officers off their guard, and when they ran into the fog they did not know where they were."

Sandy Hook, N. J., Jan. 25.--The life-saving crew of station 3 at 1:45 o'clock began the work of transferring the passengers from the grounded steamship St. Paul to the tug.

The task was an extremely difficult one, as there was a heavy sea running, and it was with considerable danger to the passengers, unaccustomed to positions where every foot and coil was necessary. Especially was this true as regarded the women.

It was just about twelve hours from the time when the ship first struck that the first passenger came into the ladder at the side of the ship. He was an elderly man, apparently about fifty years old.

As he stepped cautiously down the ladder the crowds of passengers on the deck of the steamer above him and the crowds of people on shore and on the long iron pier watched his progress with interest. He was received safely by the life-savers in the boat. The next passenger to make the perilous descent was a woman about the same age apparently as the man who preceded her.

BAD WRECK AT RIVERTON

Excursion Train Smashed Into a Rock on the Track.

One Trainman Killed and Two Injured, But the Passengers Miraculously Escaped Serious Hurt.

(Special to The Times.)

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 25.--The first section of one of the Western Maryland special excursion trains from New York city, southward bound, was wrecked on the Norfolk and Western Railroad three miles east of Riverton, Va., at 11 o'clock last night.

The excursionists had gone by way of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Shenandoah Junction. The section was composed of three Pullman palace cars, one baggage car and a sleeper.

It was running at a high rate of speed when the engine crashed into a landslide of rock and earth. The watchman, who had charge of the cut, had left that part where the accident occurred--only about fifteen minutes before.

When the engine struck the mass it left the rails. The baggage car also left the track, but went in an opposite direction. The three Pullman cars followed the engine and were totally destroyed by fire, that quickly enveloped the wreckage.

The passengers got up, and with the assistance of the trainmen, managed to get out of the burning cars. All escaped with but slight cuts and bruises. A colored porter named Phillips from New York, was killed, and his body was consumed with the cars, before it could be recovered.

The rumors that several passengers were fatally injured are denied by the railroad company. Engineer Long was seriously injured about the head and face by being thrown from his cab. He was brought to his home in this city tonight. There is slight hopes for his recovery.

The railroad's injuries are mostly cuts and bruises. Capt. Ford escaped without even a scratch. When the cars left the track they turned over on their side, and in a short time they were entirely consumed. The trainmen worked valiantly to save the cars, but their efforts were fruitless. Wrecking crews from Roanoke and Luray were at work all day clearing the tracks. Traffic was delayed eighteen hours.

DEADLOCK IN KENTUCKY.

No Prospect for Early Settlement of the Senatorial Contest.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 25.--The two houses met in joint assembly at noon for the fourth joint ballot for senator. There is no prospect at the present time of breaking the deadlock.

The ballot was as follows: Hunter, 66; Blackburn, 57; Hayswood, 11. No citizen Populist Poor voted against Populist.

Wagonload of Nitro-Glycerine. St. Marys, Ohio, Jan. 25.--A wagonload of nitro-glycerine exploded this morning, killing Sam Angel, the driver, and two horses. The explosion destroyed 750 quarts of the explosive. Fragments of flesh, harness, and blankets are hanging on the branches of what trees remained after the explosion. The shock was felt for many miles around.

Silk Mill Burned. Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 25.--The Decker-town silk mill was burned last night, causing a loss of about \$50,000.

Speer's Unfermented Grape Juice in Europe. Has a wide reputation from its efficacy in the sick room. The juice is rich, tastes like eating the ripe grape fresh from the vine; used by churches.

REVOKED HIS COMMISSION.

Francis Winslow, U. S. N., Will Oppose Gov. Carr's Action.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25.--Gov. Carr has issued an order revoking the commission of Francis Winslow, United States Navy, retired, as commanding officer of the Carolina Naval Reserve. The order says that the revocation is "for harmony and the best interests of the service."

It is stated today that after some sharp correspondence Gov. Carr requested Winslow's resignation, but the latter declined to tender it, and the Governor then revoked his commission, the order taking effect January 18. Winslow now denies the Governor's power to revoke, and will contest it in the civil courts and has secured eminent counsel.

STATE OF THE GOLD RESERVE.

The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday stood at \$49,901,961. The reported withdrawals for the day were \$68,000.

WARNING FROM CLEVELAND

Advices Venezuelan President to Prevent Internal Disputes.

(By Cable to The Times.) (Copyrighted by James Gordon Bennett.) Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 25.--General Joseph Uslar, a member of the committee appointed to thank President Cleveland for his expression of sympathy for the Venezuelan revolution, says in a dispatch to the government that the President of the United States has asked him to warn the president of Venezuela and the citizens of the republic to avoid all internal disputes which might lead to a revolution pending the settlement of the existing boundary question.

President Crespillo occupies his time at Maracaibo in preparing his message to Congress, which convenes on February 20. The president is aided in his work by his cabinet.

Minister Rojas is comatose, and will soon join the executive at the seashore.

K. OF P. ULTIMATUM.

Lower Railroad Rate to Minneapolis or No Encampment.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 25.--The assembly council of officers of the supreme lodge of the world, Knights of Pythias, has decided to hold its annual encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 15. The lodge has given a one-cent a mile rate to the annual encampment at Minneapolis next August or keep their money in their pockets.

The assembly council met at the Grand Hotel in this city this afternoon to consider the matter. A resolution was unanimously adopted providing that no encampment be held in 1896 unless a guaranteed rate of one cent a mile is secured.

The resolution further provides that unless the guaranteed rate is secured the supreme lodge will by February 15 be held to the assembly members by vice, whereupon the assembly shall convene in Cincinnati February 22 for the purpose of changing the place of the convention of the supreme lodge.

COURTROOM SENSATION.

Woman Attempted to Convict Herself in Husband's Place.

Chicago, Jan. 25.--There was a sensational scene in criminal court today, when John Oran was called up to say why sentence of death should not be imposed upon him for the murder of Joseph Conlan. As Oran arose his wife sprang to her feet and cried:

"I killed that man. My husband is not guilty. He shall not suffer for my crime."

The courtroom was instantly in an uproar. When quiet was restored the prisoner asked time to consider, which was granted him, and he then pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for life. Mrs. Oran told the judge that she committed the murder, but that her husband's lawyers would not allow her to testify.

The judge told her her testimony would be of no avail, as her previous contradictory testimony would disprove it. She then faintly repeated:

ALABAMA LIKES MCKINLEY.

Bitter Strife Between His Followers and Reed's.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 25.--The Republican county executive committee met today for the purpose of calling a county convention and to determine the method of electing delegates thereto. The contest for supremacy between the McKinley forces, led by Dr. J. W. Hughes and Hon. J. T. McKinney, mayor of Bessemer, against the Reed faction, led by Mr. Lewis E. Parson and J. A. W. Smith of this city, was fought to a finish with great bitterness, resulting in a complete victory for the McKinley forces.

The delegate convention was ordered to meet in February, the first in the history of Republicanism in this county. Every thing points to the Alabama delegation as a McKinley delegation.

IN HONOR OF DAVIS.

Confederate Memorial Society to Open a Museum February 22.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 25.--The ladies of the Confederate Memorial Society at a meeting today determined to open formally the Davis mansion as a museum on February 22, the anniversary of the inauguration of Mr. Davis as President of the Confederate States.

The ladies who represented the several States at the bazaar held to raise funds to restore the building will constitute a review committee of the occasion. A reception will also be given at the coming meeting of the Confederate Grand Camp.

Died From Morphine Overdose.

New York, Jan. 25.--Yera Freeman, thirty years of age, an actress, was found dead in her room at the Hotel Pomeroy, Broadway and Fifty-ninth street, this morning.

She died from morphine poisoning, of which she is believed to have taken an overdose for the purpose of inducing sleep. Miss Freeman was found lying across the bed and fully dressed. The dead woman was the wife of Max Freeman, the theatrical manager.

Mississippi Bank Goes Under. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.--The Clarksville Bank and Trust Company of Clarksville, Miss., made a partial assignment to Walter P. Holland this morning. The complete statement of assets and liabilities is not known, but it is thought that the liabilities to other banks amounts to \$42,000. The elevator will be built at once.

244,001 was the TIMES' circulation for last week. The STAR's circulation for last week was . . . 187,546

FILLED WITH BUCKSHOT

Robert Fitzhugh Received Deadly Wound in a Saloon.

HE WILL PROBABLY SUCCEMB

John T. Clarke, Keeper of the Platte, Was the Assailant and Says He Was Annoyed by the Presence of Trunks and Thieves Around the Premises.

John T. Clarke, the proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Seventh and I. streets southwest, shot and fatally injured Robert Fitzhugh, colored, shortly before 11 o'clock last night, in his bar-room.

The deed was committed with a double-barreled shot gun, the charge of heavy buck shot entering Fitzhugh's right breast, just below the arm.

The injured man was hurried to the Emergency Hospital in the Fourth precinct patrol wagon, and the doctors worked hard to save his life, but at a late hour it was stated that he was rapidly sinking, and could not possibly live until morning.

CROWDED WITH PEOPLE.

When the shooting occurred the saloon was crowded with negro men and women, who fled in every direction when they realized what had happened, and before the smoke had cleared away the room was deserted except for Joseph Lawrence, who is employed by Clarke as a bartender.

As soon as he realized what he had done, Clarke put on his hat, and taking the gun, went to the Fourth precinct station and surrendered himself to Sergeant Baily. Lawrence, who was the first to get away, told the deed which the police could find last night, was very reticent concerning the shooting, and refused to make any statement.

For some time Clarke has been ill, and during his absence the saloon has become a rendezvous for the toughest negro characters of the neighborhood. A few days ago when he returned to business he found his bar-room crowded nightly with the thieves and toughs who hang about the river front.

GAVE THEM WARNING.

He warned them to keep away from his place, and says he asked the assistance of the police to that end. Last night when he went in to relieve his bar-tender he found Fitzhugh, who was drunk, standing behind the bar, and "rumming the whole place," as he expressed it. Clarke says he told the man to leave the premises and never come near the place again. One word led to another and the negro sprang upon Clarke with an open razor in his hand, and slashed at his neck. There are two deep slashes on Clarke's coat and his hand is cut in several places.

In the struggle the men got behind the bar, and Clarke grabbed a double-barreled 10-gauge shotgun that stood against the counter, and pointed it at the negro.

Clarke says Fitzhugh took hold of the barrels and attempted to pull it from his hand when he fired, the charge tearing his way through the man's breast.

ONE EYE-WITNESS.

There is one colored man whom the police are very anxious to find, as he was an eyewitness of the shooting and his testimony would be valuable. He ran out of the saloon and jumped on a cable car that was passing, rode as far as F street and, springing off, disappeared up an alley.

The police think that this man may have been someone more than a mere witness, as he seemed to get away very smartly. The grisman of the car had a good look at the man, and Officers Peck and Snyder obtained from him a good description, and hope to apprehend him before morning.

Agnes Fitzhugh, the wounded man's mother, was seen by her son at the hospital for a moment.

BADE MOTHER GOOD-BYE.

He said he knew he could not live and bid her good-bye. He was too weak to give any account of the affair, beyond saying who shot him.

Fitzhugh has a very bad police record and is considered by the officers at No. 4 to be one of the most reckless and worthless characters of the neighborhood. He has done time at Albany and been sent to jail many times for various offenses.

Some time ago he assaulted Officer Murphy and took his pistol away from him. He also committed a desperate assault upon Patrolman Evans, for which he served a long sentence in jail.

ATHLETIC MANAGERS MEET.

Potomac Boat Club Resigned From the Atlantic League.

Baltimore, Jan. 25.--The board of managers of the Atlantic League and the Potomac Athletic Club, which comprises the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia and part of New Jersey, held an adjourned meeting this evening at the Hotel Belmont.

Many incidents interesting to amateur athletes were brought out by the discussion of the reports of the various standing committees. The committee on records reported that they had in preparation a complete list of record holders in the Atlantic Association of all athletic events. The list will be ready for publication in a short time.

The resignation of the Potomac Boat Club of Washington was received and accepted. It was announced that the National boxing and wrestling contests for the championship of the United States will be held in Philadelphia in March of this year.

American Meeting in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 25.--The second annual meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris was held this evening in the Cafe Riche and was a very successful affair. Mr. Morse, the American consul general in Paris, presided over the meeting, which was presided over by the French consul general, M. de la Roche.

Speeches were also made by William Seligman and Vice President Peartree.

Gen. Weyler Sailed.

Barcelona, Jan. 25.--General Weyler, the newly appointed captain general of Cuba, sailed from this port today for Havana together with a cavalry force 1,000 strong. A large crowd witnessed the embarkation of the general and the troops. They were enthusiastically cheered.

Candy Man's Failure. Norristown, Pa., Jan. 25.--Davis Bruce, the leading confectioner of this town, has failed for \$18,000. The assets have not yet been ascertained.

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