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FIRE KILLS FOURTEEN

Five-Story Tenement House in New York Nearly a Score of Persons Are Hurt

Several of Them Badly Injured and Will Probably Die

Five Firemen Fell From Fourth Stories Balcony on Which They Are Working Gives Way Suddenly

Many Men Were Sleeping on the Roof They Succeeded in Escaping and This Accounts for So Many Women and Children Among Victims

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Fourteen persons were killed and nearly a score injured in a fire in a five-story double tenement in Attorney street at an early hour this morning. It was one of the worst fires in the loss of human lives that has occurred since the east side in several years, although the property loss was slight.

The dead included four women, one man and nine children, ranging in age from 3 months to 13 years.

Many of the injured were taken to hospitals and it is thought that several of these will die. Among the injured were five firemen who were on a fourth floor balcony, which fell with them.

Men Escape Over Roofs. The small number of men among the killed and injured was due to the fact that most of the men who lived in the building, following the Attorney street custom in hot weather, were asleep on the roof, while but few of the women and children were there. Those on the roof who were unable to escape by descending through the burning building were able to make their way to safety over neighboring roofs.

Many Jump from Windows. When the firemen reached the scene some of the tenants were jumping from the windows and from the ends of fire escapes that reached only to the second floor; others were crouching in the smoke in the small rooms and narrow halls.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp that had been left to light the hall on the second floor and the sleeping tenants were not aroused until the hallway was ablaze and escape through the building cut off.

EXPLOSION OF NITROGLYCERIN Five Persons Killed and Five Injured by Premature Shot at Findlay, Ohio.

FINDLAY, O., Sept. 4.—Five are dead and an equal number seriously injured as the result of a premature explosion of a quantity of nitroglycerin near Upper Sandusky today.

MALEN LOOKABAUGH, Findlay. LAPE M'KAY, Findlay. JOSEPH FOX, aged 27, Upper Sandusky. CORINNE WISE, aged 11, Upper Sandusky. EMANUEL URCAN, Cincinnati.

ERNEST WISE, leg badly mangled and internally injured; will probably die. LOUIS LOOKABAUGH, aged 15, ear blown off and otherwise injured; not expected to recover. ALICE WISE, badly injured about head.

MARY GULLIFORD, bruised about the body. CLAIRE LOOKABAUGH, face and limbs badly cut. The accident occurred while McKay, an oil well shooter, was engaged in lowering the nitroglycerin. At the time his assistants, the Lookabaughs and Fox, together with the others, were grouped about the well.

PASSES NINE MILLION MARK Attendance at the St. Louis Exposition is Increasing Rapidly.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—The division of admissions of the World's fair has issued the following statement of the daily attendance for the last six days and a monthly report giving the total attendance figures:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Attendance. Rows for Monday through Saturday, and a total for the week.

TENT LIFE FOR CONSUMPTIVES Jewish Hospital at Denver for Outdoor Treatment of the Disease Dedicated.

DENVER, Sept. 4.—A tented city built up under the auspices of the Jewish Consumption Relief society, where consumptives, regardless of creed, are treated, was dedicated today. The city is located west of Denver on a twenty-acre tract. Over 2,000 persons attended the exercises and the speakers included men of all religions. The society is backed by something like thirty Jewish fraternal associations, the Hebrew Abraham and the Arbuter Kings having levied per capita assessments to the support of the project. Several thousands of dollars of donations were received during the exercises today.

KEGLEVITCH LIVES INCOGNITO

Lover of Princess Louise Spent Several Weeks at Dresden Previous to Her Flight.

DRESDEN, Sept. 4.—The discovery has been made that Lieutenant Count Matshch-Keglevitch lived incognito at Kotsche, a suburb of Dresden, for several weeks preceding the flight of Princess Louise of Coburg from Bad Elster, and that he frequently communicated secretly with the princess. She was staying at Coswig, the princess one day slipped away and hid in the neighboring hill country, but she was found and taken back. She explained her absence by saying that she had got lost.

PREMIER COMBES MAKES SPEECH Says His Policy Provides for Complete Separation of Church and State

ALGERIE, France, Sept. 4.—Premier Combes made an important speech here today. In retracing the policy of the government during the last two years, he claimed that the municipal and departmental elections had given full evidence that it was approved by the country.

Regarding the future, the premier said that he would continue to carry out his policy for national sovereignty and the complete laicization of society. The religious power and openly torn up the Concordat and it was not his intention to try to mend it.

THE risk of France losing its position as the protector of eastern Catholics, the premier said, was a wholly insufficient motive for foregoing the separation of church and state, which circumstances had obliged him to inscribe on his program alongside the reduction of military service, the income tax and workmen's pensions.

CROWN PRINCE IS BETHROTHEN Duchess Cecilia to Be Bride of Heir to German Throne.

ALTONA, Prussia, Sept. 4.—During a dinner which Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria gave at the Kaiserhof tonight to the leading officials of Schleswig-Holstein, the emperor announced the betrothal of Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm to the Duchess Cecilia, sister of the reigning grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

ROYAL COUPLE NOT RECONCILED. ROYAL COUPLE. The Giornale D'Italia, in denying that reconciliation has taken place between Princess Alice de Bourbon, daughter of Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, and her husband, Prince Frederick of Schonberg-Waldenburg, asserts that the princess has returned to that place, although authorities the annulment of her marriage through the influence of the pope, whom she knows personally.

CHINA MAN DECLINES OFFICE. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 4.—Wong Kim Yuen, a Chinese merchant resident at Quintana, in the state of Tamaulipas, has refused to accept the office of mayor of that place, although he is one of the most thickly populated in the crowded east side of New York.

SENATOR CLARK DENIES STORY Says He is Not in the Habit of Asking for Aid in Personal Controversies.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 4.—A story having been widely published to the effect that Senator Clark of this state had been associated in the shooting of a man at a hotel in a hotel, Senator Clark has authorized the Associated Press to make a denial of the story. In a signed statement Senator Clark says:

The story was an unwarranted and malicious concoction of facts. Mr. George Laury and Mr. Wetherby were with me and they will confirm my statement and that I did not speak to him. He addressed himself to me and I said to him, 'I have no fear of anyone who will come out into the open to direct his attack. Such a character is to be admired in comparison with the slanders who huris his cowardly shafts from under cover.'

FOUR SHOT FOR FIVE CENTS Quarrel Starts Over Balance Due After a Game of Cards.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Following a quarrel that grew out of an alleged indebtedness of cents for four persons were shot today in Harlem's "Little Italy," one so seriously that he may die. They were Joseph Fiorio, 21 years old, who received a flesh wound in right hip; Antonio De Lago, 30 years old, who was shot in the right breast and may die; Joseph Rogo, aged 27, shot in abdomen, and Rosa De Pino, aged 8, who was shot in the right hip.

After a chase of several blocks the police arrested Antonio Caro, 30 years old, and charged him with doing the shooting. The police say that Caro claimed De Lago owes him 5 cents at the close of a card game last night. Caro demanded the money and De Lago denied that he owed. Today Caro made another demand and then shot De Lago. The De Pino girl was by a stray bullet. Pietro and Rogo were shot while trying to prevent Caro's escape.

FIVE MEN DROWN IN LAKE ERIE Small Naphtha Launch Capsizes While Enroute from Cleveland to Vermilion.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 4.—Five men were drowned in Lake Erie last night as the result of the capsizing of a twenty-two foot naphtha launch in which they were enroute from Cleveland to Vermilion to attend yacht races at the latter place today. The boat was capsized at 11:30 p.m.

JOHN D. BEGLEY of 881 Sovell avenue. ALBERT G. TREIBER of 25 Avondale street. PAUL HARTNER, 200 Root street. These three men were employees of the Cuyahoga Abstract company.

MAX HURTIG, a traveling salesman for a New York City firm. JULIUS HURTIG, draughtsman, employed by the Garry Iron and Steel company, Cleveland. The Hurltigs were brothers.

Movements of Great Vessels Sept. 4. At New York—Arrived: Helig Olav, from Copenhagen. Parton, from Glasgow. At St. Michaels—Arrived: Bryan Prince, from New York. At Queenstown—Sailed: Etruria, for New York. At Dover—Sailed: Patricia, for New York. At Southampton—Sailed: Grosvenor Kurul, for New York. At Liverpool—Arrived: Arabic, from New York.

FORAKER OPENS CAMPAIGN

Ohio Senator to Speak in Lincoln on September Fourteenth.

FUSION MACHINES OUT OF HARMONY One Bending Energies for National and State Tickets and the Other Trying to Elect Majority of the Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—It has been definitely decided that the republican campaign in this city will be formally opened on September 14 with a speech by Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio.

Political House Divided. Up in the top of the Royal hotel the democrats and populists are working against each other for the election of a national ticket and trying to make believe they are working together for the election of state and legislative tickets.

While the democratic committee will be doing nothing for the national ticket, the reorganizers, who are shut out of the machinery, will boost things for the Hudson diver. The populists are already working hard to get out a Watson-Tibbles vote not only to spite Bryan and Parker, but because of their regard for Tibbles, the Nebraska.

Sam Winters, who was shot early Friday morning by James Young, a race horse driver at the state fair grounds, at 3:30 this afternoon and the remains have been taken in charge by Walter Roberts, funeral director, at 215 West Orangeville, Ill., today and probably the body will be taken there for burial.

Winters, with Max Wagner, was employed by Young as a "wiper" and the two slept at the fair grounds near the races. Thursday night Young was in Lincoln, and upon his return to the fair grounds, he retired, so he says, and was awakened soon after by Winters and Wagner trying to get into his room. He told them to get away from the room, and by kicking in the door, rushing toward his bed with the threat to "do him up." Young pulled his revolver and shot four times, each ball taking effect. Wagner was shot in the arm and leg and was not badly hurt. Winters was in the stomach. An operation was performed on him Friday morning and it was found his wounds were perforated in twelve places. He was unconscious Friday, but Saturday he rallied and the physician announced that he had a fighting chance for his life. He began to get weaker Saturday and continued to gradually sink until he died.

Young was held under \$1,200 bonds for the shooting of Wagner and tomorrow another complaint will be filed against him charging murder in the first degree. Both Winters and Wagner declare the shooting was unprovoked and that Young was drinking at the time. In the coat of Winters, however, the police found an open knife, but it is not known whether he had this on at the time of the trouble. Winters was about 30 years old.

LABOR DAY PARADE. Central Labor union held a special session this afternoon to finish up the arrangements for the picnic tomorrow. The parade is expected to be one of the best ever given here on such an occasion and a big crowd is also expected to go to the park for afternoon entertainment.

RESULTS IN BURT. OAKLAND, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Reports to Dr. Swarth, chairman of the republican county committee, on the result of the primaries in Burt county for judge of the district court, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Rows for Bartlett Kennedy, Craig, Bell, and Tokamak.

Accident in Basket Ball Game. PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Thursday evening the College Club of this city gave an exhibition basket ball game in the opera house. During the game an accident happened to Miss Helen Lipp in which one of her lower limbs was broken. In a scramble for the ball one of the other girls fell on her, fracturing one of the bones. While practicing in the opera house Wednesday Miss Elva Sly, one of the university's first team players, fell and broke her arm.

Fillis Gap in Ticket. RUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The committee to whom was delegated the duty of filling vacancies by the recent democratic county convention, have designated E. S. Lord of Yerdon to be placed on their legislative ticket made vacant by the declination to run of W. J. McCray of Maddy, who prefers to hold on to his present job as supervisor, rather than risk losing the uncertain race along legislative lines this fall.

Young Men's Republican Club. YORK, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—An enthusiastic meeting of the young republicans of York county was held in the city hall last evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Republican club. A permanent organization was effected under the name of the Young Men's Republican Club of York county and the following officers elected: President, George W. Nell; vice president, Arthur G. Wray.

President Passes Quiet Sunday. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 4.—No special plans have been made by the president for tomorrow. He expects to remain at Sagamore Hill during the day. As usual, Sunday was a quiet day at Sagamore Hill. No special visitors were received during the day.

EVENTS FOR LABOR DAY

Union labor exercises at Courtland Beach. Omaha and Sioux City double header at Vinton Street park. First game called at 2:30. Mattiees at Boyd's and Krug theaters. Usual amusements at all resorts. Partial holiday for business, civic, national and local officials.

SERIOUS RIOT AT CHURCH DOOR Fifty Policemen Protect Pittsburg Priest from Wrath of His Parishioners.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 4.—After hearing his way into the church with an axe, the Rev. Father Bekavac of St. Nichol's Croatian Roman Catholic church, Allegheny, held early mass today, while a large number of his former parishioners, who were in the city for the purpose of attending the funeral of a friend, were in the church at the conclusion of the ceremony. He was stayed from violence only by the protection of fifty policemen.

When Father Bekavac reached the church he found all the doors locked and nailed and an axe applied to one of the doors, while the police aided him to force it down under the weight of their bodies. Excitement by this time had reached a high pitch in the mob of probably 500 men and women who had gathered to prevent services being held. About fifty of Father Bekavac's adherents attacked the mob, and respectable voters, some like called upon their followers to attack him.

The police surrounded the priest and with their maces fought back the crowd, finally landing their charge safely in the parish house. Eight of the mob leaders, of whom are women, were taken to central station in the afternoon.

St. Nichol's church has been the scene of fanatical disturbances for several months and the dissenters demanded the removal of Father Bekavac, charging misappropriation of funds. Bishop Melan upheld the priest and ordered him to hold services today in spite of the protests.

EVANGELISTS IN ENGLAND Two Americans Begin a Series of Services in Historic Hall at Bolton.

BOLTON, Eng., Sept. 4.—Reuben A. Torrie and C. M. Alexander, the American evangelists, began a series of services here today. For many weeks extensive preparations have been made, meetings held and praise with ceremonies being held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association and in the gardens of Smithill's hall, a royal Baxon palace founded by King Eliza in the sixteenth century and in the possession of Colonel Ainsworth, a member of the Baptist and a missionary. The gathering place for the mission is a drill hall, with immense galleries, and platforms have been erected, the seating capacity now being 6,000. The choir numbers 1,500 persons and the mission is being assisted by all sections.

BURLINGTON MEN AT FAIR Passenger Agents of the System Will Visit St. Louis Exposition This Week.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager of the Burlington system, will bring to St. Louis tomorrow the general passenger agents of the various lines comprising that system and over forty district passenger agents from the principal cities of the central states. Mr. Eustis stated tonight that after visiting the World's fair during the past week he was so impressed with it that he decided publicity can best be given by bringing representative men to personally see it and to this end will have the various Burlington agents make a personal inspection.

REJOICING AT JAPANESE CAPITAL City Brilliantly Illuminated and Crowds Parade Streets.

TOKIO, Sept. 4.—Beyond Field Marshal Oyama's dispatch reporting the occupation of Liao Yang and the commencement of General Kuroki's turning movement against the Russian left, nothing further concerning the battle of Liao Yang has reached Tokyo today. Neither the number of Russian who succeeded in escaping northward nor the number encompassed by General Kuroki's turning movement is known here. The severity of the Russian defeat hinges largely on Kuroki's movements. If it is successful the number of Russian who succeeded in escaping northward nor the number encompassed by General Kuroki's turning movement is known here.

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RUSSIANS ARE HEARTSICK

Defeat at Liao Yang Comes to Them with Crushing Force. HAD FAITH IN VICTORY AT THAT POINT Kouroupatkin's Stereotyped Excuse that Retreat is Part of Pre-arranged Plan Will No Longer Suffice.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1914.) ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—General Kouroupatkin's defeat and consequent retreat came as a thunderbolt. Few here believe it possible that with a great force at his command, fighting on the ground chosen by himself, in a position to the highest degree fortified, with the advantage of a railroad to bring reinforcements, he could succumb to forces little exceeding his own.

To understand fully the sense of mortification existing, remember that everyone has been assured that Liao Yang would at last turn the tide of Russian disaster, that the Japanese would surely be routed and that the immediate rescue of Port Arthur would follow. It is significant that not a single paper this morning comments editorially on the news. The organized silence proves that General Kouroupatkin's fetich for the people of placing every defeat and retreat as part of his plan of campaign, seemingly this time has entirely failed to give satisfaction, all the more so it is realized that each strong position relinquished will have to be taken back at a terrible loss of life and an indefinite prolongation of the war.

Up to date no details have been given of what General Kouroupatkin describes generally as the terrible losses of the Siberian army corps in the desperate defense of the railroad, owing to which supreme effort and under the present command of General Kouroupatkin the Russian army was saved from utter disaster and was enabled to retreat. Only from a Tokio dispatch it is known that the fighting there is of the fiercest description and is still lasting.

Fears are entertained that the Japanese are harassing the retreat. The minister of finance has announced that all ten years' deposits in the treasury will be used for necessities of the treasury. These include large sums belonging to city corporations. There are also indications that the recent issue of 150,000,000 rubles of treasury notes are not being absorbed readily.

STORM WRECKS PONTOON BRIDGE Russians Prepare for Winter Campaign in Corea.

(Copyright, 1914, by New York Herald Co.) WOKON, via Seoul, Sept. 4.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The recent storm on this coast destroyed the Russian pontoon bridges across the Tuman river and also wrecked several junks engaged in the transportation of Russian ammunition, flour and other supplies from Posset Bay to Song Chin. More than 100 junks were engaged in this work and were conveyed by torpedo boats.

Eighteen hundred Russians passed Manchien, southbound, leaving field guns there until the roads are repaired. It is reported that the Russian troops now in Corea will only prepare for the winter campaign, when an entire army corps will cross the frontier and march south, with Seoul as the objective.

DETAILS OF RECENT FIGHTING Delayed Telegram from the Russian Headquarters.

YENTAL, Sept. 3.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—The battle continued with great fierceness up to Friday. The Russians evacuated Liao Yang and got the bulk of their rolling stock across the river safely. A new station with locomotives, trains, etc., was established several versts north of the Taitse river, as was a general station for the Red Cross.

On September 2, the fourth day of the battle of Liao Yang and the tenth of the general advance, the battle commenced at dawn on both sides of the Taitse river. The Japanese advanced early in the morning in the direction of the Yental mines, where they were defended by twelve battalions. Owing to the superiority of the Japanese this force was giving way preparatory to retiring on its rear position when fresh men were brought up, which enabled it to retain its position. On the bank of the Taitse the Japanese persistently bombarded Liao Yang, their shells reaching as far as the railway station. The Russian troops on September 1 occupied the main line, where the Japanese assaults were persistent and deadly and the Russians not only stood off the attacks, but took the offensive, broke the Japanese lines and occupied a village in front of the position. The advance through the Chinese corn, which was over fourteen feet high, was very difficult, though the stalks had been cut down in places. The Russians pushed forward in the face of all obstacles and, reaching the Japanese lines, drove in an assault before which the Japanese fled, leaving piles of corpses. The Russian losses were very heavy.

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The wounded speak in the highest terms of the bravery and endurance of the Japanese. The battle near Liao Yang continues today (Saturday). There has been hot cross-firing at the Yental mines, but at present the Japanese prevail and there is no firing again in any direction.

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Monday and Tuesday. Temperature at Omaha, yesterday: High, 59; low, 44. Forecast: High, 59; low, 44.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS Marshal Oyama Confirms Capture of Liao Yang by the Japanese.

The only direct news from the seat of war, following Sunday's date came by way of Tokio in a report from Field Marshal Oyama saying that Liao Yang fell completely into the hands of the Japanese at 9 o'clock that afternoon, that the Japanese casualties were believed to be heavy and that nothing was known by the Japanese concerning conditions on the right bank of the Taitse river.

The only comfort for the Russians at home was the news conveyed in a report from General Kouroupatkin, dated Saturday afternoon, that General Stakelberg's First Siberian army corps of 2,500 men, reported Saturday as having been cut off to the westward of Liao Yang, had been safely extricated and that the corps has succeeded in joining the main Russian body on the right bank of the river. No details of the escape of General Stakelberg are known. General Kouroupatkin also reported that the greater portion of his army was at the time of filing the report south of Yental, ten miles northeast of Liao Yang, and a few miles from the Yental mines, where fierce fighting had been in progress.

In St. Petersburg the absence of news is looked upon as heightening the gravity of the situation for the Russians. It was reported in St. Petersburg Sunday night that Kouroupatkin had arrived at Tieling, which is ten miles north of Yental and eighteen miles south of Mukden.

GLOOM PRAVEDES ST. PETERSBURG Kouroupatkin's Retreat Causes Bitter Disappointment.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4.—3 p. m.—There is bitter disappointment tonight, probably the keenest of the whole land campaign, over the situation at the front. Up to Liao Yang the retreating from and the abandonment of positions had been expected and that much the public and the officials thought they knew of General Kouroupatkin's plan of campaign. Had Liao Yang been abandoned without a fight the public would have looked forward patiently to a decisive stand at Mukden, but after a desperate battle, with victory for the Russian army, the retreat of Liao Yang abandoned, its immense stores captured or destroyed and the retreat continued under the most adverse conditions severely tried public confidence in the commander-in-chief.

At this hour even the authorities know little more than has already been given to the public. There is still much debate as to whether Kouroupatkin is continuing his retreat, or whether he has been able to do so, but the public so far is not aware of General Stakelberg's narrow escape from being cut off.

The situation, as it is known to date, is that the Russian army is south of the branch railway connecting Yental mines, where fierce fighting has been in progress. Actual fighting seems to have been suspended for the moment, but the armies are probably resting after their ten days' continuous exertions of the past ten days, the longest single battle in history, and it will depend upon their respective recuperative powers as to which will first be able to start the fighting.

The country is ill suited to military operations. It is flatter and more open than the region south of Liao Yang, but is covered at this season with dense fields of Chinese corn, growing bigger than a man on horseback. It is more suited to surprise and to offensive operations than to a steady retreat. One feature of the situation has apparently been overlooked by the local critics in their recent eagerness to chronicle a decisive engagement, namely, that Kouroupatkin is still in command of the railway and apparently has saved a majority of the rolling stock. This is chiefly in requisition at present for the transportation of the wounded and the transport of the Japanese lines, which is thirty miles from Yental. What force Kouroupatkin is holding in reserve there even the authorities do not exactly know, but it is believed that it must be considerable, while the European reinforcements which have been sent up in weeks past are pouring in there daily.

The Japanese army is confessedly exhausted and is getting further from its base of supplies. If it reaches Mukden without dealing Kouroupatkin a crushing blow, and Field Marshal Oyama seems to be getting ready to envelop the Russian force, the Japanese will find themselves in front of a fresh and strongly fortified city, where the Russians will be sure of a warm welcome and renewed supplies and against which it seems impossible that the Japanese commander will be able to successfully hurl his brave but worn out and possibly starving troops. It is possible that even now Russian reinforcements may be descending from the north to aid the retreating comrades at Mukden, which is less than two days' ordinary march distant even ignoring the railway. What effect the present retreat will have on General Kouroupatkin's reputation at home it is impossible to say. It may be remembered, however, that before starting for the far east General Kouroupatkin said that he fully expected his reputation to sink lower than his friends even dreamed, but that thereafter there would come a turning point where he would be able to turn the tide of the war.

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