

Nebraska Notes

Work has commenced on the erection of a mill at Cortland.

D. Blankmeyer of Pender has gone to the Argentine Republic to seek his fortune.

The children's home society of Nebraska has recently organized a local branch at McCook.

The Fairmont Creamery company put upon the market 1,400,000 pounds of butter for its work during 1897.

The new creamery at Guide Rock is proving a bonanza to farmers and its patronage is steadily increasing.

Wood River business men are making an effort to organize a company to build and operate a butter and cheese factory.

Hastings farmers are asking for the next annual meeting of the volunteer firemen of the state to be held in their city.

The Salvation army has looked upon North Platte as a good point for work and last week opened barracks at that place.

Franklin has organized a creamery station, and the farmers of that vicinity are coming enthusiastically to its support.

The farmers of Y. don are enthusiastic over their new creamery and report receipts for milk as exceeding their expectations.

Frank Coleman of Red Willow county while out hunting rested the muzzle of his gun on his right foot. He is now in a hospital.

Hyannis, a town on the Burlington in the sand hill country to the northwest, received 170 cars of merchandise during the year 1897.

The paving brick manufacturing business at Table Rock reports a prosperous year and a proposed enlargement of the plant for 1898.

The Methodist church of Schuyler that has been very successful the last year, will hold a three days jubilee the first of February.

The Polanders around Neligh are preparing to devote a large acreage next season to the cultivation of beets for the Norfolk sugar factory.

Wheat thieves at Litchfield have been arousing the people of the vicinity and several arrests and trials in court have resulted from the awakening.

Fremont points with pride to its record of bank clearances the first week in January, showing an increase of 82 percent over the corresponding week a year ago.

Ogallala has incorporated a creamery company which will commence operations using the milk from 500 cows. The farmers of that vicinity are preparing to profit by the enterprise.

Dr. Hutchinson of Madison had a monstrosity born to one of his pet cows in the shape of an eight legged calf. It has sold it for \$250 to parties who will exhibit it at the Omaha exposition.

Members of the state militia are recalling that it was seven years ago this month when they went on their memorable campaign to the north, which terminated at Wounded Knee.

There is an epidemic of diphtheria in the vicinity of Alexandria, Thayer county. The deaths have been numerous, mostly among children, but one man forty years of age succumbed to the malady.

Washington county is in good financial shape and its affairs have been economically managed. On January 6 there was \$102,075.39 in cash and available resources. Of this amount \$61,036.29 was in cash.

A new spindle is being worked in Nebraska. Parties advertise to send ten yards of the finest silk, any color, for \$1. The victim who sends receives ten yards of fine silk thread, which is of course, as much as is promised for the money.

Two young men whose residence is unknown and who give the names of William and Bryan Armstrong, have been arrested at Elgin. They are charged with frightening the school children and the young woman teacher by flourishing a revolver and threatening to shoot them.

Campbell, Franklin county, is not a large place, but the people of that vicinity raised a crop last year and made some shipments. The B. & M. road that passes through the town took from Campbell in 1897 in carloads, corn 393, wheat 197, oats 31, barley 6, hogs, 50, cattle 25. Total of cars shipped, 647.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Holly, living southwest of town, says the Battle Creek Republican, got a sandburr in her throat on Friday of last week, and for a time she was in a critical condition, her throat swelling so badly that she could scarcely breathe until the doctors inserted a tube for that purpose. Up to the present time the sandburr is still in the little girl's throat, the opinion being that it would finally be coughed out; but if it is not, the doctors will try to remove it with instruments. The little girl picked the burr out of her mitten with her teeth, which was the means of it getting in her throat.

Receiver Watkins of the defunct National bank of Ponca, accompanied by Counselor Learned of Omaha and Judge Tibbles of Lincoln, are at Ponca to take testimony to be used in a case which was brought by the receiver to recover a dividend which is claimed to have been wrongfully allowed and paid by the First National.

Two hundred and fifty cars of live were received at North Platte in five days last week to go toward filling the Union Pacific live houses at that point.

WARSHIP TO HAVANA

UNCLE SAM'S STEEL WARRIOR SAILS FOR HARBOR.

U. S. Steamship Maine is Ordered to Proceed to That Place—Action is Deliberate After a Discussion in the President's Cabinet—What Spain Thinks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Within forty-eight hours, for the first time since the insurrection broke out in the Cuba three years ago, the United States government will be represented in the harbor of Havana by a warship. The decision to send the United States steamer Maine was finally agreed to at a special meeting at the White House yesterday morning between the president, Secretary Long, Assistant Secretary Day, Attorney-General McKenna and General Miles, and it is an accepted fact that, with the exception of the secretary of the navy and the attorney-general, not a member of the cabinet knew of the president's intention to take this radical action. It is not denied, however, that some such move has long been in contemplation, as is evidenced in the following statement of Assistant Secretary Day, made yesterday morning:

"The sending of the Maine to Havana means simply the resumption of friendly naval relations with Spain. It is customary for naval vessels of friendly nations to pass in and out of the harbors of other countries with which they are at peace and British and German warships have recently visited Havana. This is no new move. The president has intended to do it for some time, but heretofore something has happened to postpone it. The orders to the Maine mean nothing more than I have said, and there is nothing alarming or sensational in them. The Spanish minister here is fully informed of what is going on, and so far as I know has not made the slightest objection to it.

Further, Assistant Secretary Day said that Consul-General Lee had not sent for a warship.

MOVE TAKEN DELIBERATELY.

This statement shows that the move has been taken deliberately and that it would not have been taken if there were doubts as to the results in Havana. The general belief here is, however, that in Madrid rather than in any Cuban town is trouble to be looked for if there should be any misapprehension of the purpose of our government in sending the Maine to Havana. The temper of the opposition newspapers in the Spanish capital has been threatening for some time, and it may require the strong hand of the news censor to repress utterances that would lead to rioting. Admiral's earlier orders were not made public in their text as the navy department, but it was stated that the substance of them was contained in the statement made by Secretary Long. The orders were not sent directly to the Maine, for the reason that she is now regularly attached to the squadron, and the naval regulations require all such orders to go through the superior office. The details of the Maine's movements are believed to be left for the arrangements of Admiral Seward, but it is thought that the ship which put to sea with the squadron will return to Key West before going to Havana.

Leutgert on the Stand Again.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Adolph Leutgert's story of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of his wife Louise last May was resumed on the witness stand yesterday. Leutgert explained how the stairway door leading to the basement had been blocked, and thus, it is alleged, excited the suspicion of Blak, the old watchman, who, when he returned with the Hunyadi water, for which he had been sent, found that he could not enter the door, and he made use of the elevator door. Exactly as William Child told the jury, Leutgert said boxes had been moved about to give the dogs a chance at the rats which infested that part of the basement used as a storage room for odds and ends.

"You had no intention of blocking the door against entrance?" the witness was asked.

"None whatever; the door was seldom used."

Mr. Harmon asked a few questions about the door and then in answering which Leutgert declared his intention to the fact of the children's savings bank had been broken open was called by either Mary Siemmering or one of his little sons.

"Now," asked the lawyer, "will you tell me how you provided for your wife during the year prior to May 1?"

"Oh, when she wanted money I gave it to her or she took it from my pocket," smilingly answered the prisoner.

"Shortly before May 1, just when I don't recollect," Leutgert continued, "she took \$20. She knew I'd know who had it, and it was all right."

"Did you kiss Mary Siemmering often?" blandly interrogated the attorney while Leutgert sat up straight in his chair and the spectators looked intensely pleased.

"No, no, no, I did not," came the emphatic answer, which made the crowd titter. "I could kiss my wife if I wanted to kiss."

Poker and Fight.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 25.—William and Harvey Topic are dead and Lew Wallace is fatally wounded as the result of a pistol duel in a riot in Leslie county near the Bell and Harlan county line last night. The Topic boys were invited by Wallace to go to his house to engage in a draw poker game. The game seemed to be one-sided. Wallace won all the money. A quarrel followed, pistols were drawn, the lights shot out and a desperate duel began, resulting as above stated.

RUMOR OF LEE'S ASSASSINATION

is Not Confirmed—Warships are in Southern Waters.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 24.—Admiral Seward, with the battleships New York, Indiana, Massachusetts, Iowa and Texas, arrived off the bar at Key West at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The Maine, Montgomery and Detroit and torpedo boats Cushing and Dupont went out and joined the fleet. An important message was received here at 11 o'clock for Admiral Seward, but there is no way of transportation to the fleet.

Telegrams received from Havana last night state that extra guards had been placed around Consul-General Lee's office for protection. Circulars have been distributed around Havana calling on volunteers for the protection of the American colony. No news of an attempt to assassinate General Lee has been received.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—So far as could be learned the administration had no advice from Havana yesterday. Both the state and navy departments affirmed that nothing had been heard from General Lee and professed to look upon the lack of news as a good sign. On the other hand the city was full of rumors ranging in importance from the statement that the White squadron had sailed from Key West to that of Lee's being a assassin at Havana. Inquiry, however, failed to reveal any basis for sensational reports.

MADRID, Jan. 24.—The report that American warships have been ordered to Cuban waters has caused great excitement here.

The Imparcial, in the course of a violent article, says: "We see now the eagerness of the Yankees to seize Cuba."

A grand banquet was given at the palace Sunday evening in honor of the birthday of King Alfonso. The members of the cabinet and the principal members of the diplomatic corps were present. The cabinet met afterwards and decided, so it is reported, to address a manifesto to the country. One member, in the course of an interview, said the government was quite tranquil respecting the movements of the American warships, which were fully known to the minister of marine.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 24.—The fleet of battleships will sail for Dry Tortugas this morning.

Riots in Algiers.

ALGERS, Jan. 24.—Anti-Jewish riots were renewed here Sunday. The men invaded the Jewish quarter and pillaged the shops in the Rue Babazon driving the Jewish merchants out into the streets. A squadron of chasseurs was ordered to the scene and charged the mob with drawn swords, but the mob returned further on, cheering for the army. Revolvers and daggers were freely used. One man who was stabbed in the back and shot in the head died on the spot. Many were seriously stabbed, one named Cayol dying from his wounds. The crowd, hearing of this, became dangerously excited and shouted: "The Jews are murdering us; death to the Jews," and resumed pillaging. The fronts of six shops were destroyed and the loot was burned. The police repeatedly charged the rioters, but were stubbornly resisted and powerless to restore order until the troops arrived.

CHRISTIANS SWEAR VENGEANCE.

Several policemen were seriously maltreated. Many arrests for theft have been made. The Jewish authorities recommend their co-religionists to remain indoors. Both the men killed in the riot were Christians and their companions have sworn to avenge them. It is feared there will be further riots.

Disturbances and the looting of Jewish shops continued throughout the evening, despite the efforts of the troops to quell disorders.

At 1 o'clock Saturday night some Jewish flower stores were pillaged and their contents destroyed. The zonaves then charged the crowd with fixed bayonets and dispersed them many persons being injured.

At the moment this dispatch is sent, 11 o'clock, the rioters are reassembling on the quays and setting fire to the Jewish spirit stores. Troops are being hurried to the spot. Already there have been 150 arrests. The maintenance of order has been entrusted to the military.

She Wanted Revenge.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., Jan. 24.—Attempt to wreck a passenger train, with revenge for the killing of a horse as the motive, is the charge against Mary Miles, arrested here Saturday afternoon. Detectives say the evidence against her is positive and that other arrests will follow, clearing up a mystery of nearly four years' standing.

The woman is a somewhat notorious character in this locality. The crime with which she is charged was committed near Withee during June, 1894. A horse owned by her was killed by a passing Wisconsin Central train and the company refused damages. In revenge, it is alleged, she placed ties in a culvert to wreck a passenger train.

The obstruction was struck by a freight train, doing considerable damage, but the wreck was attended with no loss of life.

Illustrious Daughter Dead.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 24.—A telegram from Palm Beach, Fla., announces the death of Mrs. Mary Payne Bingham of this city, daughter of the late Senator H. B. Payne. Mrs. Bingham's husband and children were with her when she died, as were also her only surviving brother, Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne of New York and her niece, Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget, daughter of the late Mrs. William O. Whitney, Mrs. Bingham's only sister.

THINK IT MEANS WAR.

Spanish Newspapers go off at Half-Cool Some More.

MADRID, Jan. 26.—The Imparcial expresses fear that the dispatch of the United States battleships Maine to Havana will provoke a conflict, and adds: "Europe cannot doubt America's attitude towards Spain, but the Spanish people, if necessary, will do their duty with honor."

The newspapers generally comment upon Secretary Long's explanation of the visit of the United States battleship Maine to Havana and agree in expressing the opinion that her visit is "inopportune and calculated to encourage the insurgents."

It is announced that, "following Washington's example," the Spanish government will "instruct Spanish warships to visit a few American ports."

The Epoca asks if the dispatch of the Maine to Havana is intended as a sop to the jingoes, and adds:

"We cannot think the American government so naive and badly-informed as to imagine that the presence of American war vessels at Havana will be a cause of satisfaction to Spain or an indication of friendship."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The battleship Maine is in Havana harbor. The torpedo boat Dupont, which left Key West at 5 o'clock under sailing orders, halted the Maine at Dry Tortugas and delivered the orders for the battleship to proceed to Havana at once. The Dupont then returned to Key West. It reports that the Maine was about to sail when the Dupont left.

It is believed by the state department that the Maine entered the harbor at Havana at the earliest hour that the Spanish port regulations permit. No direct report, however, has yet been received from Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 26.—The United States battleship Maine, commanded by Chas. D. Sigbee, which left Key West, Fla., on January 24, arrived here at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and was saluted by the forts and war vessels.

A report is current that the United States consul-general, Fitzhugh Lee, and Dr. Congoni, secretary-general of the Cuban government, have had a slight misunderstanding.

General Lee, when seen by a correspondent of the Associated press, said that nothing unpleasant had happened between himself and Senor Congoso. Shortly after the arrival of the Maine, Lieutenant Medrano, representing the captain of the port, Vice Admiral Patricio visited the battleship and extended the customary courtesies.

The arrival of the war ship caused much surprise and excited considerable curiosity. All is quiet.

Captain Sigbee yesterday evening had a prolonged conference with Consul General Lee. The officers and sailors of the Maine will not go ashore at present to avoid possible friction.

Captain Sigbee has expressed himself as gratified by the reception rendered and the courtesy and cordiality shown. It is reported at the palace that General Maximo Gomez has fallen back across the Moron Jucaro trocha into the Camagney district.

A Bad Fire in Spokane.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 26.—A fire in which the loss will run up to \$400,000 worth of property and at the very least five lives were lost, took place Monday night. The Great Eastern Block, at the corner of Post street and Riverside avenue, six stories in height, and constructed of brick, caught fire about 11:45 p. m., and in three hours was totally demolished.

The names of those known to be lost are: Rose Wilson, aged eighteen.

Rose Smith, an invalid, aged twenty.

Mrs. Davies.

Other bodies are supposed to be in the building, which is too hot yet to enter.

All of the upper two floors and part of the third floor were used for lodging purposes, and at least 150 people were asleep in the building when the fire started. While most of them escaped with only their clothes, it is thought a number perished.

Corbett Signs Articles to Fight.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—James J. Corbett yesterday signed articles calling for a fight with Robert Fitzsimmons, which George Considine of Detroit is confident he can pull off next summer.

The articles are identical with those governing the fight at Carson City, with the exception of the purse, which in this case is \$25,000 as against \$15,000 at Carson City. Considine agrees to post a forfeit of \$5,000 to go to the men in case he fails to pull off the fight. In return he demands a forfeit from each of \$2,500.

Considine expressed great confidence in his ability to have the fight without interruption, and said that besides the purse for Fitzsimmons and Corbett he would offer \$15,000 for Kid McCoy to go against Chonoki, Jeffries, Maher or Ruhlin. Kid Lavigne, he said, had promised him that he would fight McCoy at 12 pounds. For this event a good purse will be offered, Mr. Considine declared.

Considine is to meet Fitzsimmons in Detroit on Sunday and expresses himself as confident of being able to induce the champion to write his name beside that of Corbett on the articles of agreement.

Wanted \$5,000 or a Life.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—About noon yesterday a well-dressed young man aged about twenty-five, walked into the private office of Judge Madill, president of the Union Trust company, and pointing a revolver at the Judge's head, demanded \$5,000 cash, threatening to kill him if the money was not paid. Judge Madill engaged the man in conversation until detectives arrived and handcuffed him. The would-be robber was taken to the Four Courts and locked up.

TO GIVE AUTONOMY A CHANCE.

If It Falls in Cuba Uncle Sam May Take a Hand in the War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Gentlemen in congress who by their position have reason to be accurately informed on the position of the administration towards Cuba, say that this policy is in substance as follows:

At the present moment it is felt that the same national conditions prevail as existed when the president sent his last message to congress. At that time it was stated that the plan of autonomy having been inaugurated, it was the purpose of the executive branch to give proper time for this plan to be tried. The administration plan was inaugurated only three weeks ago, so that it is felt that there has not been adequate time up to the present moment to form any fair judgment as to the powers of the plan as a means of ameliorating the condition of the island.

The recent occurrences at Havana are looked upon as affording evidence of discontent at the plan, but whether this will be sufficient to overcome the plan itself is not looked upon as established with any degree of certainty, or even approximately.

READY FOR AN EMERGENCY.

In the meantime, while closely observing the progress of the autonomous plan, the administration has adopted every precaution to guard against any sudden emergency, such as an uprising that will threaten American interests. This is not expected to occur, but if it should come it is said that the naval vessels of the United States are so disposed as to be in the harbor of Havana within six hours of any crisis which would imperil American interests. In order that there may be no delay should an emergency arise it is said that Consul-General Lee has been empowered to make direct request to the commanders of the warships, so that the vessels could start on receipt of word from him without the delays incident to having his requests pass through the official routine at Washington. To a great extent the intelligent judgment of General Lee is relied upon as to determining if any emergency requires the presence of American vessels.

This, however, applies solely to the question of tumult of a critical nature and has no connection with the general question of intervention for the purpose of bringing the war to a close. Such a step is not under immediate consideration, for, as already stated, it is predicted on the failure of the plan of autonomy, which result, it is said, the government does not regard as established by the evidence at hand up to the present time.

Avenge his Sister.

New York, Jan. 21.—Inside the Stagg street station house, borough of Brooklyn last night, the policemen were all in line ready to go out for night duty. The sergeant was reading to them a description of Herman G. Hintz, who had just shot and mortally wounded Otto Diehl. He was telling the men to arrest Hintz and warned them that he was a wild westerner and probably dangerous.

Outside the station house was Hintz doing his best to get inside and give himself up. He told the doorman guarding the entrance that he had important business inside and must pass. The doorman declared that no one should enter until the men had been sent out for duty. The policemen filed out past the man they wanted and Hintz went in side. He told of the crime he had committed and handed Sergeant Ruthenberg a big revolver, from which a forty-four bullet had been discharged. He was locked up.

Hintz had been a cowboy in Texas for the last seven years. His mother lives in Brooklyn, and he came to visit her Christmas. He found that Diehl was treating his sister brutally and he took her away. He went for Mrs. Diehl's clothes. Diehl refused to let him have them and Hintz says threatened to brain him with a kettle.

"My sister is dying," said Hintz, "and you'll murder her. I guess it won't be a crime to kill you, and I'll do it," and he hid.

California Will Celebrate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Preparations for the golden jubilee of California—the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the yellow metal—are making rapid headway. The celebration will begin on Monday next and continue during the week. It will embrace many entirely novel features, nearly every county in the state contributing to render the affair a notable event in the annals of California. In connection with the jubilee a mining fair will be held, which promises to be the most complete of the kind ever known in the west. San Francisco is already gaily decorated in anticipation of the coming carnival week and visitors are arriving in large numbers. Governor Budd has declared the opening day of the jubilee a legal holiday and during the week of festivity the public schools will be closed.

Seldom before has state and civil pride been aroused to a greater degree, and it is already evident that all former popular demonstrations here will be equalled if not eclipsed.

Indianapolis Prepares.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 22.—The work of preparation for the monetary convention is nearly over, and when the delegates assemble in this city next week they will find everything in readiness for the business at hand. Messages and letters were received yesterday from a number of cities saying they had appointed delegates and the lists of men prominent in business and financial circles who will attend the convention are steadily growing.

LEUTGERT A WITNESS

ACCUSED SAUSAGE MAKER WEEPS IN OPEN COURT.

Breaks Down When Reference is Made to His Former Wife—Has Been Married Three Times—Attempts to Explain His Wife's Disappearance.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Adolph L. Leutgert went on the witness stand yesterday and told the jury the story of the doings in his sausage factory the night of May 1. He endeavored to explain the mystery surrounding the disappearance of his wife, for whose murder he is being tried. An immense crowd gathered around the criminal court building long before the case was called, but warned by experience the police allowed only those to enter who had tickets of a mission. Judge Gary's court room was packed some time before the opening hour. There was an unusual number of women present. The audience paid the closest attention to Leutgert's examination.

Prior to going on the witness stand Leutgert, while taking exercise in the jail, was accompanied by James Smith, who has been on trial with Chris Merry for the murder of Merry's wife. Smith was extremely nervous over the outcome of the jury's deliberations in his case, but Leutgert spoke encouragingly to him.

"I received an invitation to masquerade ball, which takes place on February 2," said Leutgert to his companion. "I'll let you have it. You'll be able to use it before I will."

After reading the story of the various financial deals in which he was interested, Leutgert was asked if during the time he was first engaged in business he was married.

HIS MATRIMONIAL VENTURES.

To this Leutgert replied in the affirmative. "I was married to Miss Pauline Roelke in 1872," said the defendant.

"How do you spell that name?"

"Oh, I don't know. I never could spell it," was Leutgert's reply.

Attorney Harmon of counsel for the defense then went into Leutgert's financial affairs at the time of Mrs. Louis Leutgert's disappearance and drew out the statement that Leutgert was worth about \$50,000 exclusive of real estate. Attorney Harmon then asked Leutgert when his first wife died.

"In November, 1878."

"And how long were you a widower?"

"Until January, 1879. In that month I married Wilhelmina Mueller.

At his point Leutgert broke down and commenced crying like a child. Seeing the condition the client was in, Attorney Harmon asked for a recess, but Judge Gary refused to allow it. After a few moments Leutgert regained control of himself. The display of grief drew smiles to the face of Police Captain Scheutler, who occupied a seat immediately behind the defendant, and the jurors looked on in astonishment as Leutgert buried his face in his hands and sobbed.

"Before you were married where did you and your little boy Arnold live?" was the next question.

"I slept in the store myself and my wife at my mother-in-law's."

"When were you remarried the second time?" Leutgert was asked by his counsel.

"In 1883 to Louise Bickness." There was not a trace of emotion in the voice of Leutgert, as he mentioned the name of the woman he is charged with having murdered. The defendant then told of the various places he and his wife had lived, and of his going into business at his latest location in 1889. The court at this point took a recess.

Chris Merry Must Hang.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—In the case of Chris Merry, the peddler charged with wife murder, the jury yesterday returned a verdict finding him guilty. Smith his alleged accomplice, was found not guilty. The jury was out all night. When the verdict was read Smith jumped to his feet and shouted for joy, but Judge Horton sternly commanded him to sit down.

"Bring me a warrant," said the judge "I want this man rearrested as an accessory to the murder after the fact, and I want him indicted by the grand jury today."

This had the effect of cooling Smith's spirits, but he soon recovered and looked pitifully down on his fellow prisoner.

"Chris, old boy, I'm sorry for you," he said as he held out his hand to Merry. "Cheer up, maybe things won't be so bad after all. Congratulate me anyway on my end of it."

But Merry was in a daze, and holding out his hand remained silent.

Merry was found guilty on the first ballot. The rest of the period of the jury's deliberations was confined to a discussion of Smith's case, the ballots standing six for conviction and six against until today. Then with the understanding, it is thought, that there would be no legal difficulties in the way of Smith's rearrest and indictment as an accessory after the fact, it was agreed to return a verdict of not guilty as charged.

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