

WORLD EVENTS TOLD BRIEFLY

Current News Of Interest In Paragraph By Telegraph And Cable

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—Representative John G. McHenry of the sixteenth Pennsylvania district, died at his home in Benton, Pa., today.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Two unidentified men were burned to death and five other persons were injured, one fatally, in a fire which destroyed a North Main street lodging house late last night.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 27.—The town jail at Archer, Fla., a little town near Gainesville, was destroyed by fire this morning. A negro arrested yesterday was burned to death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Opium valued at \$5,000 was seized by customs officials here yesterday on board the American Hawaiian steamship Mexican on its arrival from Salina Cruz, Mexico. One hundred and eighty tin cans were found in the ventilator leading through the coal bunkers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—With savants from throughout the United States and Canada present, the joint convention of the Archaeological Institute of America, the American Philological Society and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis settled down to business today. They will be in session until December 31.

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Dec. 27.—William H. Thompson, United States Senator-elect, narrowly escaped serious injury Christmas night, it was learned today, when his Santa Claus costume caught fire. His hands were burned and most of his hair singed off. The Senator threw himself on the floor, wrapped himself in a rug and extinguished the flames.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A proposition to include New York City in the grand circuit of trotting meetings this year will be presented to the stewards of the circuit at their annual meeting in Pittsburg January 14, according to report in sporting circles. R. M. Williams is named as one of the horsemen interested in the proposition. A plan to include New York last year was adopted, but later abandoned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—San Francisco's first municipal railway, the Geary street line extending from Keasney street downtown to Golden Gate Park, a distance of about four miles, is to be placed in operation today. Mayor James Rolph will board the first car followed by members of the board of supervisors and other city officials. To complete the road from Golden Gate Park to the ocean beach will require several months.

GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 27.—V. Agard, Norwegian consul at Gulfport, received notice last night from the owner of the Norwegian bark Sterna that the vessel and all on board had been lost at sea. The Sterna had a registered tonnage of 1,297 and carried a crew of 18 men. She sailed from Gulfport for Rio Janeiro August 27 with a full cargo of lumber. Nothing had been heard from the vessel since she cleared from Gulfport.

DAVIDSON NEWS

Mr. William Holt of Memphis Qualifies as Executor of His Mother's Estate—Other News of the College Town.

(Special to The Chronicle.) DAVIDSON, Dec. 27.—Mr. William Holt, of Memphis, who has been here for some days, called here by the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Julia Mennis Holt, will return home in a day or two. His sister, Mrs. D. W. McIver, will remain at Davidson for some weeks.

Mr. Holt went to Charlotte yesterday to qualify as executor of his mother's estate. The valuable property, residence, and lot on Main street just opposite "Oak Row" and the "Eumenean Hall" and commanding fine views of the campus will be offered for sale immediately. The premises are variously estimated from \$500 to \$5,000.

Other lots, several acres, west of the railroad and adjoining the land of the college and the Linden Cotton Mill were purchased yesterday by Dr. J. P. Munroe.

Mr. Richard Johnston of Norfolk, spending the holidays here said last night that in the earlier stages of the war between the Balkans and Turkey he was very uneasy about his brother, who is representing the American Tobacco Company in Turkey, but that no danger seemed to exist, that his brother had written that at Stamboul he was absolutely safe, that large bodies of Turkish troops, fierce and vicious fellows, had come in but that they were absolutely quiet and well behaved.

THE DAY'S NEWS FROM GASTONIA

Christmas Holidays Are Orderly And Quiet—Variety Of News From Gaston County

Chronicle Bureau, Gazette Building, Gastonia, Dec. 27.

The Christmas holidays in Gastonia so far have been very quiet and orderly. Noting the immense amount of booze which was shipped in here for a week prior to Christmas there was some fear that there would be much carousing and drunkenness, but such has not been the case. There has been very little drinking, so far as the public could see, and not a single accident or tragedy has marred the Yuletide season. There has been much coming and going and the people generally have had a royal good time. They are now getting back to work. The merchants say they had the best Christmas trade in many years, in fact the best in the history of the town.

A commodious Sunday school room, in the shape of an addition to East Baptist Church, has just been completed by the Baraca class of that congregation at a cost of about \$400 and the first service will be held in it by the class Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, when Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver an address. Mr. W. L. Walters is teacher of this class, which has nearly 100 members. The accomplishment of this work, which they undertook recently, is a splendid tribute to the loyalty and energy of the men who compose this class. The East Baptist Sunday school is the largest in the South Fork Association with an enrollment of about 400.

A pleasant occasion of Christmas Day to quite a number of people was a family reunion of the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jenkins at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. H. Barker, in Gastonia. All of the six children were present with 14 grandchildren. The children are Mrs. R. H. Barker, Mrs. John Wilson and Mr. Lawrence Jenkins of Gastonia, Mrs. Charles Colvard or Hudson, Mrs. J. M. Jenkins of route four and Miss Grace Jenkins at home. A big Christmas dinner was enjoyed and the entire day was one of merriment for all present.

Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor of West End, Franklin Avenue and Oak Methodist churches left yesterday for Rockingham on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Williams. He will return Saturday night and fill his regular appointments Sunday.

Mr. Durham Queen and Miss Lucinda Beaty were united in marriage on Saturday night, December 21, by Rev. J. J. Beach at the parsonage of East Baptist Church. The groom is a son of Mr. Thomas Queen and the bride is a daughter of Mr. Jonas Beaty, both being residents of East Gastonia.

On Christmas Eve, at the home of Mr. T. W. Bishop on Dearborn street in Great Falls, S. C., Mr. Sylvester Carter and Miss Mettie Killian were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. G. Hartman. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Killian of West Gastonia and has many friends here who will be interested in the news of her marriage. Mr. Carter holds a responsible position with the Republic Mill at Great Falls.

Friends in Gastonia of Mrs. Ila Holcomb, who formerly lived in Gastonia, will be interested to learn that she was recently married to Mr. D. W. Holcomb, a relative of her first husband, and that they are now making their home in San Francisco, Cal. The first knowledge of the event came a day or two ago in a letter from Mrs. Holcomb to a Gastonia friend. While a resident of Gastonia Mrs. Holcomb made numerous friends, all of whom will wish her much happiness in her new home in the West. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Holcomb lived in Lincoln County.

Mr. F. P. Rockett, assistant postmaster and secretary of the local board of civil service examiners, gives notice that an examination for clerk and carrier for the Gastonia postoffice will be held on January 11. It is understood that, in all probability, two clerks or two city carriers, and one substitute carrier will be needed in the local postoffice at an early date. Besides the natural increase in the business of the post office the parcels post, which goes into effect January 1, will bring extra business, thus necessitating an increase in the clerical force.

On Sunday, December 23, the services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be as follows: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m. The Rt. Rev. J. M. Horner of Asheville will preach and hold confirmation at the evening service. The usual morning prayer service at 10:45 a. m. will be omitted.

WILSON STARTS FOR STAUNTON

President-Elect Goes To Great Celebration In Town Of His Birth

BIG DEMONSTRATION TO BE MADE ALONG THE WAY

Physician Says Governor's Condition Is Much Improved and Trip Can Be Safely Made—Bonfires Along Railroad Will Light Path Through Native State—Ovation to Be Given in Washington.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 28.—President-elect Wilson shook off his attack of the grip and started away today to Staunton, Va., his birthplace where tomorrow he will celebrate his 58th birthday. Mrs. Wilson accompanied the Governor. He was bundled up warmly in an automobile which took them to the station. A drizzling rain was falling and the streets were full of slush.

Dr. James Carnochan called early to see if the Governor was physically fit to make the trip and pronounced him "about himself again." He said he did not think it particularly risky for Mr. Wilson to go out, but advised him to take good care of himself.

The Governor's train left here at 10:30, due to connect with a fast train which was stopped especially for him at Princeton Junction at 10:48. National Chairman McCombs and a party of Virginians living in New York were aboard the train.

Governor Wilson expected to sleep tonight in his own bed in the Presbyterian manse at Staunton where he was born. He will participate in the celebration given by the townspeople tomorrow and will attend a banquet in his honor tomorrow night. He will leave Staunton at 11:05 Sunday morning and will reach Princeton Sunday night.

Staunton Is Ready. STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 27.—A great arch bearing the words, "Welcome Home," outlined by incandescent bulbs, forms the gateway through which President-Elect Wilson will pass when he returns to his birthplace here tonight. Preparations under way for nearly two weeks to make the home coming a great Virginia occasion were completed early today.

The parade to be reviewed by the President-Elect tomorrow will be one of the great features of the festival. Staunton streets have been strung for blocks with incandescent bulbs and gas lamps; flags and bunting were in evidence on business blocks and private houses; and streets have been flushed and scrubbed and swept for the passing of the Wilson parade.

Much interest centers in the frame house that was Wilson's birthplace and his residence during his boyhood. Plans that had been made for an "old Virginia dinner" have been abandoned. Efforts will be made to protect Governor Wilson as fully as possible from exposure or inclement weather that might endanger his health.

Ovation at Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Elaborate preparations have been made here and in adjacent Virginia for the reception of President-Elect Wilson when he arrives late today on his way to his birthplace in Staunton, Va., to celebrate his birthday anniversary. Bonfires will light the train's flying journey from the Virginia end of the bridge spanning the Potomac River to the President-Elect's birthplace.

Governor Wilson will be accorded an ovation here. Democratic members of Congress now in the capital are to be at the railroad station when the train arrives.

Nearly a score of police and detectives left today for the Virginia town to lend their aid in caring for the crowds that will be attracted by the affair.

Passes Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—President-Elect Wilson and party passed through here at 11:50 o'clock en route to Staunton, Va. "I feel a little bit husky," said the Governor, "but otherwise I am all right." The Governor said the weakness in his voice probably was due to the relaxation of the last few days rather than to the possibility that his cold had settled in the throat.

HOUSEWIVES TO BENEFIT BY PARCELS POST SAYS MRS. HEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Apples, fresh eggs and country butter direct from the farm to the housewife by parcels post, to reach half a million homes in New York and its environs—this is the newest plan announced today, of Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewife League. Mrs. Heath says her plan will become operative to some extent on January 1, when the mails are opened to parcels post packages.

Mrs. Heath's plan to eliminate the "middleman" involves the creation of a registry committee. This committee has begun its preliminary work of listing all farmers within the 50-mile zone. The rolls will be opened to all housekeepers who wish to avail themselves of an opportunity to obtain fresh produce at small cost.

The league will work in harmony with the State Grange. The resultant economy, Mrs. Heath believes, will be dual, inasmuch as the farmer will receive more for his produce than he now receives from dealers, while the consumers will get fresh food at lower prices than those now charged. The plan will be extended, Mrs. Heath said, to include vegetables in season.

Similar registry bureaus will be open next Wednesday in the principal cities of the country, Mrs. Heath declared.

WHERE HONORS GO

Interest in England Centers in King George's Patronage for New Year's Day.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The honor to be conferred by King George on New Year's Day have given rise to some interesting rumors. The vacancy roll of the order of merit naturally creates the greatest speculation. The name of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the writer, has been mentioned in this connection, but it is likely that while she will receive some recognition, this greatest honor will go to some member of the British Academy. Many people would like to see Sir Aston Webb, the architect, become the successor to the late Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema as a member of this order. It is said that John S. Sargent, the American artist, would have received it had he become a British subject.

Johnston Forbes-Robertson, the actor, it is said, will on this occasion, be dubbed a knight.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, the son of the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, is due to receive a dukedom, probably that of Kent, but this may be postponed until the King's birthday.

New peerages will be few and all of them outside of Parliament as the government is not willing to run any further risks of losing by-elections.

HEARING RESUMES

New York's Aldermanic Probe Into Police Conditions Will Bring Out Some Ugly Details.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With the resumption today of the inquiry by an aldermanic committee into New York police affairs, it was intimated that the investigation for the present would be aimed directly at police officials, who, it is alleged, have been hampering the members of the committee in the search for records at police headquarters. It was said that the investigators had found at headquarters 300 complaints of questionable resorts in connection with which it was not shown that any official action had been taken.

In the meantime, at police headquarters the trial of a policeman charged with taking protection money from a woman will be continued. A third line of investigation is being conducted by a number of prominent men and women interested in the vice problems of the city. They have called a meeting for next Sunday night at which the proposition of holding a public mass meeting to put the questions of the city morals squarely before the public to be discussed.

MR. AND MRS. TEDDER LOSE LITTLE CHILD

News was received this morning of the death today of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tedder at their home in Monroe, the little one being but two months old. The body will be brought to this city this afternoon and the funeral will be held from the residence of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tedder Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, on North Church street.

VERDICTS MAY COME IN TODAY

Jury Expected To Report On Dynamite Conspiracy Case This Afternoon

MAY TAKE LONGER TO CONSIDER EVIDENCE

Long Drawn Out Case Said to Be Most Important in History of Federal Courts, Is Nearing Its Close in Indianapolis—Few Have Been Able to Hear the Testimony in Small Federal Court Room.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Verdicts in the "dynamite conspiracy" cases, if any are found today will not be reported to the court until this afternoon at least. That was assured when Federal Judge Anderson, on receiving word from the jurors that they were not ready to report, adjourned court until 2:30 o'clock.

Government officials were confident that before night the jurors would be able to return their findings in the case of the 40 labor union officials who are accused of assisting in and appropriating \$1,000 a month for the series of one hundred dynamite and nitro-glycerine explosions carried on by the McNamara brothers against the employers of non-union labor.

From the fact that Judge Anderson instructed the jury to carefully consider all the evidence in the case, which it required three months to present, attorneys for Frank M. Ryan, president of the iron workers' international union, and the other defendants were of opinion that the jurors may not be able to find verdicts within 24 hours after their retirement.

Small Accommodations. Thousands of persons have tried in vain to witness the closing scenes of what the government contends is the most important trial involving labor union officials ever held in a Federal Court. Judge Anderson's court room is comparatively small, being occupied almost to its capacity by the 40 defendants members of their families, attorneys and newspaper correspondents. The room occupied by the jurors day and night for three months is reached by a special stairway not accessible to the public.

On the same floor with the jurors are Orrie E. McManis and Edward Clark, confessed dynamiters. McManis, upon whose confession the Government laid the basis of its charges that labor union officials violated the Federal law prohibiting the transportation of explosives on passenger trains, is to be returned to the custody of Los Angeles County as soon as the trial ends here. His recreation since his being brought here as a "loan" from Los Angeles County, has been exercise on the roof of the building and carving picture frames out of cigar boxes. Clark, who confessed to blowing up the bridge at Dayton, O., is to be sentenced after the verdicts as to the other defendants are returned.

The Defendants. The defendants are: Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers; John T. Butler, Buffalo, vice-president; Herbert S. Hockin, former secretary; Olaf A. Tveitmo, San Francisco, secretary of the California building trades council; Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco; Philip A. Cooley, New Orleans; Michael J. Young, Boston; Frank J. Higgins, Boston; J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City, Utah; Frank C. Webb, New York; Patrick F. Farrell, New York; John H. Barry, St. Louis; Paul J. Morvin, St. Louis; Henry W. Leggett, Denver; Charles N. Beum, Minneapolis; Herman G. Seiffert, Milwaukee; Richard H. Houltham, Chicago; James Cooney, Chicago; James H. Coughlin, Chicago; William Shupe, Chicago; Edward Smythe, Peoria, Ill.; James E. Ray, Peoria, Ill.; Murray L. Paine, Springfield, Ill.; Daniel Buckley, Davenport, Iowa; William C. Bernhard, Cincinnati; Wilford Bert Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; William J. McClain, Kansas City, Mo.; Frank J. Painter, Omaha; Peter J. Smith, Cleveland; Michael J. Hannon, Cleveland; Edward E. Phillips, Syracuse, N. Y.; Charles Wachtmeister, Detroit; Frank J. Murphy, Detroit; Fred J. Monev, Duluth; Ernest G. W. Bascy, Indianapolis; Fred Sherman, Indianapolis; Hiram R. Kline, Muncie, Ind.; former organizer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Except Tveitmo and Kline are connected with the iron workers' union.

Decision Late Today. Clancy, Webb, Leggett, Farrell, Cooley, Beum and Young are present or past members of the iron workers' executive board and as such are charged with appropriating \$1,000 to

MRS. L. J. DOWD GOES TO HER REWARD

Aged And Beloved Charlotte Woman Succumbs To An Attack Of Pneumonia

Mrs. Lydia Josephine Dowd, widow of the late Hon. Clement Dowd, a lawyer of Charlotte and once a member of Congress, died Friday morning at 1:15 o'clock after an illness of 10 days with pneumonia. Had she lived a few days longer she would have reached her 81st birthday.

She was born in Moore County in 1831. She was of Scotch descent and belonged to the family of Bruces, which has been conspicuous in the annals of Scotland and in the Revolutionary history and America. Her father was Dr. Samuel Child Bruce, a physician of Moore County, and the grandson of Charles Bruce, who was a noted figure in the Revolutionary history of North Carolina, having been a member of the constitutional convention of North Carolina. The home of Charles Bruce was at Bruce's Cross Roads in Guilford County, the earliest place of meeting of friends of liberty and the scenes of many stirring events of the revolution. Mrs. Dowd's mother was Martha Kennedy, a daughter of David Kennedy, also a prominent actor in the war of the Revolution. After the Revolution was over he built a gunshop in Deep River, Moore County, using slave labor.

Lydia Josephine Bruce was married in 1847 to Murdock B. Person of Carthage, who died three years later, and from this union was one child, Fannie, now the wife of Mr. H. B. Adams, a lawyer of Monroe.

In 1853 Mrs. Person was married to Clement Dowd, a young lawyer of Carthage and a veteran of the Civil War. The children of this union were Misses Ella and Mattie Dowd and Mr. Willis B. Dowd, Dr. Jerome Dowd, Mrs. E. K. Bryan of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. W. F. Harding and Mr. Herman Dowd. All of Mrs. Dowd's children survive here.

Mrs. Dowd was a woman of the old school and was not influenced by the modern tendency of women towards interest and participation in affairs outside of the home. Her life was centered in her home, her neighborhood and her church. She loved domestic life and her children were to her supreme joy. She delighted to serve them, play with them and be a companion to them. It was this absorbing interest in her family that won all of her children to her with a devotion that was supreme. For many years her children have assembled for a family reunion at Christmas. Mrs. Dowd took the most childish delight in the festivity and exchange of gifts and greetings of this holy day. She had looked forward to the Christmas just passed with her usual happy anticipation and a few days before she was taken ill she visited the stores and laid in her supply of presents for her children, grandchildren and friends. It was perhaps the exposure incident to this shopping that brought on the illness that turned the Christmas occasion into one of sorrow in her home. She realized the probability of her death and faced it with Christian resignation. Her illness was not one of great suffering, and in her last hours she was in a very cheerful mood and talked freely to all her children. A short time before she lost consciousness, she called her oldest son, Mr. Willis Dowd, to her bedside and taking both of his hands in hers said: "My dying message to my children, who have been the pride and joy of my life, is this: I have lived a long and I trust a successful life. I have believed in God and tried to follow the example of Christ. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. My prayer is that my children will believe as I have believed and live as I have tried to live. I know if they do all will be well and we shall be reunited in the world to which I am going."

Another civil service examination for the position of agronomist in wheat investigation will be held on January 20, including a thesis of not less than 2,500 words on the improvement of the wheat crop. The other points are general education and training, practical experience in wheat investigation and a discussion on one of a number of subjects suggested.

An entertainment will be given by the boys' orchestra tonight when they will entertain their friends at an informal reception at the Young Men's Christian Association. The boys have arranged a most pleasing program for the evening, as well as a cordial invitation to all of their friends. This is not meant to include the members of the association alone, the invitation being extended to their parents and adult friends.

Mr. R. C. Biberstein, mill architect, is working on plans for an extension to the Dacotah cotton mill at Lexington. The mill company expects to install new warping and spooling frames and 100 looms in the new plant, as well as equip a new machine shop. Work will begin in the early spring and be pushed to completion. This will mean an addition to the help of the mill of a number of employees.

The Northwest winds have blown the clouds away and the threatening weather which hovered over this community last night and early this morning have been dissipated. From the office of the weather bureau comes today the prediction that the temperature will do a little dropping and the continued clearness will prevail for the next 24 hours. The temperature will probably be as low as 30 tonight.

ARRANGE SCHEDULES

Officers of Big Leagues Meet in Aiken to Talk Over Games for Next Season. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Secretary John Heydler of the National League will start late today for Aiken, S. C., to aid President Ban Johnson of the American League and President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg National League club in drafting the schedules of the big leagues' baseball season of 1913. Dreyfuss is already in Aiken on account of his health and Heydler said Johnson was expected in Aiken today. The three will meet on Saturday to settle as many conflicting dates as possible.

These conflicts are almost a rarity nowadays, there having been only five last year, all of which were in Chicago. Five years ago there were 30 or more. The full schedules will not be made public until the middle of February, when the National and American Leagues have their schedule ratification meeting in New York.

TODAY'S NEWS OF CHARLOTTE

Happenings Of The City Sketched In Brief As Seen By The Chronicle Reporters

The local hotels have been notified of the opening of the new Piedmont Hotel at Burlington, on January 1, the hotelery being in charge of Woodson A. Young.

The congregation of the Sacred Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is today enjoying its annual gathering which features every Christmas season with this people.

Mr. Tom Guthrie, Jr., who recently went to Raleigh with the Southeastern Underwriters, has returned to Charlotte and will study law in the office of his father, Mr. T. C. Guthrie, in the law building.

Excelsior, Joppa and Phalanx Lodges of Masons have assembled a quantity of supplies and gifts for the Oxford Orphanage which will be forwarded to that institution in a few days.

The Christmas entertainment which was given by the Trinity Methodist Sunday school last Monday night is to be repeated tonight at 7 o'clock. Quite a number of unique features have been planned and it is the purpose of those in charge to present an exceedingly attractive program.

No meetings whatever are announced for the remainder of the week in municipal circles, the observance of the holiday being complete. The gauntlet will however be taken up again Monday night by the board of aldermen.

Messrs. E. M. House, Neal Elliott, J. T. Farrington and J. T. Manies of the local police force are all off duty this week on account of illness. Mr. House is said to be quite ill, while Mr. Manies, who has fever, is reported to be resting comfortably.

Mr. Frank Graham, who has been recuperating at the home of his parents here from the broken leg he received some time ago in a football game at Chapel Hill, is being well and hopes to be able to resume the study of law at the university in the course of a few weeks.

The children of the Sunday school of Westminster Presbyterian Church enjoyed a delightful Christmas tree yesterday evening at 4:30 o'clock. A special program was given and talks made by the pastor, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and the superintendent, Mr. W. B. Reid.

John Morris, charged with taking a pocketbook from Mr. R. B. Ridley, a local mill man, was today placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of criminal court. A witness bond of \$500 was required of Mr. Ridley, this being quickly furnished by Mr. H. W. Warner.

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