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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14.

The C.P.R. and Guelph.

When the Guelph campaign was at its height the C.P.R. wrote a letter to the mayor, which he read at one of the campaign meetings with a great sense of the indifference which the C.P.R. had for Guelph business and of the favor which the great corporation was bestowing on Guelph to consider its existence at all. And now the announcement is made that the C.P.R. thinks so well of Guelph and Guelph business that the company will build the Hespeler line anyway without any of the valuable considerations that Mayor Carter was willing to hand over.

The Guelph city council has also agreed to invite Sir Adam Beck to visit Guelph and tell the Guelph people what he is willing to do for them. Sir Adam has twice visited Guelph and told the mayor that it is for Guelph first to decide what it wants and make its wants known to the commission or the Hydro Radial Union.

Guelph must get to understand that it is not some outside power that operates thru the Hydro-Electric organization, but the municipalities themselves, and that they can have anything they want that is feasible in electric science and under their own joint auspices.

Let the Board of Commerce Get Busy.

The creation of the board of commerce has stirred to unwonted activity. Dr. R. J. McFall, cost of living commissioner at Ottawa. Dr. McFall's precedessor was W. F. O'Connor, K.C., an official who sprang into fame overnight by his scarefying denunciation of the bacon barons. He was apparently discharged for his pains, and a lull in activity followed, reversing the fable "King Stork was succeeded by King Log."

But apparently the government has repented of the cavalier manner in which it treated W. F. O'Connor, K.C. At the last session a bill was passed which Mr. O'Connor drafted two years ago. A board of commerce was created, and Mr. O'Connor is made a member. Meanwhile, Dr. McFall, aroused from his slumbers by the creation of the new board to practically take his place, has been active in the public interest.

Upon his recommendation an embargo was put upon the exportation of hides and leather. A similar embargo is to go upon the export of eggs, milk and many other commodities. Beyond doubt the embargo on exports would lower prices. But such drastic interference with the currents of trade seldom works out well. Prohibiting all imports as well as exports might give us a temporary prosperity, but we fear it would be a dangerous experiment. England for centuries had such sumptuary laws against exports and imports, but she was never able to maintain any considerable population until they were abolished.

The effect of this embargo upon the export of hides and leather should be carefully investigated. To embargo the export of cattle and meat would probably work a great injustice, altho it might reduce the cost of living. An embargo on the export of wheat and flour is entirely out of the question. The western farmers, by the way, are insisting that the government should pay them a fixed price for their wheat, and the same price that the United States government is paying. They do not seem to be satisfied with the government's plan to sell the wheat for them to the best advantage, and meantime to advance them a considerable part of the purchase price in cash. The Grain Growers' Guide and other self-elected spokesmen for the farmers, piously pretend that the farmer wants a price fixed because he fears that otherwise bread will become too expensive to the consumer! For ourselves we venture to doubt. The farmers have no objection to getting all the money they can out of their crop. The farmer, like every other producer, is looking out for himself, and not for that poor "zeke," the ultimate consumer.

Dr. McFall seems to have uncovered a startling conspiracy to put up the price of sugar. He reported a similar conspiracy the other day in respect to plumbers' supplies. He has also run foul of the activities of the Retail Merchants' Association. Apparently he has a lot of complaints for the new board of commerce to investigate. When that board does investigate it is powerless to punish, but the investigation will at least draw public attention to many abuses. Then parliament should pass proper legislation so that profiteers may be punished, and the high cost of living reduced.

It is high time for the politicians to quit sidestepping this high cost of living issue. It is high time for the various governments to quit passing the buck one to another. W. F. O'Connor, K.C., as a member of the board of commerce, should see that the law creating the board is amended, and teeth put in it. We must have federal enforcement of federal law.

The Royal Visitor.

King Edward VII. set a new fashion in monarchs. He was wise enough to see the trend of the times, and not only accommodated himself to the present, but he looked forward into the next generation and gave wise advice to his successor. Had Edward the Peacemaker lived to be as old as Francis Joseph of Austria he would still have had nearly ten years to live, and Europe might have had a different history, for Edward was guiding the great international forces towards democratic channels.

The task was reserved for others, and tho the deluge broke loose King George V. slackened no whit in the efforts which his father had set going. In a great crisis he took the significant step of Anglicizing and democratizing his family name, and he is George Windsor as a man of the people and George V. by act of parliament and their popular will. So a new tradition is being established, and the gallant young fellow who is shortly to visit us is imbued with that new tradition and that wholesome spirit, and as Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David Windsor is a man among men first of all and then Prince of Wales, and a man with many duties and responsibilities to the people, by whose will he shall one day ascend the Britannic throne. And that throne is not like the German or the Russian or the Austrian or any other throne that has been overthrown, nor like the Spanish, nor the Swedish nor any other throne that still remains. It is a democratic institution, "broad based upon the people's will," and those who would place it on any other foundation or would endow it with any other traditions or privileges are making a grave error and are not playing a friendly part towards the British limited monarchy, nor taking the best way to preserve it.

We have had the ampiest and the soundest evidence during the war of the democratic character of the young prince who is coming to pay us the compliment of his presence and from the simplicity of his demeanor, and the undoubted seriousness with which he applies himself to an understanding of the people into relation with whom he has been brought with such peculiar and intimate ties, so that his very life and career depend upon their favor, we have no doubt that he will be greatly better pleased with a reception whose heartiness and simplicity will outrival anything that a costly and elaborate display could furnish. It is well that the people should show their pleasure by flags and decorations, but it should be a spontaneous and not a mechanical greeting, it should come from the people direct, and not as the result of an involuntary official levy.

We expect that the prince's reception will excel in warmth and cordiality anything shown to his father or grandfather, but there should be no official effort to fence him off from the citizens who love him for his youth and courage and who respect the principles which he symbolizes in his person and the traditions that surround his position.

The Bitterness of the Sugar Situation.

There has probably never been a more galling application of the power of the trust or the combine than in the absolutely brutal squeeze inflicted by the sugar combine upon the housekeepers of Canada. It has been a tradition of the country for generations the putting up or "doing-down" of fruits and preserves. In the last few years the encroachments of the canners on the fruit market has left the housekeeper lamenting the loss of the material for those labors upon which she so used to pride herself. This year the screw has been given another special turn just when sugar was needed, and the housekeeper needs must yield to the inevitable and abandon the old-time domestic ordinance. The canning companies may benefit, but the women of Ontario at any rate resent it as a blow at the old home life and its pleasant customs. The well-filled cellar was the pride and joy, if not the glory of many a household, but the sugar trust cares for none of these things.

Governments that care for none of these things either should take notice that women have votes, and that they are exceedingly direct in their methods when they desire to get their wrongs righted. They are anxious to know who is doing anything to correct this condition of things, and who is not. They have heard that the federal authorities and the provincial authorities cannot agree upon a division of responsibility for the matter.

This is enough for them to know. They are going to vote for somebody who knows how to get evils of this sort corrected without any equivocation or evasion. Sugar is another element in the unrest of the day.

PROUD TYPHOID RECORD.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 13.—Kingston is proud of its typhoid fever record this year to date as there has been only one case of typhoid fever reported to the medical health officer since the first of January.

MARKLE DEFENDS RETAIL MERCHANTS

Also Says They Are Enthusiastic Over the Board of Commerce.

Brandon, Man., Aug. 13.—With reference to the accusation made by Dr. R. J. McFall, cost of living commissioner, George W. Markle, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, now in convention in this city, has issued the following statement:

"The position of the retail merchants of this country is pretty well indicated by the fact that they have, for some years, been endeavoring to have the government appoint what has always been referred to as an inland trade commissioner.

After persistent urging on the part of the retailers the government has seen its way clear to appoint a board of commerce. The retailers are enthusiastic over the appointment of this board and especially with the chairman, Judge Robson, who is not only known in western Canada, but thruout all Canada as a man of unusual administrative ability. The retailers are quite confident that the matter referred to by Mr. McFall, if dealt with by this board of commerce, will not result in anyway to the discredit of the association."

GIVE PRINCE TIME TO PLANT MAPLE

At an executive meeting of the British Imperial Association, held last night at the residence of the secretary, the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to Earlscourt was discussed, but it was unanimously decided that in appreciation and honor of the G.W.V.A., who are desirous that the prince shall plant a maple tree at the soldiers' plot in Prospect Cemetery, this executive feels that it will be appropriate to leave the arrangements for the prince's visit in the hands of the G.W.V.A. and offer them their hearty co-operation.

A committee was appointed to visit the G.W.V.A., and it was further suggested that the authorities be requested to eliminate the proposed route on Nairn avenue, Morrison and Dufferin streets so as to permit of the necessary time to plant the tree.

SUPPORTERS SURPRISED AT CAMERON'S DEFEAT

Considerable surprise was evinced by members of the Ontario government at the defeat of Colin Cameron at the Owen Sound convention. Mr. Cameron, who has represented North Grey for some time in the legislature, was reckoned a strong man in his constituency.

One of the ministers stated yesterday the cause of the defeat is unknown at Queen's Park. It is thought that since the man appointed in r. Cameron's stead is a farmer, probably the people are beginning to think that the riding should be represented by a farmer.

RUMOR OF STRIKE CAUSES SURPRISE

Considerable surprise and comment was caused yesterday when it was stated that a petition for another general strike is being circulated in Toronto. It is further alleged that about 11,000 men have subscribed to the O. B. U. movement and that the charges recently preferred against A. O'Leary and W. J. Hevey were for the purpose of discrediting international unionism in Toronto.

James Simpson stated yesterday that he had no knowledge of a petition and consequently had nothing whatever to do with it. He also denied being opposed to international unionism.

OTHER PEOPLES' OPINIONS

The World will gladly print under this head letters written by our readers, dealing with current topics. As space is limited they must not be longer than 200 words and written on one side of the paper only.

ABOUT GRATUITIES.

Editor World: I wish to ask and answer a few questions in reply to the man that signed himself Returned Soldier in your paper of the 12th inst.

No. 1. How much tax would the Hun say had we lost this war?

No. 2. How large of a slice of land would he take off Canada?

No. 3. Could you engage anyone to look after and hold your business had you this, for $1.10 per day while you were away soldiering?

No. 4. How much could, say a married man, save on his earnings at $1.10 while in the army? And if I was right when I enlisted in February, 1916 or should I have stayed at home and made $10 or $15 a day and had my home or th ehome I expect to have in order? I am a machinist by trade.

No. 5. Say that I was engaged to be married before I went overseas, now that four years have passed and I wish to settle down after a good long day's work for the unoffending public, could I be married and set up a home to live in for $4000 or $5000? I would rather think it a pig house if a man who has 16 months' service in France to save or help save the profiteers, worth more than the above. I wish to state that I am not a member of the G.W.V.A., but I sympathize with them.

A Returned Soldier.

IDA AT THE CITY HALL

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

Yesterday the worthy and noble members of the board of control gathered at the city hall for the purpose of disposing of the city's business. When the roll was called it not only found all the sitting members in their seats, and also in their best clothes, but it found a goodly audience of well-garbed citizens backed up by a fair assortment from the press, prominent among the latter being the writer.

The order sheet called for 96 accounts, motions and deputations, meaning and incidentally showing that the board of control should meet at least twice a week, both winter and summer. As it is now, with so much to do, and only a few hours to do it in, something is bound to be neglected or rushed over.

The coming of the Prince of Wales was the most vital topic of conversation, and it cannot be said that the city came out with flying colors. In the first round of that battle the city fathers again complained that the people had not been used right in the matter by the government. For the eighteenth time it was pointed out that the visit, as it stood now, was purely and simply one for the Queen's Park gang.

To add fuel to the fire the mayor read a communication from Sir Robert Borden saying that he was not able to do anything re the arranging of a civic reception, but that it was possible that the governor-in-council might be able to use influence to the extent of having the present program fixed, in which case, of course, the city of Toronto could receive his royal highness.

The result of that bomb shell was a resolution upon the part of a few dauntless souls to brave the lion in his den, or in other words to see Sir Wm. Hearst, and try to induce him to loan the prince for at least ten minutes, so that the city would be able to say that it had received him in state. This noble band of Paul Reveres will take the big ride this morning, but it is hardly likely that they will be successful. Somehow or other the city does not appear to have very much weight with outsiders.

In the next item in the coming of the prince was the report of a committee asking for $25,000, the sum having dwindled over night, but in any case the report was thrown out by a vote of three to two, so that the city of Toronto will have no hand in the decorating, so far as money from the citizens' pockets is concerned, other than the thousand which is to be used to beautify the city hall.

Thomas Langton Church tried to get $50,000, and gave as his reason that princes of the royal blood are not so frequent that we need to be tight about making a fuss for them; however, the opportunity is now passed, and the fact still remains that if the Prince of Wales waits for the city to hang up some flags for his welcome, he will go home with grey hair.

All other items on the extensive order paper were so quickly dispensed with that it was hardly possible for a normal person to stick up with the parade. Enough to say that some people will be satisfied, while others will be peevish—but that is the city all over, "A-1."

We also learned yesterday that the prince will not be caged up in the dairy building, where only a few can see him, but he will be right in the centre of the grounds, at the band stand.

TIME OF PRINCE'S VISIT TO STATES UNSETTLED

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Nothing is known as yet at the capital as to when the Prince of Wales is likely to visit the United States or the duration of his stay in that country. No decision will be reached in regard to the matter until after the prince arrives in Canada but it is certain that the prince cannot leave Canada until the conclusion of his Canadian tour.

JAPAN TO FLOAT LOAN FOR CABLE TO U. S.

Tokio, Aug. 13.—Prominent Japanese business men formally decided yesterday to float a 50,000,000 yen, (about $25,000,000) company for the purpose of laying a cable line between the United States and Japan. This decision is the result of dissatisfaction which has been existing for a long time among business men on both sides of the Pacific with the present cable service which seems unable to handle the constantly increasing volume of traffic.

It is expected that the venture will be supported by business men of the United States as well as by those in Japan.

Say Dominion to Appoint Advisory Highway Board

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Official announcement is expected shortly of the appointment by the government of an honorary advisory highway board, which will assist the department of railways and canals in formulating its good roads policy, based upon the legislation passed by parliament last session. It is stated here that C. A. Magrath, former Dominion fuel controller, J. P. Mullarkey of Montreal and Home Smith will be members of the board.

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SILVER FOX SKINS TRADED FOR WHISKEY

North Russian Native Exchanges Diamond Necklace for Case of Champagne.

London, Aug. 13.—Three silver fox skins, for which $2,500 has been refused in London, were obtained in Archangel for six bottles of whiskey by a British officer, who has just returned from northern Russia. Another officer traded a case of champagne for a diamond necklace said to be worth thousands of dollars. Returning soldiers say any possession a native has may be obtained in exchange for intoxicants.

The hunter who parted with his fox skins had little pleasure out of the whiskey, however. Immediately on obtaining it, he went into a room and drank it all. He was found in a serious condition and required hospital treatment to save his life.

REPORT GOOD GROWTH REVENUE OF CANADA

For First Four Months of the Fiscal Year an Increase of Eight Millions is shown.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Revenues of the Dominion for the first four months of the fiscal year totalled $99,821,970 as against $91,954,172 for the same period in 1918. While there has been a falling off in customs collections of upwards of four million dollars, receipts from excise taxes have more than made up for this decrease, while the revenue from public works, including railways, and miscellaneous revenues, has grown, the latter by over five million dollars.

Expenditures for the four months period are slightly over seventy-six and a half millions as compared with about thirty-three millions last year.

The total net debt of the Dominion at the end of July was $1,670,263,691, an increase for the month of $53-392,516.

USED FRIEND'S HOUSE TO CUT HIS THROAT

James Enwright, aged forty, who lives at an address on West Queen street, was found in a bedroom at the home of James Boyd, 7 Abbs street, yesterday, with his throat cut by a razor. Enwright called at the Boyd home, where he is known, and told Mrs. Boyd that he was not feeling well and she told him to go upstairs and lie down. Half an hour later, not hearing any noise or movement in the room, Mrs. Boyd became alarmed and hurriedly summoned her husband. Together they went upstairs and found Enwright sprawling on the bed, dead. He had evidently been dead for some time and the razor with which he had committed the deed lay on the floor beside him.

Dr. Rowe of West Queen street was called, but he could only pronounce the man dead and order him removed to the morgue. It is not yet known whether an inquest will be held.

Old Man's Condition Critical; Was Jolted Out of Rig

While driving his rig along Osgoode street yesterday, Samuel Allsop, aged 70, who lives at 260 Roxton road, was jolted from his seat by a couple of boxes coming loose and he was thrown heavily to the ground. A number of soldiers of the A. S. C. stationed in the armories annex rushed to Mr. Allsop's aid and picked him up unconscious. He was taken to the General Hospital in a military ambulance, where it was discovered that he was suffering from a fractured skull. Authorities at the hospital last night stated that his condition was serious.

Sir Adam Beck to Speak At Guelph on Thursday

In response to a letter from T. J. Moose (City Clerk, Sir Adam Beck will address a meeting at Guelph at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 21st inst., to discuss the prospects of the Guelph-Hespeler radial line. Sir Adam will also be asked to make suggestions with respect to the management of the Guelph street railway.

NEWSBOY HIT BY AUTO.

Sollie Parzman, aged nine, 47 Stephanie street, received a fractured skull last night at the corner of King and John streets, when he was struck by motor car No. 8372, driven by the owner, Joseph J. Whalen, 144 Cowan avenue. According to eyewitnesses the lad, who is a newsboy, had rushed out to a passing street car to sell a paper when he was struck by the motor. Mr. Whalen took him to St. Michael's Hospital, where late last night his condition was reported serious. After an investigation the police decided that Mr. Whalen was not to blame and did not hold him.

SOLDIER FALLS DEAD.

Arthur Ebenezer Noah, a returned soldier, living at 24 Belmont street, was seized with an attack of heart failure while making a purchase in Bond's drug store at 463 Yonge street, and collapsed. When picked up and examined by the clerks and spectators in the store life was found to be extinct. Dr. Cook, 38 Carlton street, who was called, pronounced the man dead and had him removed to the morgue. It is not yet known whether an inquest will be held.

THE WESTERN CROPS.

It is estimated that about 15,000 men will be required to work as Farm Laborers to assist in harvesting the crops in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Canadian Pacific has arranged and is advertising usual special fare of $12 to Winnipeg, and will run special trains from Toronto, Tuesday, August 12th, and Thursday, August 14th.

COLD STORAGE SEIZURE.

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 13.—More than a million eggs, hundreds of thousands of tins of canned foods and 27,500 pounds of sugar were seized here today in a raid on wholesale food warehouses and cold storage plants by federal officers.

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PUNISH PROFITEERS, SAYS CONVENTION

Union of Municipalities Send Strong Resolution to Government.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 13.—Union of Canadian municipalities at its session this evening passed a resolution calling upon the government to prosecute and punish profiteers. The resolution as originally drafted expresses "earnest appreciation of the measure of attention being paid by parliament to problems resulting from the high cost of living," but this was struck out as Ald. Murphy, Halifax, and Hon. A. G. MacKay, Edmonton, did not think the government had done anything and was not entitled to praise. Drafters of the resolution consented to elimination in order to secure unanimity. Dr. Edwards, M.P. for Frontenac, thought that the government had done a good deal in regard to the problem and mentioned the commerce court, which was created at the last session. Resolutions follow:

"Whereas investigations of committee of house of commons have adequately proven popular allegation that profiteering existed in handling necessities of life, be it resolved that the U. C. M. speaking for citizens, urge that greatest efforts be made by parties to solve the question without delay in view of hardships resulting to the people and bitter and dangerous feelings towards classes and individuals thought to be responsible for the same. That machinery provided for investigation by municipalities is cumbersome and unworkable and further that in opinion such should be at cost of federal government, and further that government should see that the commerce, court or some other body properly constituted and with an adequate supply of funds, should properly investigate cost and profits in the case of all necessaries of life without any delay, and where profiteering is found, adequate means should be found for prosecution and punishmnt of those responsible."

"Further this convention demands that the statements recently made by Dr. McFaul, cost of living commissioner if true, be followed by immediate action on the part of the government."

Resolution adopted asking that criminal code be amended so that persons allowing food to waste in order to enhance values, be punished.

TRIAL IN NOVEMBER FOR WINNIPEGGERS

Strike Leaders Are Released, Without Bail, Until Today.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—Magistrate R. M. Noble formally committed the eight Winnipeg strike leaders, William Ivens, R. E. Bray, A. A. Heaps, R. B. Russell, John Queen, W. A. Pritchard, R. J. Johns and George Armstrong, for trial at the November assizes today, and the decision as to bail will be given by Justice Cameron tomorraw. The prisoners were released until then on the promise of defence counsel, E. J. McMurray, to Crown Prosecutor A. J. Andrews, K.C., that the prisoners would appear.

FOREST FIRES IN NORTHBROOKE

Kingston, Aug. 13.—Terrible fires are raging in the Northbrooke region, causing great loss of hay, and settlers fighting flames from homes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Weekly court, Thursday, Aug. 14, before Mr. Justice Logie:

Peng Lee vs. Crawford, Leslie vs. Porteous, re Charlotte Loscombe, re Moyer and Grimshaw Bros, Hannam vs. Hannam, Bluett vs. Crosbie.

Judge's chambers will be held following weekly court.

Master's Chambers.

Before N. F. Paterson, K.C., Registrar.

Continental Guaranty Co. vs. Williams.—F. E. F. Smiley obtained attaching order and garnishee summons.

Duncan vs. Cooper.—G. T. Walsh, for defendant, obtained order on consent dismissing action without costs.

Carr vs. Cox.—W. Cox, for defendant, on motion to set aside writ of summons. J. G. Smith for plaintiff. Judgment: Having regard to the fact that what is complained of is an irregularity only and that in default of appearance the plaintiff could not have judgment signed for amount claimed, as the action is stated to be for damages only for malicious prosecution, the practice moreover now being to allow amendment in correction of irregularities in cases where no injustice to the party complaining will follow, I would allow the plaintiff to amend his writ and serve a copy thereof on the defendant's solicitor, the time for appearance to count from the date of such service. Costs of the motion to be paid by the plaintiff to the defendant in any event.

Weekly Court.

Before Logie, J.

Suslunts vs. Suslunts.—D. M. Markham, for plaintiff, obtained ex parte interim injunction till 21st inst., restraining the Queen and Spadina branch of the Bank of Hamilton from paying over to the defendant moneys on deposit in her name, which are claimed by the plaintiff.

At Trial.

Before Logie, J.

Potochuke vs. Friedman.—L. Monahan and J. L. Darling for plaintiff, U. McFadden for defendant, A. Friedman; E. V. McMillan for defendant, Minnie Friedman. The action is for the determination of the facts did A. Friedman agreed with the plaintiff to purchase for him the property referred to in the pleadings; did the plaintiff, therefore, become entitled to it as it was purchased by the defendant; whether the plaintiff is bound to the defendants not to carry on certain lines of business on the property for ten years or for any other term.

Judgment: I find that A. Friedman agreed to purchase the property in question for the plaintiff and that he agreed with plaintiff that all he (Friedman) was receiving out of the transaction was $200, which was intended to represent commission or remuneration for his services in making the purchase for the plaintiff. The plaintiff is entitled to an account on the basis of a purchase at $3000 on the terms of the agreement between Perron and Minnie Friedman of Dec. 7, 1916, plus an allowance to A. Friedman of $200 and to payment by defendants of any sum which he may have overpaid. The agreement of Dec. 13 should be reformed according to the findings set out and thus specifically performed, subject to such amendments whatever interest M. Friedman has in the property is in trust for the plaintiff. Reference to the local master at Sault Ste. Marie to take accounts. Plaintiff entitled to costs down to and of trial. Further directions and subsequent costs reserved until after master's report.

PRESENT FOR DR. PLATT.

Belleville, Ont., Aug. 13.—Dr. Platt, mayor of this city, who is leaving to take a specialist course in his profession, was this evening presented with a gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made on behalf of the officials of the city.

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