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THE TALK OF THE DAY

Lieutenant-Governor's Action a Surprise to Politicians.

THE BEAVEN CABINET

It Seems Only Oppositionists Are to Be Allowed to Sit Around His Board-Turner's Refusal a Coalition and Say the Action is Not Legal.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

VICTORIA, Aug. 9.—[Special].—Hon. R. Beaven has not yet completed his cabinet although yesterday he anticipated to be able to announce its composition within 24 hours.

"I find it takes time," he said in explanation this morning, "but I am confident that a few days will be sufficient to organize a strong administration, with plenty of vigorous new blood, and capable of initiating and pursuing a progressive development policy."

The talk of the day has been chiefly as to the prospects of coalition, many of Hon. Mr. Turner's friends urging him to accept a compromise and join with Mr. Semlin in Mr. Beaven's cabinet. On the other hand Attorney-General Eberts and Provincial Secretary Baker are naturally advocating war to the death, and their counsels prevail.

The lieutenant-governor's note of alleged dismissal was replied to today, the constitutionality of his course being challenged and trust being placed in Ottawa to repudiate the action taken, and, if necessary, remove the lieutenant-governor from office.

In the meanwhile Hon. Mr. Beaven has not shown any disposition to treat for a coalition, all who are known to have been summoned by him for conference being pronounced oppositionists. The first of these is W. B. B. McInnes of Nanaimo, son of the lieutenant-governor, and who resigned his seat in the commons just prior to the general election. He is generally supposed to have advised the governor's unanticipated action, and he is to be slated by Mr. Beaven in reward for the attorney-generalship.

Hon. Joseph Martin arrived this evening from Vancouver, and C. A. Semlin, the last leader of the opposition, and Mr. Beaven's old lieutenant, will be here tomorrow, further intensifying the interest in the situation.

Decisive returns were received today from Cassiar, the election in this northern district resulting favorably to the Turner candidates, Clifford and Irving, and their opposition rival in the running losing his deposit. This leaves the house evenly divided, 19 of the new members being pledged Turnerites and 19 oppositionists. The three protests now filed may radically affect the final result of the precipitate action of the lieutenant-governor and may infinitely simplify the complicated situation through a fresh appeal to the electorate.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 8.—The lieutenant-governor today called upon Robert Beaven to form a new provincial government, and Mr. Beaven has undertaken the task. It is understood that the lieutenant-governor acted on his own responsibility in the matter. Mr. Beaven has not been a member of the legislature since 1894, when he was defeated at the general elections. At the election just held he was again defeated in Victoria, where he stood as an independent. Mr. Beaven was minister of lands and works from 1872 to 1876, finance minister from 1878 to 1882, and premier from 1882 to 1883, when his ministry resigned.

Lieutenant-Governor Gives Reasons.

Lieutenant-Governor McInnis has intimated in an interview that the reasons for his course of action was respect for the present government. He says that it appeared to him that the result of the elections did not show sufficient confidence on the part of the people to justify the government in making further expenditures or appointments and that on the 14th of July he notified the premier to that effect. The government, however, kept on its usual course, so this morning the lieutenant-governor asked for the resignation of the ministry. Since the opposition did not appear to be united on any leader he had sent for Mr. Beaven. It is understood that Mr. Beaven will ask for and be granted an immediate dissolution.

Died, of inanition, Harry A. Brown, the little son of Mrs. O. C. Brown, who herself died a few weeks ago. The funeral took place Tuesday in Laurel Hill cemetery.

INTERESTING CHARGES

Still Unsuccessful In Forging a Ministry.

Did Governor McInnes Recall Turner Because the Latter Refused McInnes, Jr., a Cabinet Place As Attorney-General?—Martin's Opposition.

VICTORIA, Aug. 10.—[Special].—The news that Hon. Joseph Martin has been sent for by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes caused another ripple of excitement to be aroused for the natural presumption was that Hon. Mr. Beaven had abandoned his formidable task of cabinet building, and that Martin had next been appealed to. This conclusion Mr. Beaven stamps as incorrect, however. He says Mr. Martin's call to the government house had no special significance. The governor has the constitutional right to confer with any citizen and had merely done this. He had not abandoned the commission given him, although he had as yet nothing to report. Everything was awaiting the coming of Mr. Semlin, who arrived this evening, and a conference was arranged for tomorrow morning.

Joe Martin was closeted with Mr. Beaven for some time this morning. Afterwards in an interview he said:

"I came to Victoria by invitation of Mr. Beaven, and in a conference with him was requested to join his government. I had no hesitation in declining as I belong to the opposition with 19 elected members and I believe we are capable of choosing our own leader. That question would have been harmoniously disposed of at the Vancouver convention the other day, but for the fact that three of the opposition members were absent. I may say that I entirely disagree with the governor's action in dismissing Mr. Turner. It is, of course, Mr. Beaven's duty to accept the responsibility of the governor's action in inviting him to form a ministry. I endeavored to learn from him what reasons he could offer to the public in justification, but he entirely failed in suggesting even the shadow of a reason for the course taken. Public opinion in Vancouver is unanimously against the course that has been adopted and it will be impossible to get a single man of any standing there to run as a supporter of Mr. Beaven. I believe the same feeling prevails to a great extent in Victoria."

An Appeal to Ottawa.

Another prominent oppositionist declared today that his party had appealed to Ottawa for an investigation into Lieutenant-Governor McInnes' action in requesting Hon. Mr. Turner to take his seat. W. W. B. McInnes, into the cabinet as attorney-general. His refusal to accede to this request, it is declared, was the secret cause of the government's dismissal.

The Times, the chief organ of the opposition party, says editorially: "The action of the lieutenant-governor in ignoring the leader of the opposition may be expected to antagonize that gentleman and his followers. It is quite true that the question of leadership is still under consideration, and a party convention was called for the 26th inst., to finally decide it. But unless his successor is appointed C. A. Semlin in the recognized leader of the opposition party, and according to constitutional practice, he should have been first intrusted with the task of forming a government. It is only natural to infer, therefore, that the invitation to Mr. Beaven will be unacceptable to the opposition, and that they will refrain from assisting him in the task he has undertaken. Without the unaided support of the opposition, Mr. Beaven's task will be hopeless, since it will be impossible for him to coalesce with the men who have been dismissed by His Honor because they no longer enjoy his confidence. We have no wish, however, to say anything at the present juncture that will tend to make Mr. Beaven's task difficult. A few words which contain several well-defined mineral-bearing strata of quartz."

Semlin and Ootom Refuse.

Mr. Semlin, the leader of the opposition, and Mr. Cotton, his first lieutenant, came over this evening, saw Mr. Beaven, were offered portfolios and declined with thanks. They represent, although in more moderate terms than Mr. Martin, the calling of Mr. Beaven, and there now seems scarcely a possibility of his getting a ministry together.

DROWNED IN THE KOOTENAY.

Stanley Hoffman Was Buried in Its Waters.

Stanley Hoffman, better known as Billy Smith, was drowned about 7:30 o'clock last evening while bathing in the Kootenay river, at a point three miles above its junction with the Columbia. Hoffman, who for the past two weeks had been acting as a swimmer with a West Kootenay Power & Light company survey party, tried to induce some of the other men of the crew to go in swimming with him, but they refused. He had been in the water only a few moments when he was seen suddenly to sink. W. Anderson, the surveyor in charge, never rose and up to late last evening the body had not been recovered.

In his trunk were found letters written in German, to John Hoffman, Manchester, Mich., who it is supposed is his brother. Another letter, written in English, was to Roger Bowser, at Eveland, Minn., asking him to send on his valise. It is supposed that it was either an eddy or cramps that caused his death.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Whitewater Deep Installing a Compressor Plant.

THE SOVEREIGN STRIKE

The Mines Around Sandon Are Working Full Handed and Some Are Adding to Their Forces—Big Copper Bonded for \$40,000 to Montreals.

The midsummer activity is in full swing in the several divisions. The report comes from Sandon that the mines in that vicinity are running full handed, and in some instances are adding to their forces. The same activity is noticeable in other sections. A feature is the number of strikes, and this coupled with the large amount of development work will lead to an increased output before long. Appended are the reports from the several divisions:

SLOCAN DIVISION.

A dining room 16 by 70 feet is being erected at the Ivanhoe.

The ledge on the Bonou has been traced to the lake shore.

Dickenson and Felt have purchased the Southern Chief of Lemona and are cutting lumber for the Enterprise.

A 30-day option has been given on the Chapleau to the Le Roi and Arlington people.

Five hundred tons of ore are to be packed from the Last Chance before the tram is finished.

A tunnel is being driven on the Tom Bowling, one of the properties of the Minnesota Silver company.

The Canadian group has commenced shipping. A car is being loaded with some good-looking ore.

There are 140 men working at the Payne. Five feet of ore came into the lower tunnel a few days ago.

The necessary work for a crown grant will be done on the Scotch Thistle, Lemona creek.

The saw mill at the Northern Belle is cutting lumber for the concentrator now being built on the property.

Murphyborough is the latest townsite staked out on Ten-Mile. It is about 15 miles from the lake.

A four-foot ledge with an 18-inch pay streak is reported to have been found on the Premier, Dayton creek.

Work is being pushed on the concentrator at the Whitewater. Thirty men were put to work on it last Monday.

The Scottish Columbia people are expending considerable work on repairing their flume to the Alamo concentrator.

James Sheran, who has the ore hauling contract from the Queen Bee mine, has a gang of men at work repairing the Idaho road.

Superintendent of the Queen Bee, who has handed in his resignation and quit the company on the first of the month.

George Clark has three men at work on the Deloraine, driving in the water.

The showing is satisfactory, and it is intended to run in 75 feet to open up the ledge.

A compressor and hoisting plant is being installed at the Whitewater Deep. It will be driven by water power. A still under construction will be sunk to tap the lower tunnel.

The Miller Creek mine under Mr. Davis is showing up well. In a very short time, from indications, this will become a very valuable property.

From a stringer of clean ore struck on the Gaitaneau and Simcoe, two of the Gaitaneau and Simcoe, on Ten Mile, a return of 340 ounces in silver, with lead and copper of value, has been received. Last week another sample, which proved to be argentine, gave the phenomenal assay of 57 per cent pure silver.

The present season's work on the Slug Ten group has proven the ledge in place, with good mineral in a number of openings, a feature of the ore being the strongly marked presence of copper. The ledge shows a width of almost 30 feet, which contains several well-defined mineral-bearing strata of quartz."

Ore is being sacked in both tunnels of the California, and a shipment will be made this month. Under the able management of A. J. Marks the property is rapidly coming to the front.

Prospects at the Last Chance are growing more and more promising every week as operations proceed. The last thing uncovered in the way of a find in four feet of clean ore. This has been very rarely exceeded in this or any other camp in the country.

Considerable talk is being indulged in by old time miners and prospectors, who have visited the property, about the late find in the Monument group, on the Fifth South Fork of Lemona creek. It is said the best initial showing that has ever been found in the Slocan is to be seen there. It surpasses the great Freddy Lee outcropping, or the big showing of the Payne. The ledge is exposed at several points on the hill, and shipping ore can be knocked down at any of the exposures. It is a grey copper ore, and heretofore has been hidden by an iron capping of a few inches. The great ore body was never known to exist until the past few weeks, when Jos Hammel, one of the owners, knocked down the iron capping with his hammer.

The last strike in the Sovereign is three feet of clean ore, assaying about 110 ounces of silver to the ton and 78 per cent lead. For some time past in addition to collecting float ore, the miners were driving a tunnel on the lead, and taking out moderate quantities of ore; but at a depth of 300 feet they made this

strike, which enables a miner to take out about a car a week. The force of 10 men is likely to be shortly increased very materially, which will make the mine rank as a regular shipper. As the ore is but about a quarter of a mile past the Noble Five slide on the Reco trail, it is very convenient for shipping its output. Mr. Riblet has reason for congratulating on his success with this property.

The Ottawa, Springer creek, has been leased for one year to the Ideal Mining company. The owners retain a certain per cent of the ore taken out. Work will proceed at once, and at the termination of the lease the property will be bought outright.

Young and Archison have this summer increased rapidly. In the south fork of Ten-Mile, connecting the Ocean group with the Conundrum-trail. They are now engaged in building a cabin on the property, and when finished will commence active development work.

Major Furlong has purchased the Black Grouse, North Fork and Avalon claims. They are situated on the north fork of Carpenter creek, and are dry ore properties. Ryan, Sloan, Foster, Allen and Cory were the sellers, and the terms were cash. Work will be commenced this month.

On the Enterprise group little is being said but much work is being accomplished, and the amount of ore blasted, and the showing in the foot is indeed encouraging. It shows larger ebbes of galena than in the workings below. In a short while all the workings will be connected by an extensive system of shafts, including better ventilation and expediting the handling of ore from this most remarkable chute.

Most of the mines about Sandon are working full-handed now and some are adding to their forces. The Payne has 140, the Star works 100, the South 40, Queen Bee 40, Last Chance 20, Reco 15, Ivanhoe 15, Sovereign 15, Noble Five, 15, and several others which are not at present shipping extensively are working from 10 to 15 men.

About 20 men are employed about the Enterprise. This force will be increased and the property probably worked on a more extensive scale when J. A. Finch visits it this week or next.

The government will send in their engineer to examine the trail recently opened by the north fork of Ten-mile, and if satisfactory the money for its construction will be paid the interested claim owners.

A ledge three and one-half feet in width has been shown upon the Enterprise on the fourth south fork of Lemona creek, and a force of men will be put to work cross-cutting it. It runs high in gold and silver.

A good strike is reported from the Gaitaneau claim, on F. D. B. creek, three miles up from the point where the new government trail crosses it. The ore is galena-copper, and J. M. Anderson, who made the strike, is jubilant over it.

The tunnel on the big vein of the Ohio is now in about 100 feet. In 35 feet more the owners will crosscut the lead as they will then have a depth of 50 feet. Kirkwood and Wells will probably erect a cabin and work the property all winter.

EAST KOOTENAY.

A rich strike of galena has been made on one of the Pyramid group of claims. The strike is a large body of galena ore. The claim lies to the east of the present workings, and is on what is known as Split creek.

William Belding and others, who have a claim of 80 acres of placer ground on Wild Horse creek, have run a tunnel in 170 feet. The object of the tunnel is the finding of what is supposed to be an old channel of the creek, which they expect to strike in about 30 feet.

W. Belding has made a rich strike of copper ore on the South Fork of the St. Mary's river. The strike is on the same contact as the now famous Pyramid group, distant about five miles. The surface ore is a copper sulphide and pyrites. The width of the vein is from two to six feet of solid ore. The hanging is porphyry and the foot wall diorite. From assay returns the value of the ore on the surface is as follows: No. 1 assay, copper 21 per cent, silver 55 ounces, gold \$1; No. 2 assay, copper 13 per cent, silver 15 ounces, gold \$1.20. The outcrop can be traced for 1,200 feet.

S. L. Boyer has taken an outfit to Bull river to do a large amount of work on the Bull river claim. Mr. Boyer states that he will run a tunnel in 100 feet and thoroughly prospect the property.

The wagon road from Moyie City to the St. Eugene mine will be completed in about 10 days. The road is about two and one-half miles in length and will be of an easy grade, which will enable the mine owners to use almost any means of transportation to the railway. At the mine some 10 or 12 men are working.

Frank P. Hogan, manager of the Sullivan Group Mining company, states that his company will put in machinery and develop the property.

H. L. Amme has taken a contract to run 50 feet of a tunnel on the Lone Star mineral claim. The Lone Star is situated on the east fork of Wild Horse creek.

It is reported that Alex Polson has a small force at work doing the assessment on the Coronado group of claims. On the north fork of St. Mary's a large number of men are at work developing some gold properties.

Negotiations are being made for the purchase of the Moyie and Queen of the Hills mineral claims. The Moyie claim is owned by H. Hangerford Pollen and struck some beautiful specimens on its claims on Alki creek. Mr. Pollen reports that his property is on the same contact as the Pyramid group. The ledge ore vein is a large one, being from 14 to 20 feet in width. Most of the work done so far has been prospecting. A crosscut has been run a distance of 46 feet. The ore is a chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite. Assay returns show up to 20 per cent copper and large values in silver and gold. At present the Alki camp, as well as the

Pyramid, is reached from Fort Steele by wagon road and trail, a distance of about 40 miles. On account of the excellent condition of the road and trail the supplies for the various camps are all obtained at Fort Steele.

A large number of men are at work on Perry creek. The Red Mountain & Badger was the scene of a new strike last week.

T. C. McGrath is developing some claims on Lewis creek. Mr. McGrath says that he can trace the vein for over 3,000 feet. The ore is a gold quartz and assays from \$2 to \$20 in gold.

There is a great deal of mining and prospecting activity on Toby creek. A new strike of galena has been made on the Society Girl mineral claim. Charles E. Farrell and John Day are the owners. The Society Girl lies east of the famous St. Eugene mine.

Southeast Kootenay promises to surprise the country yet with her copper propositions, says the Wardner International. Already capitalists are attracted to this section on the showing made, and it is only a beginning. Along the range east of Wardner, extending from Bull river to Cranston on Sand creek, there is every evidence of rich copper deposits.

Widmermere Mining Division in North East Kootenay promises to contain some of the best properties that have yet been located in the Kootenays. On Toby, Horsethief and No. 2 creeks some valuable properties have been lately bonded upon which considerable development work has been done. The last month has been a most active one—not only in the location of claims, but in doing work thereon.

For the past month of July, 44 new claims have been recorded. Assessment work has been done on 16 claims, of which three of them belong to the Golden British company, limited. There have been seven bills of sale, and several surveys have been made in order to obtain certificates of improvement.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

E. Jacobs, the representative of the Midway company, is making a collection of ore, which, when complete, will be sent to the New Westminster exhibition. A large number of the principal Boundary Creek and other district claims will be represented in the collection. As the gathering of a large exhibit of ore entails a considerable amount of hard work, it is to be hoped claim holders and others interested in mining in this district will render every assistance to Mr. Jacobs, so that his labors may be facilitated.

A ledge of free milling quartz was recently discovered on the Iron Chief, Eagle mountain. The ledge is about three feet in width and has been uncovered for a distance of 300 feet. Some very rich specimens have been taken from the claim.

Colonel Topping of Trail, C. F. Massan and Chester Glase of Spokane, passed through Grand Forks recently on their way to Toroda creek to examine some properties they are interested in there and for which they have a cash offer of \$20,000. To determine whether or not to let it go is the object of their visit.

Excavations are being made on Boundary creek, near the falls, by Messrs. Barrett, Hodgson and Ferguson, with the object of putting in a hydraulic plant and working the benches along the creek.

A rumor has been going the rounds to the effect that the Big Copper has been bonded by J. Moran and Austin Hammer to W. L. Hogg of Montreal for \$40,000. As none of the parties to the transaction are in the city at present, the particulars cannot be given.

A. D. Campbell received a telegram this week from Mackenzie & Mann to commence work on the Enterprise in Long Lake camp. It has been decided by the owners not to allow work to be continued until a payment of 20 per cent of the bonding price is made by Mackenzie & Mann.

Four men were put to work on the Oro Delnor in Summit camp recently. They were sent over from Rossland by the syndicate having a bond on the property.

Cameron and Emerson have resumed work on the tunnel of the Lakeside in Long Lake camp. The tunnel is about 40 feet, and they expect to tap the ledge by running 20 feet more.

Considerable development work has been done on the Bullion, Greenwood camp, this season, principally surface work. Two very promising ledges have been uncovered. Development will be continued until sufficient work is done to obtain a crown grant.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

The friends of the Fletcher brothers are congratulating them on the recent fine showing made on their property near Whitewater. The values are in free gold and run as high as \$83.

F. J. Donaldson has leased the Carbonate No. 2, on Spring creek, to Messrs. Ward, Beattie, Lemieux and McCormick of Sandon, who will start work immediately. Some high grade ore has been taken out on the Carbonate No. 2.

Assays of Elise Ore.

H. R. Dunlop of the Lerwick Mining company, which is operating the Elise property near Ymir, has just returned from a visit to the property. He brought with him a lot of the ore from the ore body, which was recently tapped by a long tunnel. The ore body is wide and well defined, and when more fully uncovered is certain to produce ore of paying quality. Four assays were made yesterday of this ore and they went as follows: A trace, \$20.08, \$75.37 and \$2.94. This gives an average of \$24.02 per ton. This is satisfactory to the management. The Elise Mining company and its successor the Lerwick Mining company have shown great tenacity of purpose in the development of this property through the dull times and the mistake of its early management and it now looks as though their faith in it which is to be rewarded.

THE STOCK MARKET

Considerable Dealing in the Cheaper Shares.

MOVEMENT IN DEER PARK

Virginias Crawling Upward Toward the \$1 Mark and May Pass It—Giants Moving Freely—Victory Triumphs in Demand—White Bears Sell.

For the week ending last evening there was transacted a large volume of stock business; in fact, the brokers say that while the cash did not aggregate so much a larger number of shares were sold than for some weeks past. This was because there is a demand for the cheaper stocks like St. Elmo, Homestake, Gophers, R. E. Lees, Mascot fractions and Novelities. These have been dealt in more than usual. It takes too much more for the smaller class of stock buyers to purchase the higher priced stocks such as War Eagles, Virginias, Le Rois and Iron Masks and hence they get in for the cheaper grades, as they expect will advance with the furries that are characteristic of the more costly shares. Then, too, there is no telling what the development of these properties will bring forth. There is always the chance of making a good-sized sum from a very small investment.

There was a large movement in Deer Park and brokers report that fully 100,000 shares changed hands during the week. The good reports that come from the property and the probability that it will not be long before it will have joined the list of shippers combine to increase the demand. Deer Parks sold freely at from 18 1/2 to 19 cents.

Virginias are coming up again. This stock within the past three weeks went as high as \$1.10 and then it relaxed back to 80 cents. This slump was natural to such a sudden rise as it experienced. It began to advance during the past three days and yesterday it was quoted at 93 cents and there is a big demand for it. There is such a demand for Virginia that there are many who say that they will go higher than the present quotations.

There is a demand for Iron Masks and yesterday they were firm at 87 cents. These shares have always been a favorite with investors and, indeed, the merits of the property, justify the confidence which the public regard them.

The fact that the Homestake company has been reorganized and that the Gopher and Robert E. Lee companies are to undergo a similar process, like those has caused a demand for the shares of these companies, and there was extensive dealing in them. Most of the dealings were on a basis of 4 cents per share. The Homestake has a compressor plant and considerable development work has been done upon the property, and it should not be long before it will begin shipping. The Gopher and the R. E. Lee are also promising properties.

There was considerable movement in Canadian Goldfields and they sold for 9 1/2 cents.

Giants were free movers and a large number were sold. They were firm yesterday at 7 1/2 cents.

Victory Triumphs are coming to the front of late and there were a number of transactions in them. The price at which they were sold ranged from 8 1/2 to 9 cents.

White Bears, since operations were resumed by the White Bear company, are in demand and sell at 7 1/2 cents.

There is fair demand for Salmon from Eastern Canada and Great Britain and several blocks were sold during the week.

The Ymir group of shares, such as Dundee, White Horse, Sarah Lees and Kenneths are firm and are selling fairly well in the London market. It is expected that there will be increased dealings in these shares as soon as peace is declared between the United States and Spain.

A Rich Showing.

C. Dempster, accompanied by Noise of Ontario, returned last Saturday from a visit to the properties of the Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development company, near Salmo. A thorough examination of the company's property was made, which has confirmed the high opinion already held by these gentlemen of the mine. Sh. No. 2 at a depth of 100 feet, presents an appearance striking in the extreme, the entire width of the shaft being solid mass of rich looking ore. On hoisting up the lighted candles the effect was brilliant, and long to be remembered. The company are pushing work with double shifts, and the ore dump is assuming formidable proportions. Management is now arranging for transportation of the preliminary machinery for facilitating work, when this is established the output will be materially increased. The company buildings for the accommodation of men are first rate, the management showing sound policy in looking to the comfort of their employees. Apart from the actual workings the surface indications all over the properties are such to show to the experienced eye, the presence of immense ore bodies, but must in the ordinary course of things give a tremendous yield with intelligent development.

Several samples from the bottom of the shaft were brought down by Dempster, which, on being assayed yielded a result of \$31.75 in gold and silver.

The work on the Atlantic Cable O. K. mountain, west of town near Junibo, is being carried out under small force of men pending a decision of the owner, Wm. Caldwell, as to what will do about putting in machinery. Present a crosscut is being run from 100-foot level to open up quartz which it is believed lies near at hand.

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