

## THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Favorable Replies Received from Both Belligerents.

### GEN. SAKHAROFF STILL FOR WAR

Minister's Voice is Lifted Against Almost Unanimous Decision of Imperial Council.

The Associated Press has definite knowledge that both the Russian and Japanese governments have accepted President Roosevelt's suggestion and that a meeting of representatives of the two powers is assured.

Japan has agreed to President Roosevelt's suggestion to appoint plenipotentiaries to meet Russian plenipotentiaries.

Russia is waiting for Japan to fix the time and place when and where the Japanese peace terms will be placed in the hands of Russia's representatives. The Foreign office expects that the delay will be brief.

Russia's representative will not be plenipotentiary with full power to negotiate. His duty will practically be confined to the reception and transmission to his Government of the Japanese terms for decision as to whether they afford a basis for actual peace negotiations.

The Associated Press is able to give additional details of the extraordinary council presided over by the emperor, which met recently at Tsarsko-Selo, and at which the practical, although not the final, decision was taken to terminate the war if the conditions were not too onerous.

Besides the older male members of the imperial family, all the ministers were present except M. Manukhin, minister of justice.

With Grand Dukes Vladimir and Alexander Michaelovich as leaders, all the members of the imperial family except Nicholas Nicolavitch favored an attempt to conclude peace. Only Gen. Sakharoff, the minister of war, and Gen. Lobko, from among the ministers, held out for the prosecution of the war.

### RAILROAD SCHEME FOR ISLANDS

Philippine Government Guaranteed Percentage of Gross Earnings.

The War department has made public the invitations signed by Secretary W. H. Taft for proposals for the construction of railways in the Philippines under the act of Congress passed in February for that purpose. An elaborate scheme of transportation is involved. The Philippine government agrees to protect all grantees against ladrones, insurgents, rebels and outlaws. One half of one per cent. from the gross earnings is to be paid to the Philippine government as taxes. The prospectus cites the provisions of the law guaranteeing interest for 20 years for four per cent. on first lien bonds, but it is provided that not more than \$1,200,000 shall be paid as interest in any one year.

### AUTO DASHES INTO RIVER

Three Drowned; Two Rescued After Exciting Experience.

Three persons were drowned and two others narrowly escaped a like fate when an automobile, in which the five were riding, plunged into the Chicago river through the open draw of the Rush street bridge.

The drowned are: Jerome G. Kurtzman, Chicago, manager for a chemical company; Mrs. Jerome G. Kurtzman; W. A. Hartley, manager for an automobile house. The rescued are: W. H. Hoops, Jr., manager for an automobile company, and Mrs. Jerome Runyon of New York City.

### FLINT GLASS PLANT BURNED

Fire destroyed the \$150,000 plant of the National Flint Glass company, known as the Jenkins factory, at Kokomo, Ind., with \$25,000 worth of stock. Two firemen were severely injured by falling walls. Roy Harbert, who went to work at the factory is unaccounted for.

### MOORS MURDER ENGLISHMAN

British Vice Consul at Mazagan Killed and Wife Wounded.

Moorish robbers entered the Austrian Vice Consulate at Mazagan on June 6 and murdered Vice Consul Madden, a British subject, who also represented Denmark and who had been established there for many years. They also wounded his wife. The assassins escaped.

The Austrian and British authorities have sent energetic protests to the Sultan's Foreign Minister.

### CONSERVATIVES ELECT SPEAKER

James William Lowther Conservative, deputy speaker and chairman of the committee on ways and means, was unanimously elected speaker of the House of Commons in succession to William Court Gully, who recently resigned. This is the first time since 1832 that the Conservatives have been able to put one of their own party in the chair. After the election the house adjourned until June 20.

### BANKER BIGELOW SENTENCED

Frank G. Bigelow, confessed defaulter in the sum of \$1,500,000 of the funds of the First National bank of Milwaukee, while president of the bank, pleaded guilty to an indictment of 10 counts, each count a violation of the national banking laws, and was sentenced by United States District Judge Joseph V. Quarles to 10 years' imprisonment at hard labor in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., the sentence to date from noon to-day.

## ROOSEVELT ADVISES PEACE

Sends Note to Both Russia and Japan to Cease Fighting.

The White House gave out a statement containing a dispatch sent by the President to the Japanese and Russian governments urging them not only for their own sake, but in the interest of the whole civilized world, to open negotiations for peace with one another. The President suggests that these negotiations be conducted directly and exclusively between the belligerents.

While the President does not feel that any intermediary should be called in in respect to these negotiations, he is willing to do what he can properly in arranging the preliminaries for the time and place of meeting.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister was able to transmit to the President a message from the Mikado that Japan was with Russia desirous of peace, provided, of course, in favor of peace, and under proper conditions.

The note indicates the President's belief that an intermediary may not be necessary to effect conclusive negotiations, but likewise expresses the President's willingness to do all that he properly may do to promote the preliminary arrangements for a time and place of the meeting of representatives of the Russian and Japanese governments.

### ITALY IS IN LINE

According to the Giornale Di Italia, published at Rome, it is asserted in political circles that the Italian government has added its efforts to those of the United States, in offering good offices to Russia with a view of peace. There is no doubt that the government press and public of Italy are in favor of peace; and are pleased with the initiative taken by President Roosevelt.

### WILL PREVENT WRECKS.

Wireless Telegraph System Tested on Moving Train.

As a further protection to their train service the Chicago & Alton railway announced that the company had made all arrangements for the establishment of a wireless telegraph system on all trains running between Chicago and St. Louis, and that eventually the system would be extended to the entire system.

That the wireless telegraph can be used on fast moving trains with entire satisfaction was demonstrated by the Alton road, when messages were sent from Chicago to the officers of the road traveling on a limited train running between Chicago and St. Louis. The observation car on the train was equipped with wireless apparatus, and while running at 50 miles an hour messages were received from President Felton, who was in the general offices in Chicago, and replies sent back from the train without the slightest hitch. So successful was the experiment that it was decided to equip at once all Alton trains running between Chicago and St. Louis with the wireless apparatus, and that eventually the system has ever been used to communicate with persons on a moving train.

### TO BUILD JAP CARS HERE.

Pressed Steel Car Company Gets Order for 900 Box and Gondolas.

The Japanese Government has placed with the Pressed Steel Car Co. an order for 900 box cars for early delivery. The cars will be built at the Pittsburgh shops. This is supplementary to the order for 1,000 box and gondola cars placed several days ago with the Middletown Car Co. and the Milton and Berwick plants of the American Car & Foundry Co.

The cars to be built by the Pressed Steel Car Co. will be 34-foot gauge, 15 feet long, and will have a carrying capacity of seven tons.

### SPARK CAUSES MINE EXPLOSION.

At Inverness, C. B., sixteen men and boys employed in the coal mine of the Inverness Railway and Mining Co. were injured by an explosion of powder about 500 feet down the slope. All will recover. A spark from a miner's lamp is thought to have ignited the powder.

### CRUISER CAUSES DEATH

Two Men Drown When Tug is Overturned on Lake Erie.

While the Dominion government cruiser Vigilant was cruising in the waters of Lake Erie, Capt. Dunn sighted the American fishing tug Grace M. of Lorain, O., evidently engaged in fishing in Canadian waters. The Vigilant tried to overhaul her, but the tug continued to dodge around her bow and stern in very close proximity, despite the fact that the Vigilant had fired several shots across her bows. Finally the cruiser, being unable to avoid a collision, caught the tug toward the stern, completely turning her over and she sunk very rapidly.

Capt. Galbraith, Engineer William Rulleson and D. Poppelwell, a fisherman, rose to the surface and were rescued by the boats of the Vigilant. The balance of the tug's crew of five, Martin Olesen, Cleveland, O., and William Anderson, Lorain, O., did not rise and their bodies have not been recovered. The American consul at St. Thomas is investigating.

### REFUSE TO ACCEPT CROWN

All hope that King Oscar or Crown Prince Gustave will yield to the request of the Norwegian Storting to place a prince of the house of Bernadotte on the throne of Norway has now disappeared, according to a high authority. The Danish royal family has also set the stamp of disapproval on the acceptance of the throne by a Danish prince.

William H. Ferguson of Pittsburgh won first honor at Washington and Jefferson college.

## HYDE GIVES UP CONTROL

His Majority Stock in Equitable Passes to Trusteeship.

### PAUL MORTON IS NEW CHAIRMAN

President James Alexander and Four Vice Presidents Resign Their Positions.

Paul Morton, who retires from the secretaryship of the navy on July 1, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society. His election marks the first and most important step in the reorganization of the society, and was followed by the tender of the resignations of President James W. Alexander, Vice President James H. Hyde, Second Vice President Gage E. Tarbell, Third Vice President George T. Wilson, and Fourth Vice President William H. McIntyre.

Mr. Hyde "divested" himself of the majority control, but as made clear in his letter to the board remains a substantial interest in the society. The interests which Mr. Hyde disposed of his stock number some two-score individuals, led by Thomas F. Ryan, vice president of the Morton Trust company, which has close relations with the Mutual Life Insurance company, one of the Equitable society's principal rivals. Mr. Ryan is said to be heavily insured in the Equitable, and, according to report, many of the others who acted with him in the purchase of the Hyde holdings.

The price paid for the Hyde estate stock, which is to be trusted practically in perpetuity, was not disclosed, but estimates vary from \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000. In addition to the 502 shares held by the Hyde estate, which includes the widow of Henry B. Hyde, founder of the society, and his daughter, Vice President Hyde is said to hold between 100 and 170 shares, and it is these holdings which Samuel Untemyer refers to as the "substantial interests," which his client retains.

The men requested to hold the majority stock by Mr. Ryan are former President Grover Cleveland, George Westinghouse, of Pittsburgh, and Morgan J. O'Brien, recently elevated to the chief justiceship of the Appellate division of the Supreme court of the New York City district.

### GOOD OIL PRODUCERS.

Wells Reported Dry Turn Out to Be All Right.

The Southern Oil Company's well on the Dr. Waldron farm, 800 feet northeast of the McBride gusher, in Butler county, Pa., is producing 45 barrels an hour. The Associated Producers' No. 1, Barrickman heirs, reported dry, is showing for a 20-barrel well. The Reiber Independent Gas Company's No. 1 Samuel Schlegel, reported dry, is showing for about 10 barrels a day. The Elsie and O'Brien No. 1 Hartung increased its production to 40 barrels a day, and the Phillips Gas and Oil Company's No. 1 Barrickman heirs increased its production to 15 barrels an hour.

Dry holes have been turned into good producers, and the wells already struck have increased their production. This is true of all except the McBride well, which opened the field. It is holding up at 25 barrels an hour.

### 14 DIE IN SUBMARINE.

British Boat Blows Up and Only Four Are Saved.

Submarine boat A-5 was lost off the breaker at Plymouth, England. Three explosions are said to have occurred on board. She carried 18 officers and men, including her regular crew and men, who were in training. Fourteen were drowned.

Diving parties immediately proceeded to the scene. Those who were saved were standing in the vicinity of the conning tower at the time of the disaster, and were picked up by a passing trawler. They were Lieutenant Candy, commander of the boat; Sub-Lieutenant Murdoch, a petty officer and a seaman.

### PROSECUTION IS PROMISED.

No Favoritism Will Be Shown in Beef Trust Cases.

Upon advice from United States District Attorney Morrison at Washington, the federal grand jury investigating the "beef trust" began the canvass of testimony with a view to classification to support various indictments expected to be returned. According to advices received from Mr. Morrison the department of justice declined to interfere with the direction of the grand jury, and Assistant United States Attorney Goodman was instructed to inform the grand jury that any indictments returned would be prosecuted to the fullest extent, and that no favoritism would be shown.

### RUSSIAN NAVAL LOSSES.

According to reports received by Gen. Linevitch from naval officers who have arrived at Vladivostok, the losses of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet were from 9,000 to 10,000 officers and men killed or drowned, and about 5,000 prisoners.

### RUSSIANS CAPTURE VILLAGES.

General Linevitch, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas says: "The Japanese attacked the outposts on our left flank June 5, but were checked. The same day troops sent to the Tsin Valley pushed back the enemy's advance guards and occupied the village of Santaiyoo. Another force in the Hun valley advanced southwest from Boyhe and a third force sent southwest drove the Japanese from the village of the Nan Chantchenti so far as Taouangoo."

## MOVEMENTS FOR PEACE

Czar Wants to Learn Terms Japan Will Impose.

As a result of the meeting of the Council of Ministers, held at Tsarsko-Selo instructions were telegraphed to the Russian Ambassadors at Washington and Paris, that Russia is desirous of learning Japan's peace conditions.

With Ambassador Meyer's delivery to the Emperor of President Roosevelt's message tendering his good offices, the prospect of the President's efforts to bring the belligerents together in peace negotiations is believed to be distinctly brighter.

The sudden retirement of the French Foreign Minister M. Delcasse who was regarded as not only one of the strongest supporters of the dual alliance, but as one of the staunchest friends of Russia, was a great blow to Russia, and rendered President Roosevelt's friendly tender particularly opportune.

It can be stated that the President through M. Takahira, is endeavoring to get some definite idea regarding Japan's peace terms. Mr. Takahira is giving him all the assistance he can, but the most he can do is to inform his Government of the President's wishes, and to emphasize his personal conviction that the President can be trusted absolutely to guard Japan's legitimate interests.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The Roosevelt family has deserted the White House.

Chancellor von Buelow has been created a prince by Emperor William.

Mayor Weaver named 14 prominent Philadelphia citizens to act as his advisory body during the remainder of his administration.

A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., has resigned from the directorate of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

It is announced upon good authority that President Roosevelt has practically decided that no extra session of Congress will be called.

Gov. Magoon reports one more case of yellow fever in Panama, that of Edward Hurley, an American, but not an employe of the canal.

Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Claffee and Gens. Franklin Bell and William Crozier have been assigned to attend the French army maneuvers this fall.

Simon Burns is again president of the Window Glass Workers' Association, Local Assembly No. 300, Knights of Labor, and assumed the duties of the office this morning.

Norwegian-born American citizens resident in Boston are preparing a petition to President Roosevelt asking that this government recognize Norway as a free and independent nation.

The Amalgamated's committee effected a compromise with representatives of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, whereby an average wage increase of 7 per cent was obtained.

Clarence Young, who attempted to rob the express car of a Northern Pacific train May 27, after he had dynamited the car, has been sentenced by the District Court, at St. Paul to fifty years in the penitentiary.

Mayor Weaver forced the resignation of Philadelphia's chief of the bureau of highways, and issued an order that city employees need not join political clubs nor pay political assessments.

At Portland, Ore., Charles McGinty a wife-beater, suffered 20 lashes on the bare back, being the first sufferer under the new state law.

Foreign Minister Delcasse of France has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Premier Rouvier will assume the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs.

Hon. John M. Moore, Democratic nominee, has been elected to congress from the Eighth congressional district of Texas, in succession to the late John M. Pinckney, who was killed April 24 during a riot at a Prohibition mass meeting at Hempstead Texas.

Jesse James, son of the notorious bandit, was acquitted by a jury in a justice court at Kansas City of the charge of exacting usurious interest on a loan.

Attorney General Moody decided that the eight-hour law applied to laborers and mechanics employed on the Panama canal.

The Mississippi State university has turned down the library offer of Andrew Carnegie. Governor Vardaman denounced the plan and declared he was much opposed to Mississippi accepting gifts from Carnegie or other rich men.

### BURGLAR KILLS POLICEMAN.

While fighting his way out of the residence of the Hon. Horace L. Chapman, No. 1117 East Broad street, Columbus, O., which was surrounded by police, Frank Conrad, aged 22 years, shot and killed Officer Dan Davis, into whose arms he jumped from the second story window.

### ILLINOIS BANK DYNAMITED.

The Edgar County (Ill.) National Bank was wrecked by dynamite. The smaller safe, in which were the bank funds, was overturned, but is still intact. Walter Juntjan, the bookkeeper of the bank, has a broken arm, which, he says, was caused by a brick flying into his window across the square from the explosion.

### THREE KILLED; SIX WILL DIE.

Three children were killed, six people fatally injured and a number seriously hurt in a storm which swept over lower Michigan and the Saginaw valley. Property loss is reported to be very large.

### CAN SAVE THREE VESSELS.

The Russian cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff, Vladimir Monomakh and Dmitri Donskoi, having sunk in comparatively shallow water, it is possible to raise them.

## NORWAY WILL BE FREE

Proposes to Maintain Independence of Sweden.

### NO ILL FEELING ENTERTAINED

Storthing Will Defend Its Step by Force of Arms—Declares New Era is Dawning.

As a result of the irreconcilable disputes with Sweden over the demand for a separate consular service, the Norwegian storthing, has declared the dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden, which has existed since 1814.

Following is the resolution passed by the Storthing, unanimously and without debate:

"Whereas, All the members of the council of state have laid down their offices,

"Whereas, His majesty, the King, has declared himself unable to establish a new government for the country, and

"Whereas, The constitutional regal power thus becomes inoperative, the Storthing authorizes the members of the council of state who retired to-day to exercise until further notice as the Norwegian government the power pertaining to the King, in accordance with Norway's constitution and existing laws, with those changes which are necessitated by the fact that the union with Sweden under one King is dissolved in consequence of the King's having ceased to act as a Norwegian King."

King Oscar's refusal to sanction the bill passed by the Storthing providing for a separate consular service for Norway brought about the dissolution of the union of Sweden and Norway. Although the action was anticipated, it caused considerable excitement in the capital, on account of the anxiety as to what action the King would take.

The crisis became acute May 28, when his majesty, after three months' rest, during which the regency was assumed to Crown Prince Gustave, returned the reins of office. The council of state immediately submitted to him the consular bill, which he refused to sanction, arguing that any action must receive the sanction of the mixed council. The Norwegian council of state thereupon resigned, and the King refused to accept their resignations as, in view of the state of public opinion, it was impossible to form a new government. Demonstrations were held throughout the country indorsing the action of the council of state. The consular bill, while apparently of little importance, was designed to open the whole question of foreign affairs, which Norway desires to manage independently of Sweden.

An address to the King was adopted, declaring that no ill-feeling is entertained against him, his dynasty or the Swedish nation, and asking him to co-operate in the selection of a young prince of the house of Bernadotte to occupy the throne of Norway.

### ROYAL WEDDING

German Crown Prince Marries Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin were married by Dr. Dryander, the court chaplain, in the small chapel of the palace, at Berlin according to the ritual of the Lutheran church, which is the same for a prince as for a subject.

About half of the 400 persons present were princes or special ambassadors of other countries with their aides-de-camp. Ambassador Tower attended as the extraordinary ambassador for the United States. Mrs. Tower was with him.

The other guests were the diplomats accredited to this court, the members of the cabinet, generals and admirals.

### BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

The wool market continues in a strong position. Events in the past week indicates to traders that the large buyers believe the basis of prices is to run high. The scoured basis in this market is about 70@72c for fine clothing wool, 67@68c for fine medium, 65@67c for 3/4 and 1/2 blood, and 62@65c for 1/4 blood. Foreign wools are strong; pulled grades are scarce; the range in this market is about as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 34@35c; X, 31@32c; No. 1, 28@29c; No. 2, 29@30c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; 1/4 blood, unwashed, 23@24c; 3/4 blood, 33@34c; 1/2 blood, 32@33c; unwashed delaine, 27@28c.

### SEVEN DROWNED IN WRECK.

A westbound passenger train on the Wisconsin Central railroad, plunged into Red Cedar Creek from a steel bridge west of Colfax. Engineer Phillips, Fireman Severns and five rams are believed to be drowned.

A meeting will be held in Cincinnati June 29-30 to complete arrangements for the great waterways convention to be held later.

### CASTRO ELECTED PRESIDENT.

A cable dispatch received at the Venezuela consulate in New York, announced the election of Gen. Capriano Castro as constitutional president of Venezuela.

### FOUR RAILROADERS KILLED.

Four men of a Grand Trunk construction train were killed near Peawato, Mich., when their train was wrecked by running into a washout. The entire train of four cars was hitched.

### WROTE LETTERS TO MISS ROOSEVELT.

Secret service men from Washington arrested John Johnson, a Swede, at Bloomington, Ill., for writing letters to Miss Alice Roosevelt. Johnson said that he was sent here from Sweden to marry Miss Roosevelt, and communicated his mission in letters to the President's daughter. Johnson was at once taken to Jacksonville and committed to an insane asylum. He was a former inmate, but had been out for two years.

## TAFT REITERATES HIS ORDER

Announces Positively That the Russians Must Disarm or Put to Sea.

Russia has practically agreed to the internment of the Russian warships at Manila.

The following announcement was made at the War Department at Washington:

"The Secretary of War is in receipt of a cablegram from Governor Wright announcing that Secretary Taft's instructions had been formally transmitted to the Russian Admiral, and at the same time inquiry was made whether he would be required to put to sea within 24 hours after taking on coal and provisions sufficient to take them to the nearest port."

"That up to this time only enough coal and sufficient food supplies for use in harbor to last from day to day had been given, as they arrived in Manila with practically no coal or provisions."

"Governor Wright submitted the question as to whether they were entitled to take on coal and provisions to carry them to the nearest port."

"Governor Wright was advised that the President directed that the 24 hours' limit must be strictly enforced. That necessary coal and supplies must be taken on within that time, these instructions being consistent with those of June 5, stating that as the Russian Admiral's ships were suffering from damage due to battle, that the American policy was to restrict all operations of belligerents at neutral ports. In other words, that time should not be given for repair of damages suffered in battle."

Consul General Rodgers, at Shanghai, cables the State Department, under date of June 6, as follows:

"At Woosung are now anchored seven Russian colliers, which will doubtless be interned. It is reported there are a number of Japanese vessels off Gutzlaff. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Bodri has been interned at Shanghai."

### WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

Corn Shows Better Condition—General Improvement Noted in All Regions.

Crop conditions are summarized as follows in the weekly bulletin issued by the weather bureau: Portions of the Ohio valley, upper lake region, Oklahoma and Southern Texas have suffered from excessive moisture. In the States of the Missouri and Central Mississippi valleys corn is much improved and good progress with cultivation has been made. In the upper Ohio valley much planting remains to be done, and in the Middle Atlantic States considerable replanting will be necessary on account of cut worms. In the Southern States early corn is being laid by in good condition.

Winter wheat has advanced favorably, fewer reports of injury from rust being received from the greater part of the area previously affected. In Ohio and Nebraska, however, although in promising condition, damage from rust and insects has increased somewhat. Winter wheat harvest is in progress in the Southern States and is beginning in Oklahoma and extreme Southern Kansas, and wheat is ripening in the lower Ohio and Central Mississippi valleys. Harvest has also begun in California, where wheat is maturing rapidly. On the North Pacific coast winter wheat is in promising condition, having experienced decided improvement in Washington.

### FAVORS A SUBMARINE FLEET

Recommended by General Staff of Army for Coast Defense.

The general staff of the army has recommended the creation of a new corps to establish a system of submarine defenses for the coast.

The estimated cost of equipping the proposed submarine defense is \$4,000,000. This will provide for a fleet of submarine torpedo boats for all the principal harbors, searchlight equipment, wireless telegraph outfits and fixed and floating mines. It is expected the navy will enter objection to the plan that a fleet of submarines be constructed for operation by the army.

### DEMOLISHED BY A TORNADO

Houses Destroyed at Binghamton, N. Y.—Building Is Blown Two Blocks.

A tornado which struck the south side of Binghamton, demolished a dozen houses, nearly as many barns, and uprooted many trees, but so far as reported no one was killed and only one person was badly hurt.

The house of James Hartigan was lifted from its foundation and carried 200 feet and deposited in the next lot. The family was in the house and no one was hurt.

James Davis's house, in the same street, was demolished. The upper part of Mr. Holder's house, nearby, was blown two blocks, where it struck against the house of G. C. Barnes, which was wrecked.

George W. Tompkins's house was blown flat, as was a house occupied by a family named Johnson. Many more buildings were demolished and more unroofed. The work of relief was hampered by live electric wires which were blown down.

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