

## 107 BODIES DUG FROM WRECKAGE

### Theater Ruins Searched All Night Long.

## 92 NOW ARE IDENTIFIED

### Exact Number in Structure at Time Likely Never to Be Known.

## LAUGHTER DIES IN CRASH

### Audience in Uproar When Snow Caves In Roof. Rescuers Heroic.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—One hundred and seven lives were lost in the Knickerbocker theater last night when the roof, weighted by more than two feet of snow, collapsed and buried patrons of the house under a crushing blanket of concrete, plaster and steel, according to official police records.

The official list, according to authorities, contained the names of all those whose bodies had been recovered up to midnight from the ruins of the theater.

### Search Nearly Finished.

The volunteer workers including police, firemen, marines and cavalry from Fort Myer, had practically concluded their search of the wreckage, the only portion of what had been the orchestra pit remaining to be searched being a far corner in which it was not expected additional bodies would be found.

Elimination of duplicated names brought the final total down from the unofficial peak of 112. The list of injured stood at 134, with 14 listed as "seriously injured." Caught beneath the falling foot beams, scores were taken to hospitals suffering with broken limbs or severe internal injuries. Many received immediate medical attention at improvised nearby stations.

### Several Make Escape.

In the audience but one person was found who had become aware of impending doom in time to reach an exit. Several others worked their way to safety through scant openings in the wreckage.

Rescue workers, fighting a desperate battle through dark and daylight, had recovered that number of bodies. More than 100 others were known to have been injured.

Of the dead, 92 had been identified. The majority of killed and injured were local residents. Exploration of the ruins went on unchecked after dark, but those in charge believed few additional bodies would be found.

### Own Risk Disregarded.

Without regard to their own risk, soldiers, marines, police, firemen, sailors and citizen volunteers had fought their way beneath the wreckage over practically the whole floor space of the auditorium.

The exact number in the theater when the steel and concrete span of the roof buckled and fell under its three-foot load of snow probably never will be known. The stories of perhaps a hundred who got out unharmed have been reported. These accounted for a few more than 300 in the audience that was roaring in laughter at a filmed comedy when the roof fell on them like a blanket, carrying down the front of the wide balcony in its crash.

### Snow Keeps Crowd Away.

Normally the theater has had every seat filled at that hour, and nearly 2000 persons was its capacity. The same unprecedented snowfall which brought death to the venture some few kept many at home. Street-car traffic had been abandoned and streets and sidewalks were all but impassable.

There had not been time for official inquiry as to the cause of the disaster. The ruins disclosed, however, that the mass of steel-held concrete that formed the roof had come down. The crash swept the supports from under the balcony, apparently, and this hinged down at

## MANY PROMINENT MEN AMONG THEATER DEAD

### CHAUNCEY C. BRAINERD ONE OF VICTIMS.

### Guy S. Eldridge, Brother-in-Law of Senator Smoot, Also Loses Life in Crash.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—Among the victims of the wrecking of the Knickerbocker theater here last night were many men and women of prominence, not a few of whom were known nationally.

The list of identified dead follows: A. J. Barchfeld, ex-representative in congress, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Helen Barchfeld, his daughter. Archie Bell, formerly of Vineland, New Jersey.

Chauncey C. Brainerd, Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle. Mrs. Chauncey C. Brainerd. Wilfred Broseau, North Adams, Mass., student at Georgetown University.

Guy S. Eldridge, Salt Lake City, brother-in-law of Senator Smoot of Utah.

Oscar G. Kanston, Chicago, his wife and daughters, Helen and Anylin. Cutler Laffin Jr., 16, Chicago. Miss Annie Lee Lambert, Ashleigh, New Jersey.

W. E. Sammon, of Wyoming, student at George Washington University. George Washington University.

W. L. Schofield, Danville, Va. Laverne Sprout, 17, Chicago, nephew of Representative Elliott W. Sprout of Illinois.

Clarence B. Stephenson, Portland. Lewis Strayer, Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. H. Conroy Vance, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mrs. H. Conroy Vance, Fredericksburg, Virginia. William Walters, Brooklyn, N. Y., student at Georgetown university.

Mary Ethel Atkinson. Joseph W. Beal. William G. Bickle. Thomas R. Bourne.

William G. Bowden. William C. Canby. W. M. Crocker. Vinson W. Dauber. Thomas M. Dorsey. Miss Helen Dorsey. A. G. Eldridge.

Mrs. Alfred G. Eldridge. J. L. East. McC. Farr. M. Virginia Farrand, sister of Minister Blachin of Guatemala. Christian Felge. John P. Fleming. Miss Mary Lee Fleming.

F. H. Giddens. G. S. Freeman. Mrs. Clyde M. Gearhart. E. H. Hall. Douglas Hillyer. William G. Hughes. Daniel K. Johnson. Miss Elizabeth Jeffries. John M. Jeffries. Howard W. Kneess. L. L. Lehler. Leroy Lehmer. Mrs. Leroy Lehmer. David H. Lyman.

Victor E. McGinnis. Julian McKinney. Ernest E. Matello. Mrs. Norman E. Martindale. Miss Agnes Mellow. Miss Veronica Murphy. Miss Virginia Ogden. D. F. O'Donnell. Mrs. D. F. O'Donnell. Miss Louise Pitcher. Miss Hazel Price. Mrs. Marie Russell. Mrs. Cora C. Sigourney. Miss Marie H. Smith. Victor E. Stinson. Mrs. Gertrude Taylor. William Tracy. Miss Gladys Thomas. Charles Cowles Tucker. Mrs. Charles Cowles Tucker. Jacob Urdong. Mrs. Jacob Urdong. Louis F. Vallyntine. Mrs. Louis F. Vallyntine. Miss Mildred Walford. John L. Walker. Mrs. John L. Walker. Captain William R. Warner, quartermaster corps, United States army. Mrs. William R. Warner. Mrs. Charles M. Wesson, wife of Colonel C. M. Wesson, ordnance department, United States army. Iva J. White. Miss Margaret Dutch, Ludington, Mich.

Miss M. C. Bickle. Kneess (son Howard Kneess). Scott Montgomery. William A. Walters. D. N. Walsh. Jack McKimble. Christine Thompson. Paulus Lamby. Miss M. E. Walsh. Kirkland Duke. Esther Foster. Russell Maine. Mrs. Russell Maine. Mrs. Carrie Parson. Albert Baker. Miss Frances Bickle. Dr. James F. Shea. W. N. Crawford.

Among the injured were: Mrs. Bateman Adams, Noble Tommaso Assereto, third secretary of the Italian embassy; June Bergman Buhler, R. J. Bowen, Mrs. R. J. Bowen, Mrs. Bernard Breslau, Miss Sadie Breslau, Joseph C. Bruce, Elton Brumbaugh, Gilbert Caplan, M. E. Castney, Mrs. Mary Chalmers, C. Claffin, Miss Margaret Cole, James A. Cutain, F. W. Dodson, I. B. Gibson, J. L. Durland, Mrs. J. L. Durland, Miss Mary Forsythe, Miss Ruth Fouts, William A. Galloway, Dr. C. M. Gearhart, Norman L. Gibson, Mrs. Bailey, Hugh Glenn, Moe Gold, Dr. C. L. Lee Hall and wife, Ivy Hamilton, Dr. E. E. Hayden, wife and two children; Warren Heitben, Mrs. Douglas Hillyer, Captain J. H. Mills, U. S. A., and wife; M. Para Hill, Miss Helen Hopkins, Margaret John, John Kistner, Mrs. Howard Kneess, Henry

## ROAR OF THEATER CRASH BENUMBING

### Comedy Showing When Avalanche Strikes.

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN MOAN

### Representative Smithwick Tells of Narrow Escape.

## TRAGEDY SEEMS HOURS

### Plaster, Bricks, Snow, Wood and Steel Beams Catapult on Audience as Orchestra Plays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—An avalanche of broken plaster, bricks, snow, splintered wood and twisted steel beams catapulting on the audience while the orchestra played and a comedy film ground out, is the description of the Knickerbocker theater disaster given today by Representative John P. Smithwick of Pensacola, Fla. He was in the balcony when the roof collapsed under its weight of snow, and escaped instantly—just how, he cannot recall—with more or less serious hurts.

"The orchestra was playing music and a comic film was running," he said in his bed, bandaged and with his face and hands covered with cuts. "Suddenly there was a sharp crack. I saw a great fissure running across the ceiling, right over my head. The plaster began to fall, all over the theater, it seemed to me. While I was looking up a great piece right over my head started to fall. I crouched, involuntarily, I suppose, down between the seats. The piece struck the seat where I had been sitting. The force was broken by the seat, but it pinned me down."

### Noise Is Indescribable.

"The noise was awful. It was a great roar. It was simply indescribable. I can never forget it."

"In the midst of the roaring were shrieks and cries of women and children and a few shouts of men. There were cries for help, groans and, worst of all, the moans of those in terrible pain. It was awful. I can't describe it. I see it all the time, those poor children and men and women crying and groaning."

"There were only a few of us in the balcony. Luckily, there weren't more. The balcony gave way and crashed, soon after the ceiling began to fall, onto those on the lower floor. They were caught there."

"I guess there was a lapse of 20 seconds before the balcony fell. Funny, but it kind of twisted, as its supports gave way and it swung down on those below. It did not go."

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## ERNEST SHACKLETON DIES IN ANTARCTIC

### HEART DISEASE IS FATAL TO SEEKER OF SOUTH POLE.

### Norwegian Steamer Being Body of Famous Briton North for Shipment to England.

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir Ernest Shackleton, British explorer, died January 5 on the steamship Quest, on which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic.

Death was due to angina pectoris and occurred when the Quest was off the Gröitviken station. The body was brought here on a Norwegian steamer and will be taken to Europe.

Captain L. Hussey of the Quest will accompany the body. Professor Gruevel and other members of the explorer's party will continue the expedition.

Sir Ernest died on board the Quest, which was anchored off South Georgia Island. The previous night he had been slightly indisposed, but no uneasiness was felt. At 3:30 A. M. January 5, he began to sink rapidly, and, despite all efforts by his attendants, he died within three minutes.

Captain Hussey, who attended him, said the symptoms showed that Sir Ernest had died from angina pectoris. His body was transferred from the Quest to a Norwegian steamer, and accompanied by Captain Hussey, arrived today.

Governmental and military honors were paid the body. The government will retain custody of the body until it is embarked for England, which probably will be February 11.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, since the death of Robert Falcon Scott the foremost among British explorers, sailed from the Thames river on September 17, 1921, to revisit the Antarctic and search for new land in the Pacific. The Quest left Rio Janeiro December 18 for south Georgia Island, which lies off the east coast of the southernmost portion of South America.

The two-year cruise, as projected, was one combining oceanography and scientific research, with the charting of little-known territory touched by Shackleton in previous voyages.

His ship, the Quest, is of 200 tons and represents the explorer's conception of a vessel fit to cope with the storms and ice it would encounter.

The crew, including Shackleton, numbered 19 men—each not only an able seaman but a scientist, with definite scientific duties devolving upon them.

It was the belief of Shackleton that south of the extremity of the African continent were lands of vast extent, and lying within the charmed circle of ice that had prevented their discovery and exploration. These he had determined to seek out, before turning the Quest northward into the Pacific.

One of the missions to which he had pledged himself was the search for the lost island of Tuanaki, almost definitely located by ancient charts and famed in the traditions of sailors. Though Shackleton inclined to the belief that Tuanaki had sunk beneath the surface of the sea, it was his purpose to visit the supposed location

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## \$2,000,000 TERMINAL PROJECT UNDER WAY

### PORT TO BEGIN FILLING IN FOR FOUNDATION.

### Construction of Freight Depot to Be Rushed After Contracts Are Let and Completed.

Portland's \$2,000,000 freight terminal, to be constructed on Guild's lake for use of all the railroads doing business in this city, is under way and will be rushed to completion just as fast as contracts can be let and filled.

Such was the announcement made yesterday by Arthur C. Spencer, chief counsel for the O. W. R. & N. company, who has charge of legal phases of the large undertaking.

Next Monday the Port of Portland dredge Tualatin will begin operations along the west channel of the Willamette river to execute the physical features of an \$80,000 contract with the railroads to fill in 1,000,000 yards for the terminal foundation, according to present plans. It is anticipated that the dredge will have finished the work upon which it is now engaged on the Oregon slough channel, this week and will be swung onto the other by Saturday or Sunday.

As rapidly as papers can be drawn and contracts for various roadways provided for in the terminal agreement with the city, construction of a foundry and other buildings and arrangements for steel rails will be entered into. As soon as the fill is ready the actual work of installing the most modern terminal system in the west will be started.

"We are proceeding just as rapidly as legal papers and contracts can be arranged," said Mr. Spencer, "and the railroads will push the work to completion as fast as is possible, everything considered."

The terminal will be used as a break-up yards for all freight handled by the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroads.

As soon as rails can be laid on this terminal ground congestion in the union passenger station yards will be relieved and it will be possible for all trains to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, including the Astoria-Seaside division, to be handled there instead of in the present North Bank terminal.

## DISASTER MOVES HARDING

### President Grieved by Knickerbocker Theater Accident.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Harding issued the following statement late today on the Knickerbocker theater disaster:

"I have experienced the same astounding shock and the same indescribable sorrow which has come to all of Washington and which will be sympathetically felt throughout the land. If I knew aught today to soften the sorrow of hundreds who are so suddenly bereaved, if I could say a word to cheer the maimed and suffering, I would gladly do it. The terrible tragedy, staged in the midst of the great storm, has deeply depressed all of us and left us wondering about the revolving fates."

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## DISASTER SPARES WESTERN PEOPLE

### Senator Borah One to Be Absent by Chance.

## HAWLEYS ALSO LIVE NEAR

### Coast Leaders Accustomed to Attending Theater.

## CREPE ON MANY DOORS

### Miss Hawley, Early on Scene, Describes How Some Rushed Out of Ruins, Carrying Injured.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—It appears to have been only by some queer circumstance of fate that the names of some prominent persons from the Pacific northwest were not in the dead and injured lists in the Knickerbocker theater disaster last night.

Senator Borah of Idaho, Representative Hawley of Oregon and Representatives French and Smith of Idaho with their families live within a radius of three blocks of the place where the tragedy occurred.

Representative and Mrs. Hawley live less than one block away, on the sixth floor of the Woodley apartment house, and could not gaze from their windows at any minute today without seeing the dead and injured being carried away while white ambulances and sander hearses moved back and forth like trains of cars on Columbia road in front of their home.

### Miss Hawley on Scene.

Miss Iris Hawley, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Hawley, was one of the first to reach the front of the theater after the crash came. Only the bad weather, she said today, influenced her to stay at home from the fatal performance because, on account of the convenience, she had been attending this theater two or three times a week.

"I was in the audience, and felt that his escape had been next to miraculous. 'I have been dazed ever' since I heard of this morning," he said, exclaiming, "My God, this is terrible that such a thing would happen. It does not seem true that Chauncey Brainerd and Lou Strayer are gone."

He was referring to C. C. Brainerd, Brooklyn Eagle, and L. W. Strayer, correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, both of whom had been his close friends since he arrived in Washington as a senator in 1907. Both were taken out of the debris dead early today. Mrs. Brainerd also was killed.

### Theater Usually Visited.

"And strange, it seems," Senator Borah continued, "this was the first Saturday night since I can remember that Mrs. Borah and I did not attend this theater."

"This theater has been our regular Saturday night diversion ever since it was built," he said. "I was in Philadelphia a couple of days ago to visit friends, but I had intended dropping in for the show last night as usual. I do not know what kept me away."

Telling of her arrival at the tragic scene, Miss Iris Hawley said: "I heard someone say, 'My dad's in there; you've got to let me get him out.' A young boy was struggling frantically with the police at the door of the theater."

### Street Becomes Crowded.

"The news had just spread that the roof had fallen in and the street was becoming crowded with persons whose friends and relatives were in the wrecked building. The residents of the neighborhood are the principal patrons of this movie and we all thought of the friends who might be caught under the debris."

"I saw the wife of a member of congress, a heavy coat thrown over a thin dress, standing in a drift of snow, sobbing again and again, 'My boy's in there.'"

"A man turned to me and said, 'The people with whom I live have a son and daughter in there. They do not know anything has happened and I cannot bear to go home and tell them.'"

"Just then not a sound could be heard at the building. The lights in the lobby seemed to be blazing, and the only outward signs of the catastrophe were the swinging doors lying on the sidewalk, and the heavy cornice which had fallen to the street."

### Injured Carried Out.

"But in a minute out came men carrying some badly injured persons meaning with pain, and others carrying the remains of the dead. Dead and injured were placed in ambulances and carried away to the Christian Science church nearby and to houses in the neighborhood, where both hospitals and morgues were set up, in many instances under the same roof."

"I left the scene and returned home last night a little before midnight. We have tried today to keep away from the horror of it all, but that is impossible. The Knickerbocker has been a great favorite and we have gone there many times, and some of

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## MOUNT HOOD STEAM REMAINS MYSTERY

### FOG KEEPS OBSERVERS FROM OBTAINING DATA.

### Trip to Scene of Phenomena When Snow Hardens Is Considered by Mountaineers.

Mount Hood was entirely blanketed in fog and clouds yesterday and observers at Government Camp were unable to see whether the large volume of steam which was arising Saturday was still continuing.

L. P. Pridemore of Government Camp declared that the steam was observed Saturday just above the position where, last summer, great streams of mud ran down the sides. He believes that, possibly, the same reasons responsible for the streams of mud have caused the large clouds of steam.

No immediate efforts will be made to reach the site where the steam is escaping, according to Mr. Pridemore, for the snows are too deep and the weather too stormy for the trip.

Danger is not feared regarding the strange spectacle that the rising steam produced for the clouds are steady and not eruptive in nature. Whether it was temporary and brought about by water seeping into crevices where there are hot rocks can only be determined when the weather clears and the snows harden so as to make snowshoe travel possible.

## OWN GUN KILLS HUNTER

### Bend Youth, Shot Accidentally, Dies Instantly.

BEND, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—John Arnold Payton, 14-year-old boy, accidentally shot himself while hunting Saturday four miles north of Bend. Death was instantaneous, the charge of shot entering his cheek and penetrating the brain. The boy was found at 10 o'clock last night by a searching party which was organized when the boy failed to return home.

No inquest will be held, said Governor Niswonger, as there was no doubt as to the accidental nature of the lad's death.

Funeral services will be at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

## SCIENCE EDITORS CHOSEN

### Willis J. Abbot and Albert Field Gilmore Named by Directors.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, announced tonight that acting under the manual of the Christian Science church they had elected Willis J. Abbot and Albert Field Gilmore, both of New York, editors of the Christian Science publications and that the newly appointed trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society had accepted the elections.

Mr. Abbot was chosen editor of the Christian Science Monitor, a daily, and Mr. Gilmore, editor of the monthly publications, the Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel, Lohrman, (French) and Der Herald, (German).

## NEW TERM OPENS TODAY

### Increase of 1300 in Enrollment in Eight High Schools Expected.

The spring term of the public schools will open this morning. According to D. A. Groat, city superintendent, there will be an increase of approximately 1300 pupils in the eight high schools. No new buildings are ready for this term and there are no changes in the personnel of the teaching staff.

A revised college preparatory course will become effective this term, replacing one which has been in vogue for ten years.

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## YOUNG AMERICA'S PACE KILLING ONE

### Demoralization of Boys and Girls Foreseen.

## CURB ON REVELRY DEMANDED

### Chicago Parents Warned by School Authorities.

## GRAVE DISCLOSURES MADE

### Jazz, Joy-Rides, Improper Dances and Immodest Dress Declared Ralious to Youth.

Chicago has started a reform movement which may become nation-wide. Holding that parents are to blame, the school authorities have asked them to put curb upon the immediate dressing of school girls and upon the freedom given their own automobiles or use their fathers' cars. Investigation after school hours has led to the new crusade. The story carries its own moral to every home.

## BY JANE COMPTON.

(Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The fast pace at which America has been living the past few years has reached the high schools of the larger cities, and Chicago parents have just received a warning from the school authorities to stop, look and listen.

These authorities believe there is real danger ahead, unless a halt is called. School children are given too much money by indulgent fathers and mothers. Boys are permitted to have automobiles of their own or the free use of a parent's car. Girls are permitted an extravagance of dress which five years ago would have been considered far less than criminal. All of which leads to the question:

"Are the mothers of America dressing in such youthful fashion themselves that their 'flapper' daughters must go to the wild extremes to emphasize their own junior year?" Chicago's school authorities believe that the paint and powder, the silk stockings and the chiffon sleeves of the modern schoolgirl's costume are provocative of thoughts which have nothing to do with reading, writing and arithmetic.

### Serious Things Disclosed.

Chicago was inclined to smile indulgently at the suspicions of the school officials when recently they undertook to "supervise" some of the children after school hours. But Chicago has been through the demoralizing round turn and has given itself over to serious consideration of the problem since two boys, members of prominent families, have been charged with maintaining an apartment in the fashionable Edgewater district where they and their friends had gay parties with girl students following long joy-rides in their parents' machines and visits at the "jazz" halls.

In the school investigations automobiles containing boys and girls have been trailed to cabarets, dancing resorts, tea shops, roadhouses and flats. At Nicholas Sena high school, which has an enrollment of 6000 and is one of the largest schools in the world, two boys were forced to leave because the authorities decided that the girls in the school would be better off if the youths and their limousines were banished.

### Small Element Defiant.

In the appeal to parents and the student body as a whole "to rescue the falling morale of high school girls and boys from the demoralizing influence modern society has thrown about them, Peter A. Mortenson, superintendent, is not making wholesale charges against the students. "It must be remembered," he said today, "that 95 per cent of the pupils are anxious to do right and co-operate with us. But the refractory 5 per cent are so defiantly disobedient, so little amenable to suggestion that they stand forth in a spectacular light which augments their number."

According to reports made by principals of the Chicago schools and members of the board of education, the fault for the apparent moral deterioration of the present day school girl and boy begins mostly within the home.

"Mother and fathers who are unable to handle their children at home," said Mr. Mortenson, "show the moral responsibility upon the teachers' shoulders. They assume it is the duty of the school to safeguard its students during all the hours spent away from home, forgetting that the authority of the teacher ceases when the student leaves school property."

### Failures Are Explained.

Benjamin F. Hock, principal of Nicholas Sena high school, in a "watch-your-step" lecture delivered immediately before the mid-year examinations, laid the failure of so many students to make the scholastic grades to too much below the eyes and not enough above.

"Paint and powder, chiffon-sleeved dresses and bells jingling from galloshes detract from the relative value of x and y."

"Constant thought about dances, recurring instances of absence and tardiness from school overshadows the interest in history and mathematics. Until that interest in school activities can predominate over the interest in

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WOULDN'T IT BE RIDICULOUS TO TRY TO KEEP HOUSE THE WAY WE USED TO?

DADDY—HOW DID PEOPLE USED TO GET ALONG WITHOUT AUTOMOBILES?

GOSH! HOW DID PEOPLE USED TO READ BY CANDLE LIGHT!

THERE IT IS—ONE CHECK FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST—AND WE USED TO HAVE A DRIVE EVERY WEEK!

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