

SEA HORROR CLAIMS 200 SOULS



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 8.—(AP)—When the socialist republican Chairman Fletcher met with the other day, he smiled at Fletcher and said, "Any time."

The diplomat Fletcher eyed Sinclair's throat and said undiplomatically: "Any time."

There was many a new dealer who would like to have said that but couldn't. In fact, the new dealers welcomed their unwelcome guest with such cordiality that it must have seemed just a little strange to him.

As it was, he saw nearly everyone, without waiting; was everywhere given the glad hand and, to all surface appearances, was a big hit.

The reason for that was well known to Sinclair and to the new dealers, but to no one else.

When he invited himself to Hyde Park and remained two hours with the president, he emerged with a list of names of the people he should see in Washington. Before Mr. Sinclair arrived here, the grapevine brought confidential advice to all government officials to receive him with open arms as a friend and not as a pest.

That was not hard for many of the new dealers, as Mr. Sinclair is a very amiable fellow, a fast talker and quite clever on or off his feet.

It was easy for such hosts as Harry Hopkins, who is just as clever as Mr. Sinclair, and just as agile. For instance, you can have anything you want."

But Mr. Hopkins neglected to add that Mr. Sinclair could have two hundred million dollars for his California program. They will take that up if Mr. Sinclair is elected.

Amiability may have been more of an effort for Jesse Jones of the RFC, for another instance, Mr. Jones never before in his life saw a socialist, even a reformed one.

In fact, a majority of those upon whom Mr. Sinclair called appeared to take him as a brave man takes a coward. They knew what was best for themselves, and could not whimper, but that was no sign that they liked it.

The truth is that one phase of the Hopkins relief program is based on almost exactly the same fundamental theory as Mr. Sinclair's epic plan. However, Mr. Hopkins is a realist and not a socialist.

He has taken the realistic rather than the socialist approach. Thus he has managed very quickly to put relief workers into self-reliance work in every state of the union except Delaware.

In California itself the FERA has advanced \$399,000 (a long way from two hundred million, incidentally) to 160 co-operative groups, 116 of which are in Los Angeles county. These groups operate a lumber mill, canning factory, clothing factory, fishing industry, sewing establishment, dairy, garage, printing shop and what not. Goods thus produced are exchanged among the workers for other products.

In all states such co-operatives have received \$1,299,000. In addition, money has been loaned to states which carry on such co-operative self work relief under their own auspices with federal funds. Ohio has developed this phase remarkably.

Mr. Hopkins would like to expand this basic idea to care for all the unemployed this winter. He is doing all he can to encourage such activity. But he knows very well the political and economic limitations.

When the unemployed get to the point where they produce goods in competition with private industry they throw out of work men who are already privately employed.

Predicaments seem to come just as naturally to senators as high hats. There is a democrat in one now. The mortgage on his home has been shunted around in such a way that the HOLC now holds it. He is worried that the situation may become public, but there is no reason why he should be. His connection with the transaction appears to be fully legal now, although it was not at first.

The way it happened was this: A bank had a mortgage of \$15,000 on the senator's house. He paid off \$3000 of it before the bank got into difficulties. When the bank demanded \$3000 more under a reorganization scheme.

It seems that the bank owed him around \$3000 for legal fees. He de-

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GALE FANS FIRE ON WARD LINER OFF NEW JERSEY

Captain Dead And Crew Negligent In Double Tragedy—Cause Undetermined As Federal Probe Opens—SOS Calls Answered—'Morro Castle' Beached And Ablaze.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The Ward liner Morro Castle, ploughing back to port from a Havana cruise through fog and heavy rain, was raked from bow to stern by fire off the Jersey coast today with between 130 and 224 persons dead or missing.

The liner carried 358 passengers and crew. Still afloat, her superstructure was a mass of wreckage, her hull seared, the luxurious ship was towed toward the shore tonight by the coast guard cutter Tampa and beached near Asbury Park, N. J.

A beach of the survivors compiled at the Ward line offices showed 333 rescued and 225 not accounted for, but it was pointed out that New Jersey private homes might hold many not reported.

Death Lists Vary
Other checks made in New York and New Jersey coast towns indicated the number of deaths might run as low as 130. National guard headquarters at Sea, N. J., however, said 171 bodies had been reported in various communities.

It was a double tragedy, the ship was a funeral pyre as well as a holocaust of horror.

The master of the ship, Captain Robert R. Willmott, died last night, stricken on the bridge by acute indigestion. His body lay in the quarters aft the control room when fire broke out in the early morning hours.

The radio was decommissioned with the spread of the inferno and nothing was learned of the disposition of the body.

Captain W. F. Harna, chief officer, assumed command, with the few of his aides and crew that stayed aboard the ship, he abandoned the boat after the cutter had her securely in tow in the mountainous waves he boarded the Tampa.

Earlier, officials of the Ward line said the cutter would tow the ship of distress into New York harbor. But as the storm continued to rage it was decided to beach her.

Quizzed Started
Immediately, officials of the federal government and the line opened investigations.

Ward line officials refused to speculate on events aboard the liner in view of conflicting stories of the fire's origin.

The liner carried the latest automatic fire equipment. But none of the ship's survivors said it was in operation. On this, the officials kept their silence, but said their investigation would be rushed through.

In Washington, Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper ordered his own inquiry.

Many survivors were in agreement in declaring the fire originated in the ship's library. Some said lightning struck the liner. Reports from Havana that it might have been sabotage by striking dock workers were quickly denied, both by Havana officials and officials of the line.

Leaving Havana Wednesday evening, all was gaily aboard the Morro Castle until news of the Captain's death spread over the decks last night. By midnight, the ship was quiet. Most of the passengers were asleep in their cabins.

It was the last night out. Tomorrow they'd be home—but the morning brought only disaster and terror. Atlantic Graveyard

This section of the Atlantic has known many disasters. Only a few miles to the south, down by Barnegat Light, the Akron had gone down a year ago. Farther down, in 1928, the Vestria had sunk in a gale.

At 3:33 a. m., the wireless crackled through the storm the news of the latest tragedy of the seas:

"S. O. S. S. O. S. Morro Castle—afire 20 miles south of Scotland Lightship."

Scotland Light is the welcoming beacon for ships plying north in New York on the coastal routes, but this morning, it served only to mark the spot of death.

Wireless stations notified coast guards. At once the seaboard was awakened for the rescue.

A few seconds later came word of the seriousness of the fire—only a few words, but ominous:

"Fire just outside radio room." The message ended, the radio was gone, the outside world was cut off. Confusion reigned as the accounts on board the flaming ship. Some survivors said there was no disaster, others said the decks were filled with mill-

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The Disaster In a Nutshell

(By the Associated Press)

Casualties:
Independent surveys indicate 133 dead or missing; New Jersey National Guard estimates around 171.

Morro Castle, 11,530 tons, turbo-electric liner, in operation by the Ward line from Havana to New York, with crew of 240 and 318 vacation travelers.

The command:
Capt. Robert Willmott died of acute indigestion Friday night. Chief Officer W. F. Harna, in charge when fire started, remained with his ship as efforts were made to tow it to New York.

The fire:
Started in library. Ship ablaze at 3:15 a. m. E. S. T. in the Atlantic eight miles off Asbury Park, N. J., and 30 miles from New York. SOS dispatched at 3:23 a. m.

The spread:
Flames swept through ship's superstructure with great speed. The cause:
Some conjectured that lightning had ignited the vessel. The Havana agent of the Ward line denied sabotage. The line's headquarters awaited accurate information on the functioning of automatic fire control apparatus and what difficulty passengers experienced in reaching lifeboats. Some crewmen reported no water pressure for the fire hose.

BEER SALE ZONES AND REGULATION, COMMISSION PLAN

Restrictions For Residential And Outer Business Areas Proposed, With No Dancing Or Music.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Zoning of beer parlors on the same plan cities now use to control business and residential districts will be proposed by Administrator George L. Sammis to the Oregon state liquor control commission at its meeting in Salem Tuesday, it was reported here today.

Sammis' proposal is that no draught beer sales be allowed in districts similar to Portland's zone No. 1, residential. In zone No. 2, restricted to certain types of establishments, he would allow draught sales by establishments which operated a legitimate restaurant or fountain business prior to January 1, 1934, and not within 400 feet of a church, school, library or public playground. Music and dancing in such establishments would be prohibited. In zone 3, business and commercial, he would have less strict rules, approximating present regulations.

The beer commission embarked several days ago on a policy of removing beer parlors from residential districts by refusing to grant or renew licenses.

RAIN AND FROST LACK HURT COLOR HOOD RIVER CROPS

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Lack of rain and frosty nights, which are needed to give color to the red varieties of apples, are retarding the harvest of fruit in the Hood River valley, according to John C. Duckwall, shipper and grower.

Newtowns, the green variety, are now being harvested, and next week, in spite of the deficiency in color requirements, will find the picking of red varieties under way.

"We visited orchards the past few days," Duckwall said, "and tested fruit for maturity. We will have to begin taking the apples from trees in the next few days, even though we will not be able to get the color. We are praying for rain and an immediate frost. A frost would cause the fruit to color up overnight."

HOOVER WILL AID PORTLAND CHEST

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Ex-President Herbert Hoover today notified officials of the Portland Community chest that he would be in Portland September 27 to participate in a community chest expedition planned under the auspices of the Junior chamber of commerce.

Mr. Hoover, replying to a telegraphic invitation by L. C. Newlands, president of the chest, wired:

"I will be present on September 27, but do not publish me for any extended address. Kind regards."

HOLLYWOOD CALLS FOR YOUNGSTERS AS MOVIE STARS

Rush Of Proud Parents Of Bright Children As Studios Seek Child Actor With Shirley Temple Appeal.

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Now is the time of golden opportunity for parents who think they have a potential child movie star in the family.

Filmfod seems to be making more use of youngsters.

Perhaps the demand for cleaner films has caused producers to consider pictures with more children in them.

Maybe it is the success at the box office of pictures featuring Jackie Cooper or Shirley Temple.

Whatever the cause, casting directors are turning gay interviewing kiddies and their persistent mammas and papas, who producers pray for a child that will provide competition for other companies starring or featuring children.

Families with talented and not-so-talented offspring are leaving their homes over the country and staking their modest means on the golden fleece of the movies.

The search for a lady with as much appeal as Shirley Temple, has girl-child, to portray David Copperfield as a child is costing M-G-M thousands of dollars. More than 1500 youngsters either have been given screen tests, or have been interviewed, at that studio.

Virtually every studio is coming forward with a youthful candidate. Billy Lee, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schlenker, of Terre Haute, Ind., is said to copy beautifully in Paramount's "Wagon Wheels."

Pay Chaldeot, 5, a native Californian with a rich English accent, has been signed by M-G-M as Little Emily in "David Copperfield," while Marilyn Knowlden, 7, will portray Agnes Wickfield as a child in the same film. She made a hit in "Little Women."

David Holt, 7, came westward with his parents, doing act in tourists camps to pay their way. He failed to get work in the films for eight months. Then the illness of Dickie Moore gave him his chance and he is said to show great promise.

MAIL TRIBUNE'S BARGAIN DAYS TO END MONDAY EVE

Elipping all previous events of its kind in the history of this paper, the Mail Tribune's annual Bargain Days are drawing to a successful close with the closing of the doors at midnight today.

The hour when regular subscription rates will again take the place of low, bargain prices. The general trend of business recovery is reflected in the many subscriptions already received through the mail and over the counter of the Tribune's business office on North Fir street.

A substantial number of new subscribers have added their names to the long list of readers, indicative of increased earning power or southern Oregon people as well as added interest in local, national and world affairs.

For the convenience of Bargain Day subscribers, the Mail Tribune office will be open longer than usual today, the doors remaining open until noon.

On Monday, the climax of the 10-day bargain event, the business office of the Tribune's business office on North Fir street. A substantial number of new subscribers have added their names to the long list of readers, indicative of increased earning power or southern Oregon people as well as added interest in local, national and world affairs.

The following coupon is available for subscribers who wish to send in their subscription by mail. A special rate of \$5.00 is effective where carrier service is maintained while Tribune readers in Jackson and Josephine counties who receive their paper by mail may subscribe for only \$3.50.

Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon.

Please accept check or money order for \$_____ in payment of my subscription to the MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE for one year.

Name _____ Address _____

Kindly write or print name and address carefully to avoid error.

Kills Five in Rage Over Unpaid Debt



Enraged over an unpaid farm debt, Fred Blink, 45 (above), ran amuck near Fulton, Ill., and shot to death five persons, including his debtor, then turned the gun on himself, but doctors said he would recover. (Associated Press Photo)

YOUTH FREED OF GIRL'S DEATH TO HALT MOTHERHOOD

NORMAN, Okla., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Neal Myers, 21-year old pharmacy student, was acquitted tonight by a jury of farmers who tried him on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his college sweetheart, Marian Mills. The state had attributed the 19-year old girl's death to an effort to avert motherhood.

Myers bowed his head and tears came into his eyes as the verdict was read. He was shaken visibly.

His parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Myers of El Reno, Okla., rushed to their son and threw their arms about him, sobbing audibly.

District Judge Tom Pace had warned the spectators in the crowded courtroom that there must be no demonstration, but despite his orders, many of the crowd cheered. Judge Pace ordered the court halliffs to take names of the demonstrators.

TELL WHAT AILS ROSE CITY COPS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Fifteen recommendations to make Portland's police department "adequate to the city's needs and one which will not suffer in comparison with the best in the world" were presented today by the Portland police survey commission in a 139-page report.

The commission, appointed May 30 by Mayor Carson, made an exhaustive survey of the police department, aided by August Vollmer, police expert from the University of California.

"Hampered by ineffective leadership of some officers, defective organization, inadequate training, lax discipline and poor equipment, it is truly surprising that the force functions as well as it does," the report stated.

"While many officers are too old, and some too fat and some too stupid, the large majority of police officers are physically and mentally fit to perform the duties," the commission stated.

RECALL PETITION FOR MAYOR SHORT

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Petitions for the recall of Mayor Jos. K. Carson of Portland have been signed by 20,058 qualified voters, the city auditor's office said today. Names of 4561 signers have been declared unqualified.

October 13 is the deadline for calling a recall election this fall, and 27,097 names of registered voters must be obtained by that time to order such an election.

FAKE PWA PROJECT LURE FOR MAINE VOTES, GOP CLAIMS

Claim Democrats Offer Huge Power Scheme As 'Bribery' In Monday Election—Eleven States Hold Primaries Coming Week.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Republican leaders, centering their efforts on Monday's election in Maine, today charged that the Roosevelt administration is seeking to "bribe" the voters of that state into support of the New Deal by holding out hope of a \$47,000,000 public works project.

The word "bribe" was used by Representative Bolton of Ohio, co-chairman of the Republican senatorial-congressional committee. Henry P. Fletcher, chairman of the Republican national committee, in a simultaneous statement asserted the revival of the Passamaquoddy power project in Maine by the administration was a "bribe."

Maine, which holds its election two months before the other 47 states, will elect on Monday a governor, senator and three house members. It has been a hotbed of politics for weeks, with Republican and Democratic forces throwing their best campaign wares into the state in an effort to win, for the sake of psychological effect on other states.

At present, the Democrats hold two seats and the governorship, while Republicans fill the senate and the other house seat.

Both Fletcher and Bolton predicted that Republicans would come out on top.

Senator Frederick Hale, Republican, is contested for re-election by P. Harold DuBois, Democratic leader of Waterville, Gov. Louis J. Brann, who was swept in on the 1932 Democratic landslide, is seeking a second term against Alfred K. Ames, Republican, a retired lumberman.

The two Democratic representatives, Edward C. Moran and John G. Utterback, and the Republican, Carroll L. Beedy, have stiff opposition. Former Governor Frank O. Brewster is contesting Utterback.

Following the Maine election, seven states—Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, hold primaries on Tuesday—while two states, Maryland and Georgia, will stage primaries on Wednesday, and New York on Thursday.

Senator Ashurst and Representative Isabelle Greenway are seeking Democratic re-nomination in Arizona. Other incumbent senators in primaries next week are Vandenberg (R., Mich.); Austin (R., Va.); while the Washington Democrats must select a successor to Senator Dill, who is retiring. Maryland Republicans are to name a nominee for the seat now held by Senator Goldsborough, who is a candidate for the governorship.

IRRIGATION MEET TO HEAR EXPERTS AND CANDIDATES

KIAMATH FALLS, Sept. 8.—(AP)—More than 100 delegates and representatives of irrigation districts are expected here Monday for the opening of the two-day 24th annual meeting of the Oregon reclamation congress.

Robert W. Sawyer, Bend, president of the congress, will open Monday's sessions with his official report, and will introduce Marshall N. Dana, of Portland, president of the national association.

Other speakers Monday and Tuesday will include Charles H. Martin, Democratic candidate for governor; Dean William S. Schoenfeld, Oregon State college; Maj. R. P. Bessy, regional planning consultant for the PWA; W. P. Stapleton, agricultural and industrial agent, Northern U.P. railway; and Joe H. Dunne, Republican candidate for governor.

MONEY ALMS FOR RURAL INDIGENTS

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The relief committees of the various counties heretofore may, if they desire, pay cash to those in the rural districts who require relief.

The state relief committee made this announcement today following word from Washington that this method may be used.

Heretofore relief has been extended "in kind" in some counties, regulations for groceries and other food-stuffs having been used as many of those on the relief rolls preferred this method. Others, however, wanted the cash.

Husband Scares Wife to Death in Family Row

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A complaint charging manslaughter was filed in justice court here today against Emil Rautio, 40, as the result of the death of his wife here Wednesday from a heart attack.

The woman's death followed a prolonged quarrel which ended, police said, when Rautio, armed himself with a long knife and chased Mrs. Rautio from their home.

At the inquest the coroner's jury found that the woman died from heart failure "caused by over-exertion and fright resulting from a family quarrel."

Rautio today pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. He provided bail of \$2,000.

CURSES OF NEGRO CAUSE RACE RIOT MARYLAND TOWN

PRINCESSES ANNE, Md., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A race riot between 200 white men and from four to five hundred negroes was raging on the streets of this small town on the eastern shore of Maryland at 11 o'clock tonight. The entire negro population was being driven from the town.

The trouble started when a negro allegedly cursed a white man on the street and the two engaged in a fist fight.

The white man, whose name could not be immediately learned, badly beat the negro and drove him from the streets.

A few minutes later the white man started gathering his friends and, rapidly increasing as it marched down the streets, the crowd started for negro town.

Following their way into a negro restaurant at the north end of the town, the men found the already beaten negro, dragged him out, and began beating him again.

In a few minutes, a battle royal was raging.

FIREMAN HIT BY AUTO MAY SUFFER FRACTURED SKULL

Clare Spels, about 27, a volunteer fireman, staying at the Medford fire hall, is in the Community hospital suffering from a possible fractured skull, bad scalp cuts, a broken left arm and badly skinned shoulder and knee, as the result of an accident on North Central avenue last night, in which he was struck down by a car driven by Wendell Enders, about 21, of Ashland.

City police stated Spels started to cross the street around the Enders auto, which was traveling north. Enders was not driving fast, police state. The accident occurred at 7:35, south of First street. Spels is an employee of Gates Auto company, an expert electrical workman.

Three of the four passengers of a car driven by Geraldine Stansell, 21, of Klamath Falls, were injured in a smashup last evening on the Green-springs highway, when their auto skidded in loose gravel, plunged down a 60-foot bank and landed without turning over in a dry creek bed.

Miss Stansell received severe lacerations; her brother, David, owner of the car, received head cuts; Mrs. J. G. Brown received bruises and lacerations; and Charles MacMurdo, who was riding under the "turtle-back" of the car, was uninjured. All of the party are residents of Klamath Falls. The injured were taken to Ashland for treatment.

Four cars figured in a complicated but not serious accident on the Mid-way road last night at 8 o'clock, state police report, when an auto driven by Badie McIntyre of Central Point collided with three vehicles which were parked close together on the roadway. No one was injured, although the cars were damaged to some extent, police say.

Owners of the parked cars, who were talking when the accident occurred, are Homer W. Gustin of route 2, Medford; Herbert Fitzgerald of Gold Hill, residing temporarily at 634 Penn-sylvania street, Medford; and his brother, Jerome W. of Gold Hill.

4-H Member Honored
RALEIGH, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP) Irene Eiler, 17, of Pilot Rock in Umatilla county, last night was chosen as the outstanding 4-H club member at the 73rd annual state fair here.

Power Research Ordered
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Exhaustive research into the outlets and marketing areas of hydro-electric power in the four Pacific northwestern states will be undertaken soon by the board of army engineers in this district at the suggestion of Marshall N. Dana, chairman of district 11 of the national resources board.

LABOR PROPOSES ARBITRATION IN TEXTILE WALKOUT

Terms Held Unacceptable To Employers—Complete Shutdown Pending Settlement Asked—Crucial Test Monday.

By Richard L. Turner
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Labor abruptly submitted the first peace proposal of the great textile strike tonight and "challenged" the mill owners to accept it.

With both sides preparing for a grim and crucial test of strength Monday, Francis J. Gorman, national strike leader called for arbitration, with all mills to be closed during the negotiations, and strikers and employers bound in advance to abide by the result.

"I come now to the most important announcement that has been made since the strike began," he said in a radio speech. "We have demonstrated that we can stop the wheels of the textile industry in wool and worsted, cotton and silk."

"The mills are closed. We can keep them closed indefinitely. There is no doubt about that."

"Every conflict ends in peace. Peace must come to the textile industry. We now propose the peace formula."

"We propose that the present presidential board become a board of arbitration. We propose that arbitration begin not later than Monday, Sept. 10, 1934. We propose that both sides agree to accept the findings of the arbitration."

"We propose that meanwhile all mills in all branches of the industry remain closed. If the employers, as employers, through their various associations, agree to arbitration, then we propose that our members picket all mills and guard them against damage."

"We propose this now, so that further murder of our fellow workers may be avoided. We challenge management to agree to this orderly procedure toward peace."

George A. Sloan, president of the cotton textile institute, and other spokesmen for the industry could not be reached for their response to the Gorman proposal. Meanwhile, it was generally assumed labor's proposal would be unacceptable.

Means and methods of arbitrating the dispute were discussed earlier with the board by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, but no definite "plan of procedure" was agreed upon.

Gorman, too, consulted with the board and it planned to assemble mass of facts and figures over the week-end through conferences with officials of the national recovery and agricultural adjustment administrations.

Determined to open a number of mills Monday, employers devoted the week-end to increasing protective measures. Labor accepted their challenge by increasing the scope of the walkout.

Gorman called out all workers in the upholstery, drapery, carpet, rug, pile fabric, plush and velvet plants. A call for hokey workers to quit Wednesday midnight then followed.

It was preceded by night conferences between officers of that union and members of the strike committee.

Gorman estimated that 85,000 employees in a dozen states would be affected by the hokey call—effective Wednesday night, although many workers were expected to quit Monday.

The strike leader also said that textile dyers would be told to quit next week unless their employers met union terms.



STOCKHOLM, Sept. 7.—These Swedes are so hospitable they don't even give you time to write or hardly even read the papers. They're the healthiest looking people you ever saw and they haven't been in a war for so long that they haven't got any word in their language for repudiation.

The king don't have much time to practice with a sword, but he swings a right smart tennis racket.

Will Rogers

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