SERIAL STORY

# MURDER IN FERRY COMMAND

"Let's start from there!"

One by one the officers were

for his men personally. That cut

Bit by bit, they eliminated many

others. Seven men were accom-panied by their wives and child-

ren-totaling 22 persons. Twelve

more were either well-known busi-

ness men or wives or daughters

of pominent families known per-

sonally to the purser, a veteran

of three decades on the Cabo

Strait run. The list was now

down to 47.

here they are, sir."

"That's swell," he said at

cise caution in the morning be-

cause false arrest is still a seri-

ser, you will do the Intelligence

Department a great favor if you

ous offense in Canada. Mr. Pur

course, the need for utmost se

Dawson returned to his cabin

Dawson must have dozed be-

in the captain's quarters while the

THE STORY: Ciyde Dawson, Canadian.. Intelligence.. Depart, ment, is on the trail of spies oper Ferry Command In Newfoundland. One of the sples has been hanged for murder. Pursuing a slew, Dawson narrowly esca nurder aboard a train. Then, on a boat to Canada, he finds a how man's hands in his stateroor

A CLEVER TRAP

It all seemed like a chapter on "Dracula"- or a cheap horror movie. But the awful thing lying right fand chopped off Lemoy Statler's body. The stump indi cated a clean hard blow, as with a sharp ax.

den wave of repulsion at the whole situation. A little fresh air would have helped but the port the box aside, probed into his suit case until he found a flask, flipped off the cap and drank deeply. A cigaret followed and investigator drew a deep "That's better!" he spoke aloud.

"Now let's see what poor Lemoy's hand will tell." Using a towel, Dawson picked the hand out of the box and turned it around slowly. There was

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something odd in its shape that suggested . . . that's it . . . the fingers had been straightened out! When Statler was hanged his hands had clenched during the terrible drop. Rigor mortis had almost cemented the man's hands in that shape. Dawson recalled how difficult it had been to unclench them for the post-mortem amination. But here the fingers were straightened out. Carefully he put aside the hand.

wrapped in the towel, and turned the box and paper, taking pains o keep his own fingers under the folds of an handkerchief-there was aways a chance that the experts at Ottawa could pick off a ger print or two unless they had been smudged when he oper Just what purpose lay behind

hand been hacked off Statler's body in the first place? It must we been done within the last 36 hours because Dawson, after ordering Statler's body kept in refrigeration pending further investgation, had finally released it or burial only two mornings ago. risked detection in daylight hours the vault just to get the hand in an attempt to scare the investi-

the lights and slipping his revol-Dawson shook his head. No. that doesn't make sense-after all he could keep an eye on the door.

As he puffed at his pipe, he went there had been the knifing episode on the train last night. Killers don't try to kill first and then scare prospective victims on the second attempt—it would be the other way around. quickest way. "I seem to be getting nowhere

fast," mused Dawson, 'but one thing is certain—the ghoul is on this ship now. He certainly trav elled on the train with me from St. John's, because the hand couldn't have come to Port-aux-Basques ahead of him unless it was flown and that wasn't possible because there is no air service. There is one way . . ."

Dawson hopped to his feet,

packed the hand carefully and hid it under a bunk. Leaving the light turned on, he slipped quietly into the passageway and walked up to the captain's quarters. The captain inspected his cre-dentials and Dawson explained what he wanted, without menable, sir . . . Here is some coffee for you. Breakfast will be ready tioning the hand episode. In two minutes the purser had brought in 20 minutes. The ship is two the long sheets in on which are

compiled all data on the passen-I'll bring you some hot water for shaving." "As I understand it, sir," the Dawson was in the captain's purser repeated, "you are seeking cabin when the Canadian immia man who came from St. John's gration men came aboard at the Cape Breton Island port in Nova on the same train. There are many, of course, but you want to Scotia. He knew both and gave them the names of the four men weeding them down to the most likely prospects That should he wanted delayed under "any be fairly easy because there are pretext." They agreed. only 123 passengers aboard, and Not wishing to arouse the want-42 are Canadian or American milied man's suspicions, Dawson avoided talking to the immigration tary, naval and air force men. Each section has one officer in

charge who can tell about his

queue formed in the main lounge to file by the two desks at which the immigration men sat. He didn't have long to wait

The pursuer entered with a eteward who was carrying several towels badly smeared with what

"Here's the only curious item we have found, Mr. Dawson—in Cabin 14 on A Deck the passenger seemed to have had an unusual amount of trouble with his fountain pen. Either that or he spilled a full bottle of very thick ink. His name is Paul Dexel with ad-

with his fist: "Never mind, I know all that. . . you've solved a riddle for me." Tossing a bill on the table he hurried down to his cabin and reopened the parce containing Lemoy Statler's hand Turning it palm up he studiously inspected the fingertips under the glare of a small searchlight. "That's it!" he muttered in sat-

isfied manner. "Every fingertip has minute traces of ink. The hand was taken off to secure Statler's fingerprints for some identification purpose. The man who entered the cemetery vault found that the hands were too rigidly clenched to get good prints. So rather than risk tion he simply chopped off one hand and took it with him to straighten out the fingers at his leisure, but . . . Dawson frowned. . . but why cart along the

ungodly thing just to throw it in my cabin?" For a few seconds he boarded the train at Bishop's Falls. Their credentials showed remained deep in thought. "That's easy-the lad also was watching they had been employed on ore me and when I left St. John's in ast checkup with the head man of a hurry he didn't have time to do the party revealed all 14 had been his work. So he brought the hand at Botwood since autumn. Two along. There was no place to work other men were a newspaper tear on the train, so he waited until he got aboard the Caribou. He could have chucked the hand into American engineers from the U.S. naval base at Argentina. Twelve the water but some ghoulish strain more passengers were either prompted him to try scaring A steward entered with a note their husbands on service in St

John's, children or elderly men. from one of the immigration men: "Dawson-You had better get go-"That brings us down to 15," ing on whatever you plan. One of calculated Dawson. "Now I have reason to suspect that the party I the four you asked to be delayed is raising hell and I can't lie much seek would, like Garbo, want longer. His name is Paul Dexel." alone because of certain items Dawson found his man in the of baggage and odd tobs he may want to do aboard. How many of the 15 have separate cabins?

lounge loudly berating the immi-gration official. Dexel was about 5 feet 11 inches, athletic in build and blond. He appeared to be in list carefully. "Only four-and his mid-thirties. For half an hour Dawson stud-"Pardon me, Mr. Dexel," Dawson interrupted, "I'm a Dominion ied the four listings carefully, jotting own all given paticulars on Government Intelligence officer each, together with cabin nur

and the delay is my fault. slight irregularity has been noted in your passport and I must bring questioning." Dexel, obviously taken aback, continued to protest: "This is sheer nonsense and I intend informing the authorities. . ." "Just come along with me now,"

ask one trusted room steward t inspect all four cabins with ut-most care in the morning as soon Dawson smiled easily. "It will probably take only a few minutes' Dexel was already wearing his hat and coat. The two walked immigration at North Sydney, and report anything they see or find, down the gangplank, through the shed and out to the street. no matter how slight, to me. For "There's a shortcut through ested in any pieces of brown back street, Mr. Dexel, if you wrapping paper or cord. Mean-while I'll have the immigration don'+ mind . . . taxi service i doubtful here at present . . . if officials hold up the men under will save time and I know yo some pretext. And you realize, of are a busy man . .

Dawson turned into a narro

path through the snow. He could Both captain and purser nodhear Dexel's steps behind him as they turned around the back of building which was obscured from the street by a billboard. But he didn't sleep. Switching off Suddenly, Dawson's straining ears noted a change in the rhythm of the steps behind. Wheeling ver into a bathrobe pocket, he climbed into an upper bunk where away like a flash, he pivoted on his right foot and grabbed Dexel's right wrist in his own right hand over every detail of the plan he had decided upon for the morn--a knife glistened in the sun. Swinging around, weight balance ing. It looked good to him—a slight gamble, perhaps, but the ed on right, Dawson took advantage of the attacker's forward lurch and threw him by bringing down his own left arm on Dexel's right shoulder. Switching quickly cause some noise awakened him,

followed by the cabin lights being he slashed with his right fist, turned on. Automatically his hand squarely on the other's downclosed on the revolver, but he laughed outright as his room stew-Dexel rolled over on one side ard entered with a cup of steaming coffee, looking in frank into the snow as Dawson's handcuffs clicked. amazement at the unoccupied low-

"That's elementary jiu-jitsu, er bunks and the cabin's lone ocfriend," panted Dawson. "Now, if you don't mind, Mr. Ghoul Dexel, cupant lying dressed in an upper one.
"Don't get the wrong idea, I'll toss you in clink and have you steward," he said, climbing down to the floor. "I didn't have one while I buzz off to Chicago. Somehow, I've got a hunch you don't two many last night and I'm not want me to go there!" eccentric . . . I just find it health-(Continued Next Week) ier to sleep in uppers at times." "As long as you were comfort-

the occasion of the Third Anni

Lord bless our country and all who serve it; uphold our courage through all that comes; make us worthy of victory and establish peace and good will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



up by sailors from the Canadian destroyer Assiniboine after their warship had rammed and sunk the sub during a running battle in the Atlantic. Captive Germans are shown boarding the Assiniboine.

### MADAGASCAR:

Besides Its Military Value Vast Island Also Has Varied

Madagascar, by its strategic posite Portuguese Mozambique. lied supply lines to the Middle and Since the fall of Singapore Ma-

dagascar's importance has doubled. Had Axis forces landed there first the Germans or Japanese might have been able to cut both the United Nations' communications lines and the strategic 250mile wide Mozambique Channel off the African East Coast, Moreover Axis control would have constituted a serious threat to the Afrioan mainland and would have provided strategic bases for sea and Madagascar is just 300 miles off

the Eastern African coast. It is about 1,000 miles long and its greatest width is 360 miles. It is nearly as large as the State of Texas, having an area of 240,000 square miles. From its excellent harbor at Diego-Suarez on its northern tip Madagascar is only 800 miles from Mombasa, the main port of the British Crown Colony of Kenya

eastern tip of Africa, is at a distance of 1,300 miles. The British Orown Colony Mauritius is 474 miles east of the island. The naval base of Fort Dauphin on the southern tip of Madagascar is 1,000 miles from Durban in South Africa. At a distance of 2,460 miles to the northeast is Ceylon and at twice this distance Singapore and Perth, Australia, can be reached. Its Varied History Madagascar has had a varied

history since its discovery by the Portuguese, Diego Diaz, in 1500, who christened it St. Laurence. As ded the Portuguese, but in the 18th century the French had mili-tary bases on the East Coast. During the reign of Charles 1, the when English colonization began in other parts of the world. notably America, a small settlement was formed on the South- climate. Fort Dauphin, in the arid

that British troops occupied Tama The Treaty of Paris in 1814

vised the native Government.

thority of France over the Mala-Frenchman furnished the occasion or excuse, for war in 1883, when the French bombarded Tamatavo and landed troops. The treaty of 1885 placed the foreign relation of the island under French control and established a French representative at the capital, Antananarivo. A further bombardment followed the rejection of further French demands in 1895; a French force occupied Antananarivo and a French Protectorate, which still endures, was proclaimed.

this long island, which has today a population of 4,000,000, mostly natives. The Malagasy, however French Chamber of Deputies, and were not even admitted to French citizenship until five years ago. Madagascar's chief commercial port is Tamatave on the east coast, but the city is built close to marshes and has a hot, humid

UNCLE SAM'S HUGE TRANSPORT PLANES

Huge transport planes load up with Uncle Sam's aerial shock troops at Fort Bragg, N. C. Note

anti-tank guns being loaded on foreground plane.

formally ceded Madagascar to Great Britain, but the age of Imperialism was not yet, and the British Government merely orthe island, of which it was the ish Resident presided at the Hova King's court, British officials ad-Under Queen Ranavalona II who came to the throne in 1868 and soon afterwards was baptised, the prohibition of Christian missionaries was removed. British offic

United States appointed a Consul gascar, the fourth largest island in the world if Australia is ex-French Take Control But there were Frenchmen who

wished to restore the former augasy. The disputed property of a Such is the stormy history of

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southern part of the Island, ha little to recommend it save a goo highway to Tamatave. Foreigners, of whom there some 35,000, have found the land's high central plateau a ple

Modern Capital 100,000, stands on the plat the approximate center of land. It is modern in app with boulevards and parks, es, schools, hospitals and posing railway station. The exports are raw hides, pre meat, tapioca, rice, dried tables, coffee, graphite and cious stones. At one time the island y The forests have been virt ded. The tableland is

and barren. industry, and it has been said to there are more cattle per raised on the island th natives will not kill them for A man's social position is by the number of cattl sesses, and he would let his fa so hungry rather than bute

of the beasts. are of a brown rather to race, and belong to the Mali Polynesian family. There are Se itic, Mongol and negroid str in their blood. Members of the ing families are des

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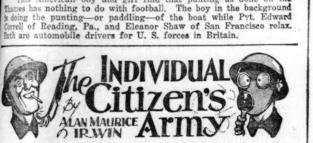
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PUNTING ON THE THAMES

Weekly Column About This and That in Our Canadian Army

what shall he do? We can't tell

him. We should be able to tell him what we want. We are the

people, aren't we? We govern the country, don't we?

We've got to wake up. If we are

going to ask our young gentlemen to enlist to save us from an enemy

who will spare no one, the least

That's why I say that the most

illuminating feature of what has been happening in our village is

the descent of tranquillity upon

the young gentlemen. There are

Personnel Selection directorate

will see to it that they are em-

which means they will have great-

and promotion than was the lot of

the private soldier before this

war. They have no decisions of a major character to make. They

are doing their duty and are in

ploy them to the best advantage,

men who know that their own

future, their own safety, their

own lives will be in the hands of

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Now they are in uniform the

no perplexities left for them.

we can do is to make quite clear

what we expect of them.

everal young gentlemen of my | they will not be called until they ntance have dropped out of seen at the sgare dances that at a dance pavilion not fa The local "hot doggery" ere boys and girls who never any appetite at meal times themselves at odd hours to detriment of pocket mone to struggle along withou hem. No longer, will these par ular young gentlemen-three English - three French nd other musical instruments in longer, that is, until their

up in uniform, heavier, more and bronzed, to earn-and ve-the admiration of their have gone off in several ons, the Infantry, the Air and to work on the conon of a strategic highway.

rls who have swum and bi d and hiked and danced with summer set me right I made some rather acid pt to be paid almost as much per e been turned down for

army", was chorussed at me, anyway, by the time they there won't be much difence in their pay."
Inother point mae by the young lies in putting this old soldier rights was that the road-makwill probably be in almost as danger as their pals in uni-

even an old soldier has no jump to conclusions—and re is more than one way of service to the Dominion s fight for self-preservation of this sudden exodusnd six yung men fom a small lity leaves a noticeable gap the tranquility that has reupon those who play the older people don't realize roblems with which we have

ur juniors. From our set , we evolve a series of myslying regulations and conditions. Then we expect youngsters just out of school to understand what en't courage enough to tell dem when their minds are busy adjust themselves to e that has none of the prowith which we surround their school days. Put yourself in the position of a

conscious of a world that peopled mostly by contempora ies in uniform. He learns that ada" is the badge of the "drai in khaki but wearing ada" are volunteers. They

accepted at the age of iter: but will not go overseas But if they do not volunteer

VOICE OF THE PRESS

"FORGETTING" ABOUT THE WAR

about the war, read a book about it, or do anything else that reminds them of it. They say they want to forget about the war. They even say they are tired of These are the people who are

selfish, self-centred and indulgent; who hate to be reminded of anything that disturbs their peace of mind. That is not the mentality that will win the war. up to our responsibilities to the interest of others as well as of

COULD LIFT BOOKS

-Edmonton Journal ANY GERMAN A GOOD factory executives cannot praise too highly. Some of them are on TARGET

COMMANDO MATERIAL Wild disorder continues to mark local wrestling matches, with spectators battling each other here and there and storming the ring, while the odd con-testant claps a hold on the referee. There seems to be plenty of Commanda material there.

FOR DOG-OWNERS

mobile, and sometimes it is very difficult to avoid some of the little rascals who haven't been taught not to chase cars and to keep out of the street. Can't dog owners think of the feelings of motorists, too? -Christian Science Monitor proximately 30.05 cents.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

these youths they are training. What about us? We are older By now the perplexities of life, us as they are to the We can't rely upon an Administrative and Training Staff to direct our activities into channels where we can be of the greatest

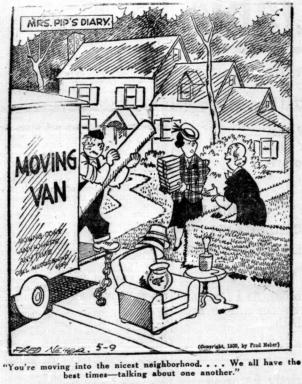
service to our country and, therefore, to ourselves. Which makes our duty all the more plainer! Most Needed Items

Listed In Britain Most needed clothing in Great Britain includes wool sweaters, undervests, underpants, overcoats, pajamas, socks, stockings and boys' shorts, for ages from six to sixteen. The need is greater for boys than for girls.

More than 50,000 babies have been born in the emergency homes for mothers established under Britain's evacuation pro-REG'LAR FELLERS-Slow Collections

contains about 2,000 pounds o glass at each melt. After the va ous operations, about 500 pounds of usable glass is obtained.

By Fred Neher



#### Australia Meets War Emergency

ridges of all kinds and big shells

are being turned out at this fac-

is attained by the end of this

Girls In War Plants

thousands, and before the end

work that has never been done

and had early production at this

standard demanded, it could have

been excused. This was not the

case. On the contrary, from the

Queensland, the ammunition has

been passed by inspectors of the

This is only one example o

Today Australian industries are

making things which, even as late

A melting pot for optical glass

instruments in a Canadian facto

An example of the remarkable progress name by the Australian munitions industry in speeding up production since the Japanese en-

There are some people who say ered the war comes from Queenstheir attack against Pearl Harbor, the biggest munition factory in Queensland was in course of ere tion. By the end of January it had begun the production of smal arms ammunition on a small scale. Today the factory is producing all classes of aminunition in enormous quantities, and it is going direct to the firing line. Cart-

tory in an ever-growing stream crease day by day and week by week until maximum production

In four months the staff has grown fourfold, from hundreds Ottawa hints that the gas ration for pleasure motoring may be reof the year the present number will be doubled again. Hundreds of machines are being operated be made at the ration board if it would lift for a few weeks the coupon books of motorists convictby girls who a few months ago ed of exceeding federal speed limit of 40 miles an hour. That were typists, clerks, factory hands, waitresses, daughters of would compel these individuals to save gas and rubber by not using farmers and graziers, and the like. Few of them had ever either at all, for a while. after a few weeks training, they

Ideas of targets have changed astly since the war began. At the first the British airmen were the greatest precision is necessary not permitted to bomb certain military targets, because they were new factory been below the rigid so close to civilian centres of po-pulation, a number of civilians might be killed. But, since Hitler started inbeginning of production in discriminate bombing, the British idea is that any German is three fighting services.

Miracle of The Age

> what has been happening throughout Australia since war began The change-over from civil to defence production by Australian industries has been described a one of the miracles of the age With no previous experience t guide them, Australian industria ists are today turning out every type of armament and defence -Montreal Gazetta equipment in staggering quanti-ties for a country that a few years ago was considered purely from a primary production point

No normal person is happy about hitting a dog with his auto-

jobs and demanded an increase in pay. Six hours later, accou this account, company officials acceded to the demands and the strikers went back to work. Although strikes are prohibit ed in Italy, the newspaper said, not a policeman or soldier show ed himself" during the strike.

Flowers Forecast

well-known Fort Erie prognosti-cator, does not agree with several other old-time weather forecasters here that folk in the Niagara District are in for an early Fall. "It is my belief that we will have a mild October and November, too. Mr. Thomas commented.
"One reason is that the wild asters are just commencing to bloom, and as these flowers are sensitive to frost, it is my belief

that old Dame Nature knows bet-

ter than the average human does."

### BRIEF WAR SUMMARY

On long-range, there's hopeful feeling: Russia shows signs of holding out, despite Stalingrad, situation, keeping Nazi army busy on Eastern front. Bombings of Germany are slowing down the Nazi war production. The Nazis have a greserve of finished war equipment, but the air raids on factories and communications will delay the replacements months hence. Japan has over-extended Allied Naval Power It may now be stated author-itatively that British naval power

up to a plus for the Allies on the long pull, but the outlook in the next few months is probably not Axis Campaign In Russia Hitler appears about to bring his campaign in southern Russia to a conclusion which may satisfactory to him for the pre-Russian armies, as he set out to do, but he has immobilized them in the south for the time being at least. And, since Russian terri torial, material and manpower losses on other fronts have made large-scale, successful Russian of-fensives improbable, without strong Allied support, Hitler sen-sibly might be expected to offer the Russians peace so that he could consolidate and capitalize on his extensive gains while there is yet time. A Nazi peace is utter-ly unacceptable to Stalin, however, and Hitler is preparing Winter quarters for a holding army in Russia prior to turning elsefinish the war quickly by entrenching himself so firmly on the Continent that further fighting obviously would be impractical. ne is permitted the initiative, the

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faring badly. These factors add

is greater than when the war began, and that American nava of the expected coast of put it, "whichever side pulls the everything they have into attacks of an Allied Generalissimo conthreat is largely checked by strick ationing, in contrast to American reliance mainly oh other controls Excess purchasing-power becomes "forced savings" when allowable irchases are rigidly restricted. I erican tradition favors offense an Allied decisions to which Pres dent Roosevelt recently referred are in accord therewith.

Canada's complaint that its pa n the Dieppe raid and other fighting has been underrated, particu larly in U.S. newsreels, is not to be minimized. Canada is not a large country, but its contribuits troops did shoulder the major urden at Dieppe. It would be wise for Canada, England, the U. S. tions to remember that they are fighting the war collectively, that to fight it at all. 

LISTEN TO

# ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ONTARIO WEEKLY

**NEWSPAPERS** EACH SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

Women Likely

To Stay On Farm

Farm women are not likely to

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#### Socialists In Italy Rising **Against Fascism**

focus of activity is expected to

shift to the Middle East, where he

presumably anticipates an Allied attempt to clear him out of North Africa, open the Mediterranean

and launch an offensive against his relatively unprotected flank

be directed into other occupations because the work they now are The Socialist Party in Ital doing has a high priority rating. Mrs. Rex Eaton, assistant direcwhich Benito Mussolini's follow ers in early days forcibly disband tor of National Selective Service ed was reported today to be raising its head against Fascism.

A dispatch from Zurich quoted announced. Farm women from 20 to 24 years of age, inclusive, are re-Swiss Socialist circles as declar quired to register with other women in the same age group. This registration is compulsory. ing that the Italian Socialist Par-ty in recent months had been re-organized with "illegal units" mul-Postmasters have been author

tiplying in factories in the great ized to act as registrars in rural The Socialists recently helped Women now working on farms in a strike at the Fiat works, will be registered as "farm women." But this does not mean where they suddenly quit their their present jobs, Mrs. Eaton says. Farm work usually tapers off during the winter, and Mrs. Eaton urged that young women who are free to turn to other work in slack seasons do so.

## Killings In Greece Mild Autumn

The veteran Johnny Thomas, acter continues.

A high German official who escaped to Palestine informed the Greek government that 3,000 of the islanders have been executed by the Germans and that terrorism "of the most grave char-Arrests and shootings

Daily Occurrences

daily on Crete, the big island south of Greece, this official whose name may not be disclosed reported. He said condemne persons were forced to dig their own graves and that the people were forced to witness executions of their townsmen.

By GENE BYRNES



THERE'S THAT GUY WHAT OWES US A DIME

WHY, YOU LITTLE RUFFIANS! I OWE NOBODY BUT MY TAILOR AND HE'S TOO POLITE

Britain's Prayer hours late on account of the ice.

men or ship's officer in front of other passengers. He remained

The words of the Archbishor of Canterbury's special prayer, uttered by the British people on versary of the war in token of the people's dedication to a war for justice and right, are as fol-

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