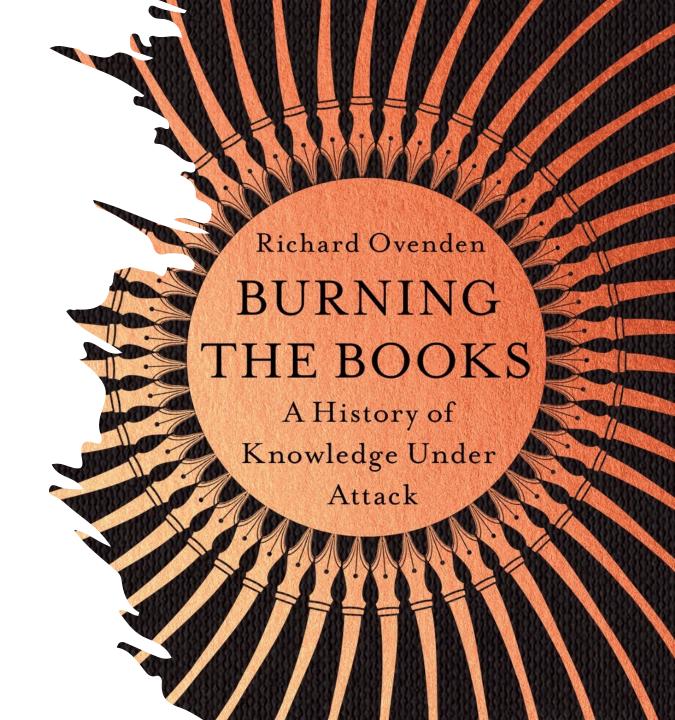
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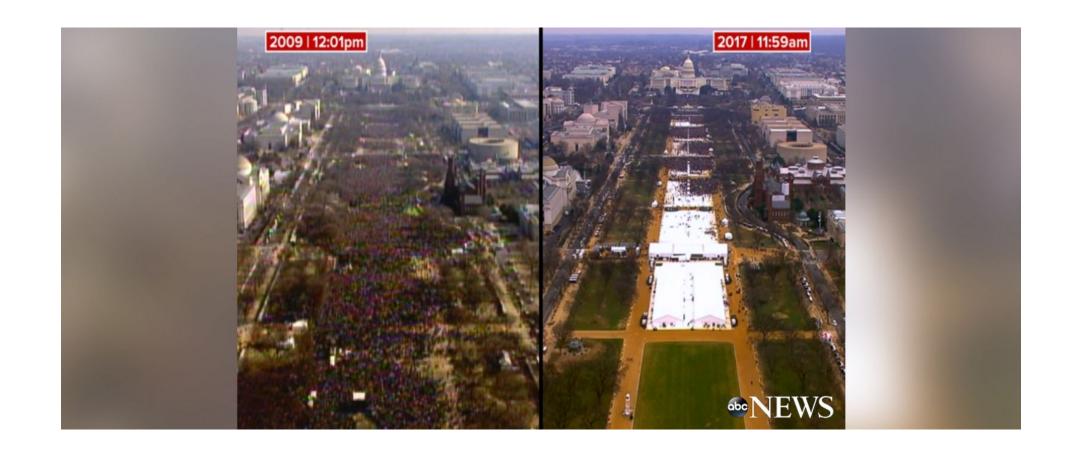
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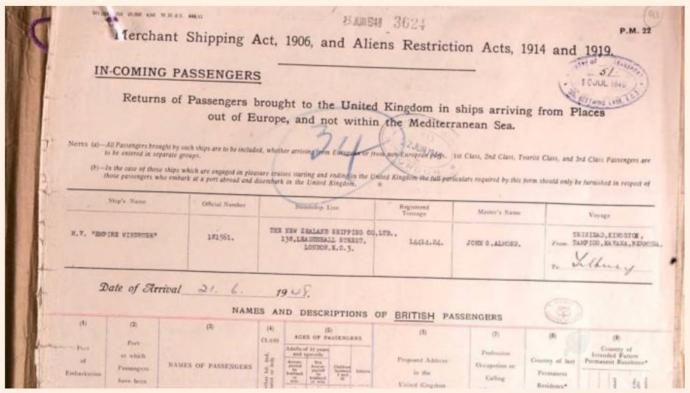
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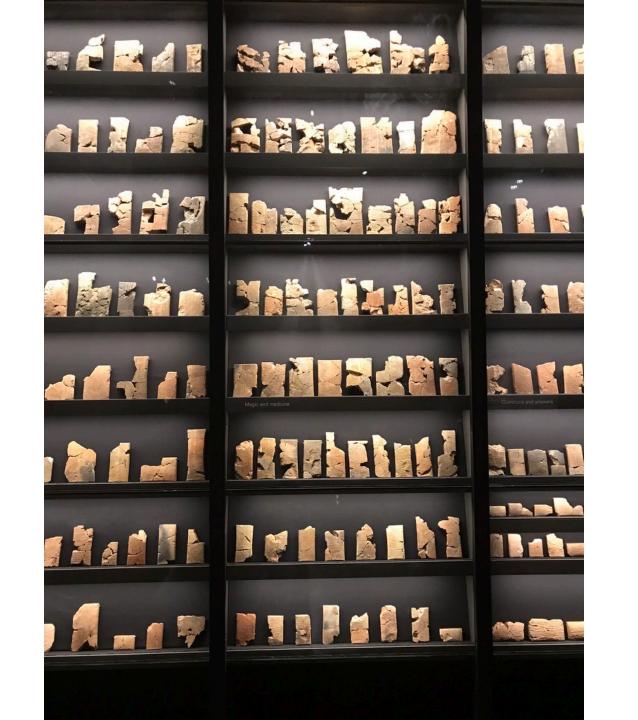


A Windrush passenger list. The destruction of such documents indicates at best a failure of management, and at worst a callous disregard for certain Britons © The National Archives/Crown Copyright

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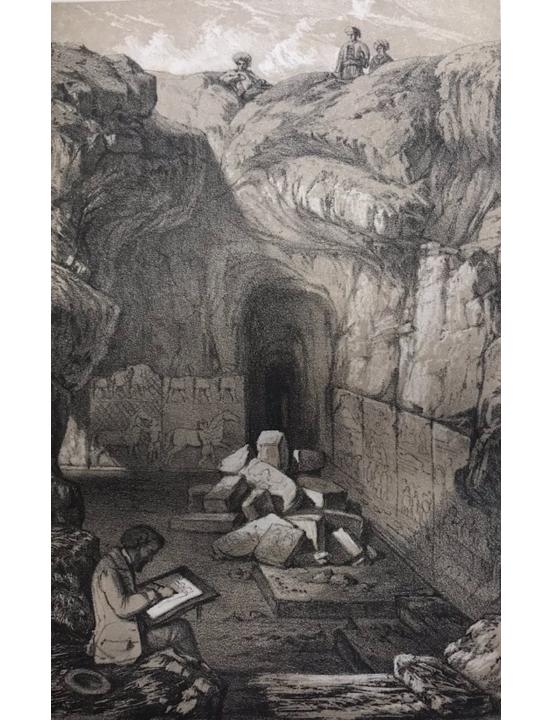
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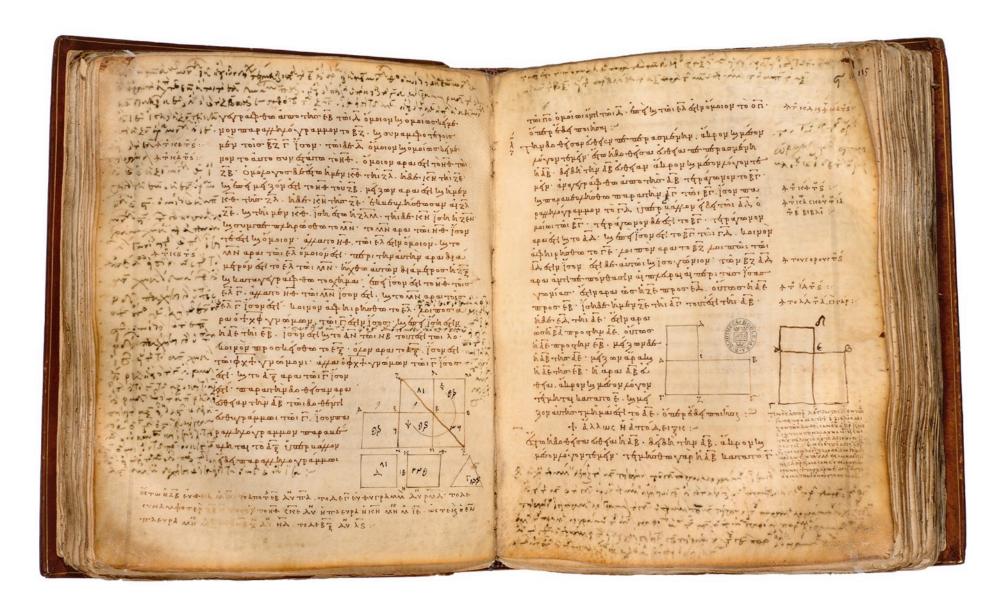
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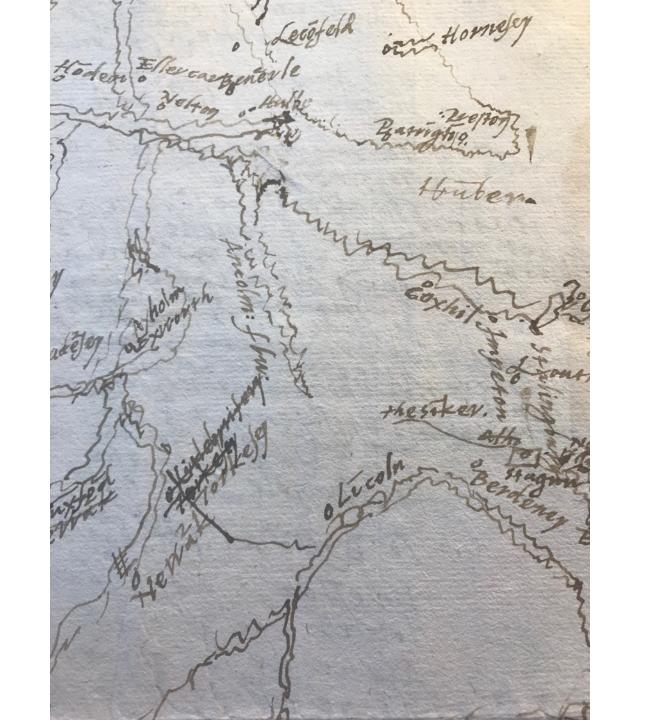




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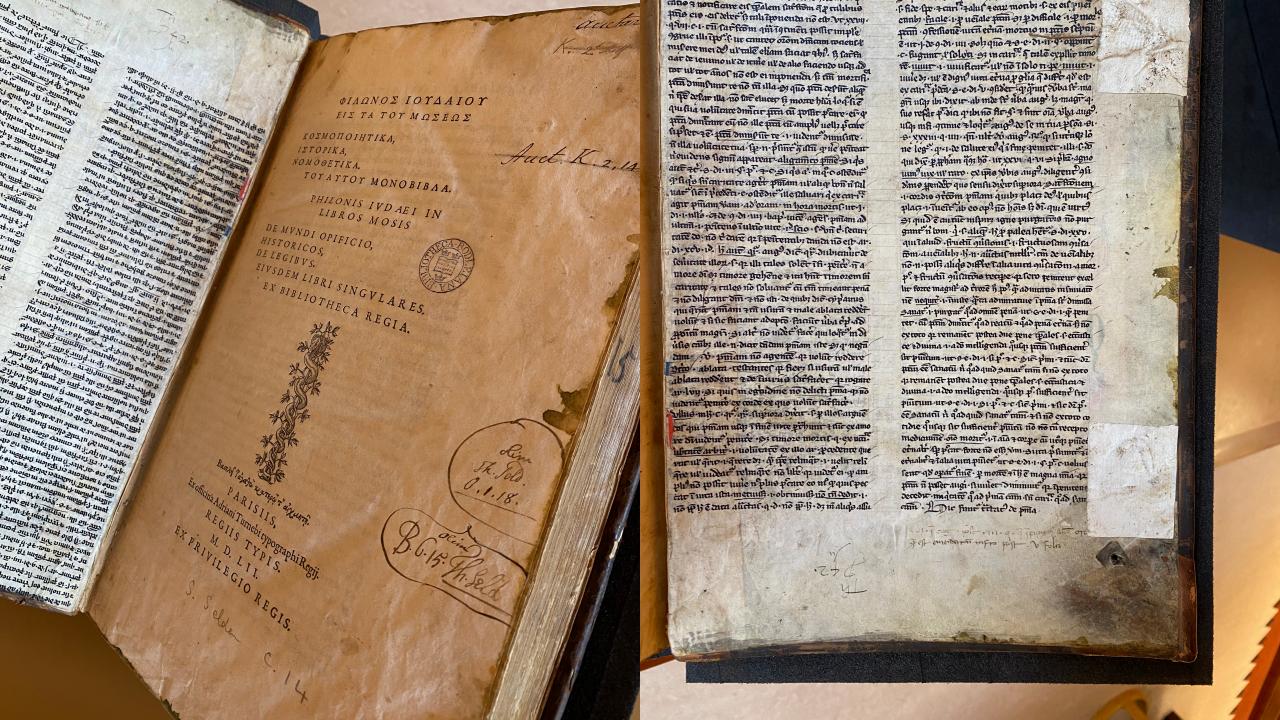




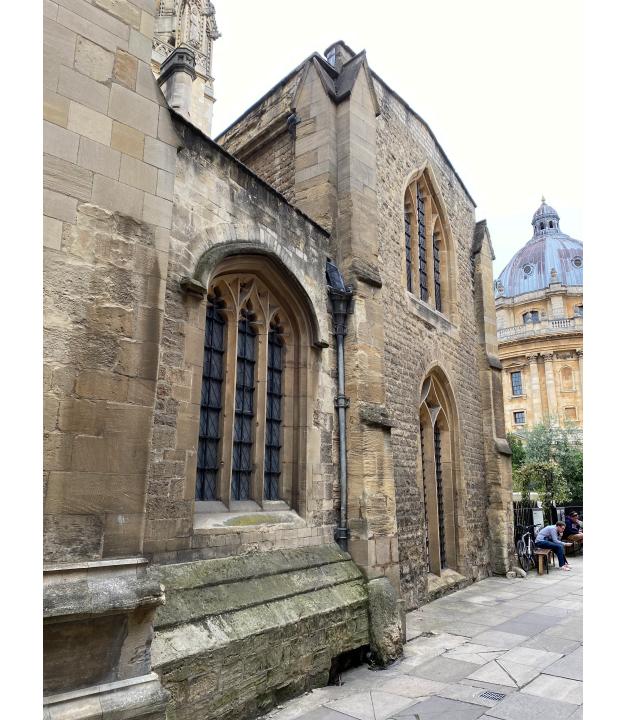


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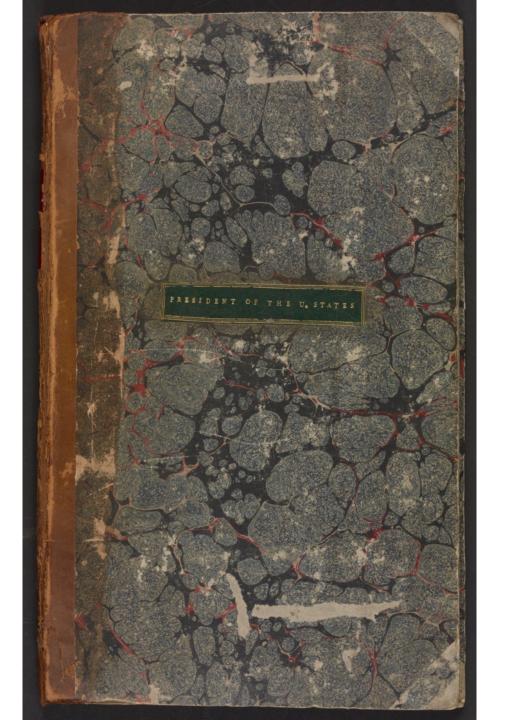
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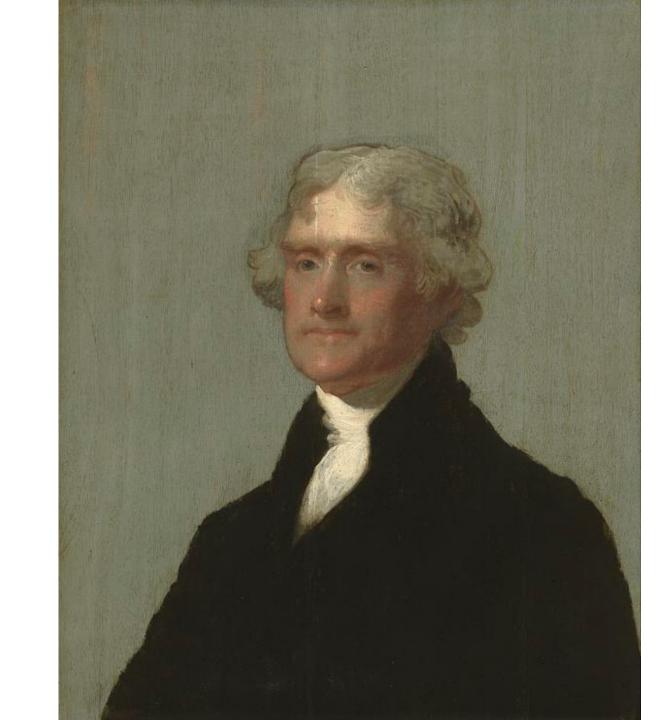


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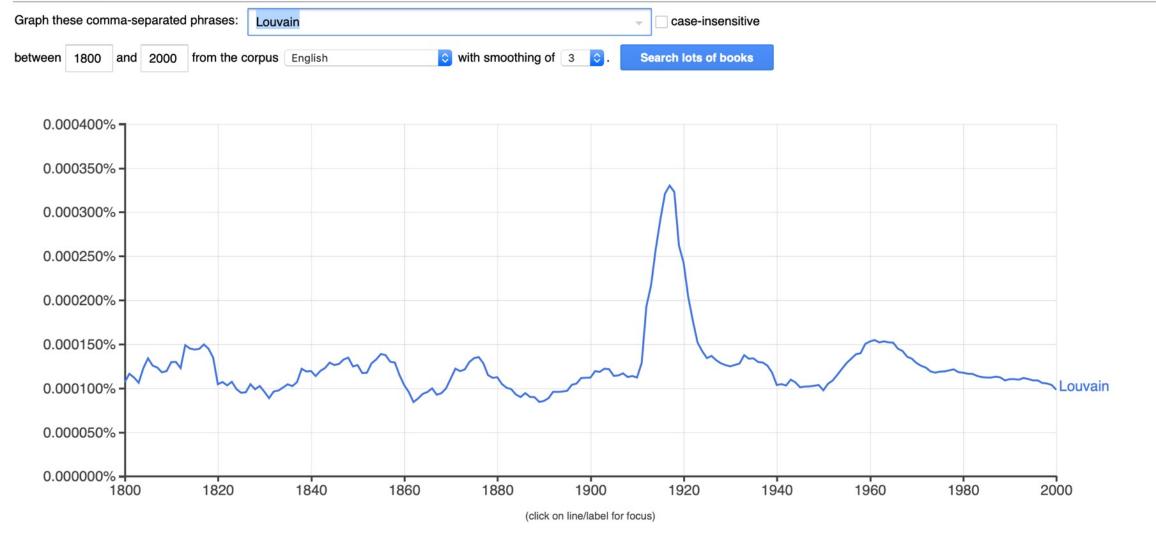
THE BURNING OF LOUVAIN.

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"The Senate of the National University of Ireland desires to offer to the illustrious University c: Louvain its deep sympathy on the calamity which has befallen it—a calamity without parallel in history since the destruction of the Library of Alexandria. If this example prevail in warfare, then we may expect to find the records and achievements of civilization extinguished by ignorance in arms. Therefore we appeal to the universities of all nations to unite in a protest against an act so disastrous to the progress of mankind."

A Reuter telegram from The Hague states that a dozen prominent Dutch artists and men of letters yesterday forwarded a telegram to the German Emperor protesting against the destruction of the town of Louvein's The

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Vilna and Warsaw, 1941-45





Interior of the Strashun Library and Chaikl Lunski (1881-1943) Librarian of the Strashun



Max Weinrich with attendees at a YIVO seminar on psychoanalysis

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YIVO from an album that documents the confiscation of cultural property by the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg.

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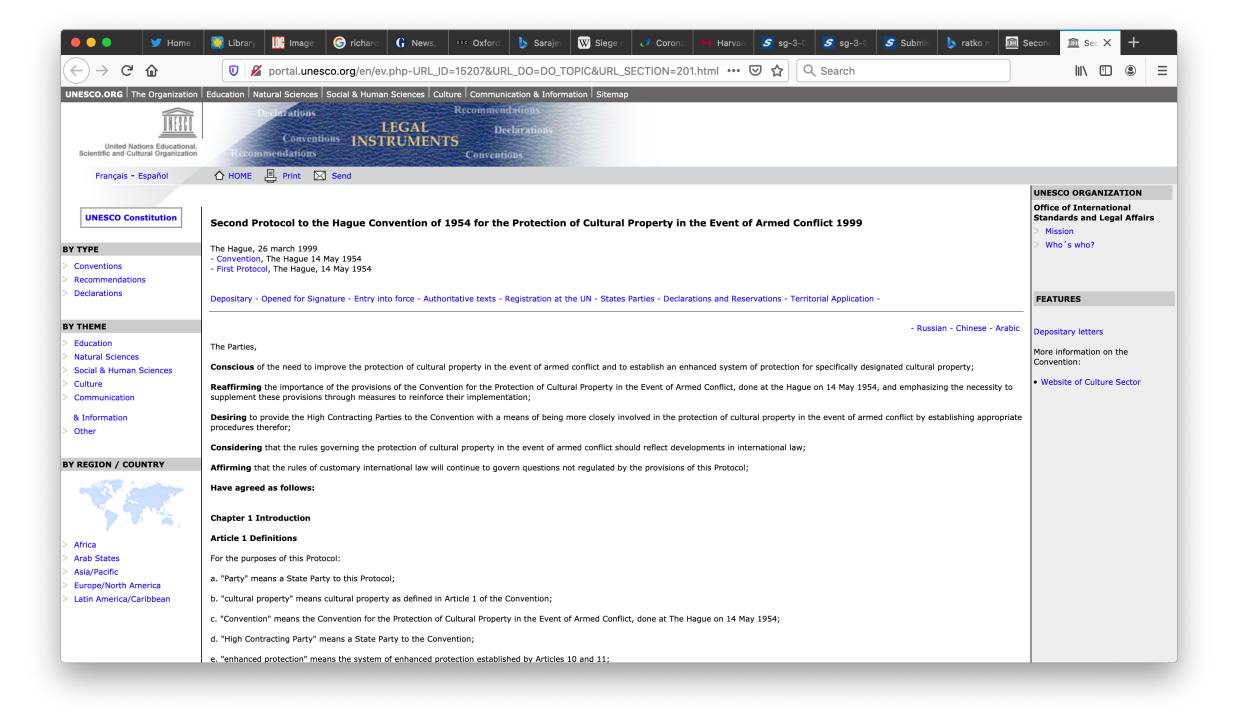
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- 11 Milosevic trial.
- 12 Secondly, yes, some special collections that were in the basement
- 13 of the library were saved largely because of a lack of oxygen. The
- 14 intensity of the fire was such that it drew all the oxygen upward, and
- 15 the items in the basement, to which some of the more valuable items in
- 16 the collection had been moved, survived. But the volume of material that
- 17 was saved is relatively small. I was shown six or seven large trunks
- 18 that contained some of the most precious items in the collection.
- 19 However, a very large part, a majority of -- for example, the Bosnian
- 20 periodicals collection was lost. This is material that no library, other
- 21 than the National Library, collected to such an extent.
- 22 A large percentage of the deposit publications, a fairly complete
- 23 collection of everything that had been printed in Bosnia from the
- 24 mid-19th century until the war, a large percentage of that vanished.
- 25 What remained has been estimated at roughly 100.000 items. What was lost
- 1 included not only books, but special collections, maps, photographs, and
- 2 other items. So the 1.500.000 is a very firm estimate of the number of
- 3 library items that was lost, this according to Bosnian colleagues who had
- 4 published extensive material about it.



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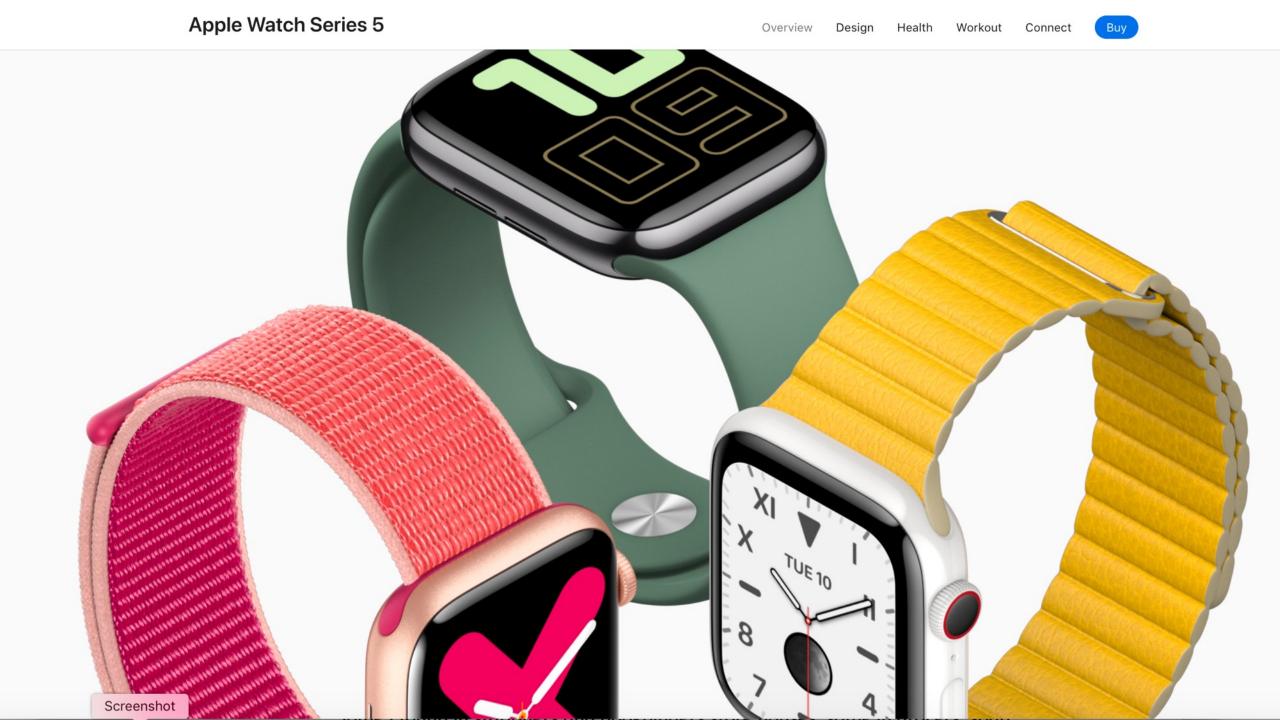
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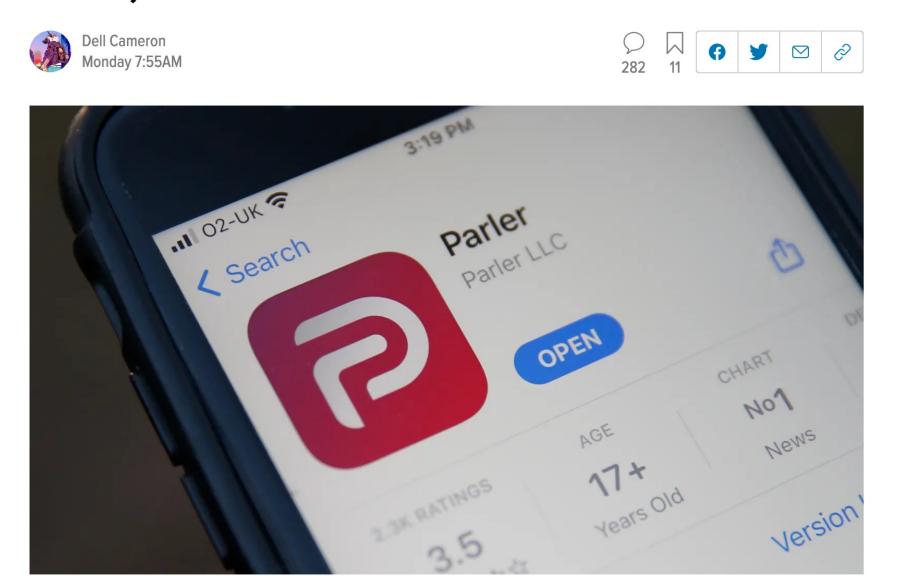
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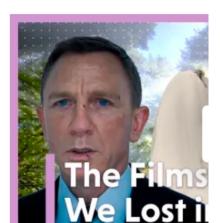


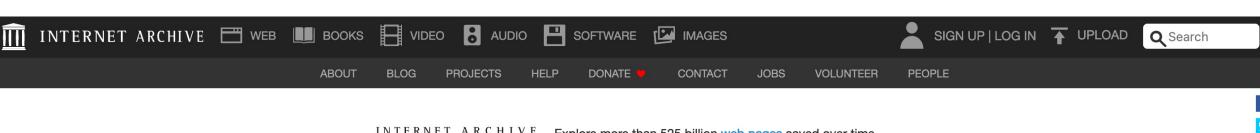


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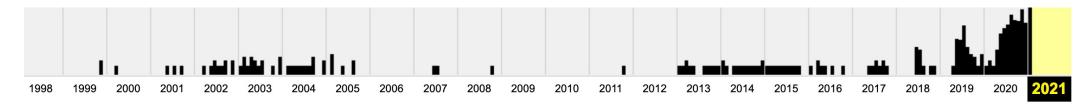








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