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A painting by Ilya Repin showing Gogol burning the manuscript for the second part of "Dead Souls."

162 years ago today, on Feb 25, 1852, Nikolai Gogol burned most of the second part of his novel *Dead Souls* — a grave loss for world literature. Soon after that, Gogol took to bed, refused all food, and died in great pain

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