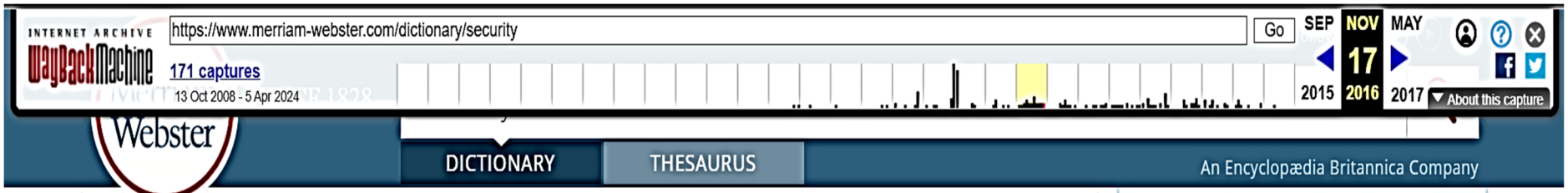

Full Definition of SECURITY

plural **securities**

1 : the quality or state of being secure: as
- **a :** freedom from danger : SAFETY
- **b :** freedom from fear or anxiety
- **c :** freedom from the prospect of being laid off <job *security*>

2 **a :** something given, deposited, or pledged to make certain the fulfillment of an obligation
- **b :** SURETY

3 : an instrument of investment in the form of a document (as a stock certificate or bond) providing evidence of its ownership

4 **a :** something that secures : PROTECTION
- **b** (1) : measures taken to guard against espionage or sabotage, crime, attack, or escape (2) : an organization or department whose task is security

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