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TERRIFIC STORM RAGES ALONG COAST

Worst Gale in Many Years Threatens Steamers and Drives Vessels Into Sheltered Spots for Safety

GALE SWEEPS SEA AT SEVENTY MILE RATE

Santa Rita Sends Distress Message—Communications Are Cut

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—What shipping men declared was the worst storm in years was raging off the northern Pacific coast tonight. One coastwise steamer, with a tow, was calling for aid early tonight and outboard vessels were lying in sheltered spots, instead of making their voyages as scheduled.

Coast Towns Flooded.

The storm, which headed in what the weather bureau described as the "semi-permanent Aleutian low pressure area," caused gales that were reported at a great velocity as 70 miles an hour, backed up tides so that low spots at Aberdeen and Astoria were flooded, cut off many towns from wire communication, and caused heavy rains all along the coast section, from Mt. Tehachapi north through California, Oregon and Washington. In a few places alet was reported.

The vessel reporting herself in distress was the Santa Rita, from Tacoma for Pacific South American ports with lumber. She had in tow the barge W. J. Pirrie, also loaded with lumber. S. O. S. messages picked up from the Santa Rita at Tatosuch were wireless to Seattle with the first news of the vessel's distress. These messages said the lives of 24 persons were in danger.

Gale is increasing. Tatosuch wireless station reported the gale there was increasing in violence.

Trees blown down across the wires had cut off communication between Portland and Astoria, and in many districts fallen trees blocked the roads. Several plate glass windows at Gray's Harbor, Wash., were blown in. The rivets in that region are running bank full and this fact, coupled with the extraordinary high tide experienced today, covered some low-lying roads with water. The high tide at Astoria, Wash., flooded several lumber mills which are close to the waterline, to shut down for several hours. The mills were not damaged materially. The high tide flooded the streets in the business section of Aberdeen.

Santa Rita Sends Call.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 26.—A series of S. O. S. calls received here today told of a marine disaster in which the lives of 25 people were endangered. The calls were from

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LEGISLATIVE SEATS ASSIGNED BY KOZER

POSITIONS OF DELEGATIONS ARE SHOWN IN DIAGRAM

Marion County Members Draw Rear Corner—Action Under Resolution of 1919

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, has prepared a diagram showing the seating of the members of the next legislature will be seated in the hall of representatives. The seats are assigned by the secretary of state under a resolution adopted at the session of 1919. No assignment of seats is made, hold-over senators having the privilege of choosing their seats, many doing this before they leave Salem at the prevailing of the new members' seating, the locations after they reach Salem.

The seats are arranged in two sections divided by a center aisle. Each section has five rows of six seats each. Here is the lineup for the section at the speaker's right:

The 12 members of the Multnomah county delegation are assigned all of the seats in the first and second rows. The third row is assigned, counting from the wall to the aisle, one Clackamas member, the Clackamas-Multnomah member, the two Clatsop and the two Douglas county members. From aisle to wall the fourth row goes to two Jackson-Douglas representatives, the Josephine member, a Washington representative, the Columbia member, with the two joint Coos and Curry county representatives occupying the two seats next the wall.

In the front row of the section at the speaker's left the two Umatilla members are assigned the two aisle seats. Next come the Morrow-Umatilla member, next the Harney-Malheur members, next the Union county member and in the wall seat the Union-Wallowa member.

The six seats of the second rows are assigned, from aisle to wall, to Lake-Jefferson, Crook-Grant-Deschutes-Klamath, Gilliam-Sherman-Wheeler members in the next two seats, and Hood River-Wasco members the next two near the wall.

In the third row the assignment is to Benton, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln-Polk, and Baker.

In the fourth row the first three seats counting from the aisle are assigned to Linn county members, the next to Tillamook-Yamhill and the two next the wall to Marion. In the sixth row the first three seats counting from the aisle and Marion the last three.

FIREMAN IS WRECK HERO

McIver, With Foot Crushed, Walks Nearly Mile to Save Passenger Train

The men who were injured in the wreck of a Southern Pacific train near Chemawa Wednesday are all recovering, and most of them will soon be on duty again. A. F. Strange, the conductor who lost a leg below the knee, stood the shock well, and is already speculating on the new wooden leg that will make him look and walk like other men.

H. L. Parker, engineer and W. E. McIver, brakeman, had so far recovered as to be removed to their homes in Portland. They were joined by their wives in Salem on the morning of the wreck.

McIver was a former service man and member of the Third Oregon infantry overseas. He was popular with the men and was visited at the hospital by several former members of Company M who served with him in France.

When it was seen that the crash was inevitable the engineer shut off steam, set the brakes, and jumped for his life. McIver, the fireman, remained in his cab to shut off the flow of oil and to quench the fire so as to avoid the danger of fire. When the engine landed in the ditch, McIver was still in the cab, but there was not a spark of flame in the firebox. Some of the papers reported that he jumped with the engine, but this was untrue. A fire broke out from the stove in the caboose, destroying several cars.

McIver was badly bruised and stunned, with some bones in his feet broken, but as soon as he was able he dug himself clear of the wreckage, and although suffering agonies, with one of his feet crushed, he went back nearly a mile to intercept the southbound passenger train, due in a few minutes, in order to avoid a third and more disastrous pile-up. Findings of the man on duty thought to the hospital was reported to be paralyzed from hips down. This proved only temporary, however, and when he left for Portland, declared, he would soon be on his regular run in a day or two.

Marion County Court is Granted Authority

The public service commission has issued an order granting the Marion county court authority over the right of way of the Southern Pacific Lumber company across the spur to the mill of the Silver Falls Timber company.

QUAKERS TO SEND RELIEF TO RUSSIANS

\$100,000 Worth of Supplies Are Being Sent to Russia for Distribution by Miss Haines and Helpers

SANITARY SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED MOST

Petrograd Has Lost 50 Per Cent of Its Population in Last Four Years

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—The American Friends' Service committee has announced that it is beginning relief work in Russia. It has just been notified that Miss Anna J. Haines of Moorestown, N. J., an experienced worker with the committee years in Russia in relief work under the governments of the emperor and Kerensky, will soon arrive in Reval. She plans to go to Moscow where she will cooperate with Arthur J. Watts, an English friend, who has been working in Russia for the past six months.

Miss Haines will take \$100,000 worth of supplies, mostly medical, into Russia and she and her assistants will direct their distribution. The committee says the Friends will have complete control of all supplies sent to Russia and will allot them to institutions and the most needy of the civilian population. They will begin by distributing condensed milk, cod liver oil, chocolate, soap, shoes, stockings and woolen goods, in addition to medical supplies.

Medical Supplies Needed. Russia's greatest need today is reported to be for medical and sanitary supplies and clothing. The people of the agricultural districts are in want only of the medicines. Hospitals in Russia are said to have had no other for five years and when operations are performed the patients are strapped to the operating table.

Owing to the complete breakdown of the transport system in Russia, the greatest suffering was reported to the Friends to exist in large cities like Moscow and Petrograd, where a huge industrial population cannot obtain supplies. In those cities the distress is reported to be acute. Petrograd has lost 50 per cent of its population within the past four years.

Arthur J. Watts, the English friend, moved about in Russia without any restriction by the soviet government and it is announced that American Friends will have the same privilege. In October Mr. Watts cabled to the American Friends' Service committee to send a representative to establish a permanent Anglo-American relief work. Miss Haines was sent in response to this call.

She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr college and for a time was engaged in social work in this city. In 1917 she volunteered for relief work in Russia and was stationed in Moscow. After the overthrow of Kerensky, Miss Haines fled with other refugees to Siberia where she worked at Omsk. Later she returned to America via Vladivostok.

Pacific Conference Meets at Berkeley

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 26.—Athletic managers and coaches of the Pacific coast conference universities and colleges will meet here Monday to draw up two tentative football schedules for next season, one including the University of Southern California and the other without it, Graduate Manager Luther Nichols of the University of California announced today. These will be submitted the following day to a meeting of the entire Pacific coast conference committee for action. The University of Southern California will have a representative in attendance at the conference, Nichols said. The institution has a petition for admission to the conference on file.

Coach Mathews of Willamette university will be in attendance to line up several coast basketball games.

MARSHFIELD IS FLOODED.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 26.—A tide of 10 feet, 7 inches today flooded a large portion of the southern part of the city and put several industries out of commission. There were very heavy rain and hail showers at intervals during the day and considerable wind. A temporary plank street on South Front street was floated off, putting a highway out of service. At North Bend the Willamette Pacific Lumber company plant was shut down, the tide having flooded the engine room.

INQUIRY IS BEGUN INTO WRECK CAUSE

Depositions Taken From Injured Men in Hospital

Two Transients to be Quizzed Today—Service Commissioners Not Participants

In the process of an official inquiry into the cause of the collision and wreck of two Southern Pacific freight trains near Chemawa early Wednesday morning, depositions were taken at the Salem hospital yesterday from all of the injured trainmen with the exception of A. F. Strange, the conductor who lost a leg and who is not yet in condition to be questioned. The transient youth named Conn of Newton, Ia., who was stealing a ride on the train and who received a crushed foot, also was questioned yesterday.

R. G. Henderson, postmaster and storekeeper at Chemawa, and Harwood Hall, superintendent of the railroad at Chemawa, sat with the railroad officials as a board of inquiry. H. H. Corey and Fred A. Williams, members of the public service commission, attended the conference but did not participate.

The inquiry was not completed yesterday and will be continued today. Among further depositions to be received are those of two other transients who were on one of the trains, but who were not injured. Besides young Conn, the men who were quizzed yesterday at the hospital were H. L. Parker, engineer; Barney McIver, fireman, and W. D. Smith, brakeman. All members of the crew of freight train No. 221, which crashed into No. 227.

The inquiry will be completed some time today by the hearing which is conducting its deliberations in the private car of Superintendent Buckley, which is parked near the state fair grounds. Early indications of the cause of the wreck were that it was due to improper flag protection for No. 227.

GOOD HARBORS IS COAST NEED

Senator Ball Declares That Pacific Needs Greater Port Facilities

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 26.—That an urgent necessity exists for greater harbor facilities on the Pacific coast was the assertion made at a banquet tonight by Senator L. Heisler Ball of Delaware, chairman of the joint naval affairs committee which has spent two days in examining the local harbor and other points in and about San Diego.

"The Atlantic coast is well cared for in this respect," said Senator Ball. "We must now turn our attention to the Pacific."

Congressman Fred Britten said that the United States navy in 1923 will have in first line fighting ships a force greater than that of Great Britain.

"Admiral Rodman," he said, "now has under his command a fleet valued at \$450,000,000. This fleet will be increased from time to time, and the Pacific coast must have facilities to take care of these ships properly."

University of California Chosen to Represent West

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 26.—An invitation was telegraphed tonight to the University of California to represent the west in the east-west football game here New Year's day.

The football committee of the Tournament of Roses association said the conclusion had been reached that the University of California eleven was the best in the west and one of the best in the country.

The members stated the only other western team which received recent consideration was that of the University of Southern California.

The University of California has indicated its intention to accept the invitation, it is understood.

The Ohio state university has accepted an invitation to represent the east.

President David Barrows of the University of California will undoubtedly accept the invitation to have California represent the west in the East vs West football game New Year's day at Pasadena, Luther Nichols, graduate manager, said tonight.

Office Boy Escapes With \$4,500 in Pay Envelopes

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—A 15-year-old office boy disappeared with pay envelopes containing \$4,500 today from the Baldwin Locomotive works.

The lad is Elliott Meener, and a desire to see his father, said to be dying in Spokane, Wash., is believed by detectives to have induced him to leave the city hurriedly. The boy's mother started across the country Sunday night in an effort to reach her husband before he died, and the lad is believed to be following.

The lad was assisting in distributing the envelopes before he disappeared.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT KILLS OKLAHOMAN

OIL, MAGNATE'S DEATH IS VEILED IN MYSTERY

County Attorney Says Hannan Dies Without Knowledge of Charges Filed Against Him

ARIMORE, Okla., Nov. 26.—Jake L. Hannan, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma and reputed to have become a millionaire in the oil business, died in a hospital this morning.

His death, according to statements by Frank L. Ketch, his business manager, resulted from the "accidental discharge of a revolver which Mr. Hannan was cleaning," last Sunday night.

Russell Brown, county attorney of Carter county, filed an information against Miss Clara Smith of Ringling, Okla., Monday night charging her with assault with intent to kill in connection with the wounding of Hannan. Another information he filed charged Miss Smith and Hannan with a statutory offense.

The body of Mr. Hannan will lie in state in Convention hall here Monday from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. before the funeral Monday afternoon.

According to attending physicians, Mr. Hannan died without knowledge of the information filed against him or of the information against Miss Smith.

No reports of the whereabouts of Miss Smith had been received tonight.

CANAL DEFENSE IS CONSIDERED

Harding and Party Study Problems Connected With Waterway Fortification

ANCON, Canal Zone, Nov. 26.—Problems connected with the defense of the Panama canal were studied by Senator Harding today during a detailed inspection of the fortifications at the Pacific terminus of the waterway and in conferences with army and navy officers in charge of the zone forces. He spent several hours making a round of the defenses in company with Brig. Gen. Chase W. Kennedy and Rear Admiral Marbury Johnston, of whom he asked many questions on the capabilities and needs of the establishment.

The operation of the big guns was demonstrated to the president-elect, and many problems of strategic policy were laid before him.

Accompanying Senator Harding were Senator Frederick Hale, a member of the senate naval committee, and Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, chairman of the coast defense committee.

Late this afternoon, Senator Harding returned by train to Cristobal.

Lumbermen Consider Big Wage Reduction

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 26.—A mass meeting of the Loyal Legions of Loggers and Lumbermen to consider a reduction in the present wage scale, which is now \$5.30 per day minimum, resulted in the adoption by the Coos county conference committee of the 4-L of the recommendation that the present scale be reduced to \$4.80 per day for mill employees on a minimum base, it was announced today, effective December 1. The merchants of the community, it was added, assured the committee that the cost of living had come down at least 15 per cent, and offered their full co-operation in lowering the prices to meet the proposed cut in wages.

STORY DIES OF WOUND.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 26.—M. Story, pioneer resident of Sweet Home, Or., who was seriously injured September 6 when acting marshal of the town he was attempting to arrest James Ward, died late last night. He was partially paralyzed since Ward is alleged to have attacked him and had gradually failed. The cases against Ward and Robert Bruce, his companion in the fight with Sweet Home officers, who were bound over on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, will come before the grand jury next week.

Mr. Story was 78 years of age. He had resided at Sweet Home for many years and had held various official positions there.

Gale Overtakes Car and Kills Occupant

RENO, Nev., Nov. 26.—A gale so powerful that it overturned an automobile in which John Echante and Chris Larsen were riding, killing the former, swept the vicinity of Reno this afternoon. Echante's head was pinned to the ground by the running board. Larsen escaped uninjured.

PORTLAND DRIVER KILLED.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—Floyd Hardy, aged 31, a driver for a baking company, was killed by an elevator at the plant today.

BOARD FAILS TO CONTINUE ITS INQUIRY

Public Investigation Is Desire of Meehan to Clear Bolling or Secure Proof of Alleged Guilt

BOLLING BELIEVED BLACKMAIL VICTIM

Downey Shipbuilding Corporation Not Visited for Incriminating Data

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—John T. Meehan, deputy chief of the shipping board's bureau of investigation, testified before the Walsh committee today that charges of alleged blackmail division of money by R. W. Bolling, president Wilson's brother-in-law, Lester Sizer, and Tucker K. Sands, obtained from the Downey Shipbuilding corporation of New York for a "favorable contract," were not "thoroughly investigated" by the board. Sizer is a former secretary of the board and Sands, a former Washington bank official.

He explained the department's failure to go deeper into the charges as due to his opinion that Mr. Bolling, now treasurer of the shipping board, "was a victim of attempted blackmail."

Meehan testified, however, that he had received no instructions to halt the investigation and that it was still open.

Meehan testified previously but he was recalled by the committee after Sands had repeated his allegation that Bolling, Sizer and Sizer were involved in the division of the money, the proceeds of notes given to him by Wallace Downey.

The extent of his bureau's inquiry, Meehan testified, was to talk to Bolling, Admiral Benson Martin Gillen, special assistant to former Chairman Payne, and to ascertain if the department of justice had investigated the subject.

The invitation, insofar as the shipping board's men into it, he said, took place about June 1 this year. Meehan added that his opinion that the charges were without foundation was to a certain extent induced by the reputation of the men from whom he believed the charges emanated.

He admitted that he did not examine Sands' books and that he did not go to the Downey Shipbuilding corporation to ascertain why it would be necessary for them to pay \$40,000 to secure a contract when they had previously been awarded one by the board for a much larger sum.

Charge Came to January. Chairman Walsh asked him if he knew of a single invitation that the shipping board made prior to 1920 and Meehan replied that he did not.

Meehan said his first knowledge of the charge came to him in 1920 and Meehan replied that he did not.

Meehan said his first knowledge of the charge came to him in January, 1920 when he was at Philadelphia. He went to Washington, saw Alonzo Tweedale, controller of the board, and told him of the reflection on Mr. Bolling's character and standing.

It was explained to Mr. Tweedale, he said, "that it had been investigated and that he was satisfied there was nothing to it." He then said he went to Bolling, and Bolling easily agreed that his private books should be examined, which Meehan did. He said he saw an anonymous letter addressed to Secretary McAdoo, touching on the matter and he also ascertained that the department of justice investigation had disproved the allegations.

On the summing up of the matter was, as he stated, that Bolling to his mind was an attempted victim of blackmail on the part of Sands. He said he did not wish to spread the reports further which he was satisfied were groundless, by carrying it along as a "government investigation." He explained investigations worked great damage to a person who was innocent.

"I felt," he said, "that in view of the character of the man under investigation, we had gone far enough."

He also said he had talked with Gillen and that he also gathered from Gillen that the investigation had gone far enough—that Bolling was straight.

Meehan agreed with Chairman Walsh that in view of the seriousness of the charges, it was "right" that they should be publicly investigated and either proved or the men against whom they were aimed cleared of all suspicion.

AMERICAN IS MISSING

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—An American named Chase, en route to Berlin with his family, has disappeared from the Dortmund railroad station, the newspapers report. Two American acquaintances also are missing. Chase, a goldsmith, is known to have had a million marks in his possession. The police are searching on the assumption he was murdered.

EARLE M. HUNT DIES AT SHANGHAI, CHINA

SALEM MAN IN U. S. NAVY SUCCEUMS TO MENINGITIS

Death Halts Plan of Parents for Reunion When Two Sons Should Have Returned

Earle M. Hunt of Salem, pharmacist's mate first class in the United States navy, died November 22 at the Victoria Nursing home, Shanghai, China, according to telegraphic information received here yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hunt, 955 Marion street, from the navy department at Washington, D. C.

The death was due to cerebral meningitis. The young man was about 21 years old. It is believed the body will be sent to Salem for funeral services and burial.

Mr. Hunt's enlistment would have expired early in January, when he would have completed a four-year period, having entered the navy when he was 20 years old.

Besides his parents, the young man leaves one brother, John Halley Hunt, who also is in the navy and is now stationed at Charleston, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. Porter Heath, of Alberta, Canada.

Unusual sadness is attached to the death for the reason that the parents had planned a reunion when the two boys should have returned home soon after the first of the year. The enlistment of the son at Charleston expires next month, and the boys would have come home at about the same time.

STATESMEN OF ALLIES MEET

World Questions and Near East Problem Hold Diplomats Consideration

LONDON, Nov. 26.—An official communication issued this evening concerning the conference between the allies' statesmen on the subject of Greece and other matters says:

"At a meeting this afternoon between Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Earl Curzon, M. Berthelot and Ambassador Cambon, there was preliminary exchanges of views pending the arrival of Count Storza (the Italian foreign minister) upon a number of questions interesting Great Britain and France. The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow."

Speaking to the Associated Press after two hours of conversation with Premier Lloyd George today, the French premier, M. Leygues, said that all outstanding questions, including those concerning the near east, had been touched upon, but only in a preliminary way. He explained that no definite decisions would be possible until after the arrival of Count Storza, who is expected here Sunday.

SCOW CONCEALS STILL.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—Three revenue agents today reported they had run down three men on a scow on the Columbia river on which was found a 50-gallon still and 300 gallons in mash. The three alleged operators of the floating still were arrested and put in jail at Astoria, giving their names as Roy Davis, James Paris and James Burns.

SALEM AND MARION COUNTY INTERESTED IN HOMELESS TOTS

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special to The Statesman).—Salem and Marion county are beginning to show excellent progress in the Oregon W. C. T. U. children's farm home drive since O. B. Gingrich, well known Salem business man, took over the county chairmanship, according to reports received at the office of John E. Wheeler, state chairman of the campaign.

Reports from Salem show that Chairman Gingrich has surrounded himself with a number of the most influential men of the capital city, who have given the farm home project their enthusiastic support, and who will devote their time and energy toward obtaining the Marion county quota within a short time.

Among the Salem men who have pledged their aid to Chairman Gingrich are D. W. Eyre, Thomas B. Kay, C. P. Bishop, M. L. Meyers, Paul Wallace and Frank T. Wrightman.

Polities Gives Way. Complete organization of the drive workers was not effected as rapidly as expected, due in a large measure to the presidential election. But with political questions relegated to the background, the cause of the orphan children of Oregon is now being considered, and state leaders of the campaign drive are confident that each county will now begin to report the fulfillment of its quota.

The campaign drive is for a fund of \$125,000, which will be used in the purchase and establishment of a farm home for dependent and orphan children in Marion county. That there is urgent need for such an institution is admitted by state officials and child welfare workers throughout the state. The movement has the strong endorsement of Governor Olcott and every member of the state child welfare commission.

Big Work Expected Here. State Chairman John E. Wheeler has high hopes that Salem and Marion county will make one of the best showings of the state in view of the strong personnel of the men of the capital city who have pledged their support and assistance to the cause of the orphan children.

MANDATE OF ARMENIA IS NATIONS JOB

Lord Robert Cecil Declares United States is Best Nation to Assume Mandate Over Stricken Land

\$20,000,000 WOULD BRING INDEPENDENCE

Near East Question Resolves into—Who Will Furnish Money

GENEVA, Nov. 26.—That the United States would be the best nation to accept the mandate of Armenia is the opinion of Lord Robert Cecil, who is acting as one of South Africa's delegates to the league of nations assembly as expressed to the American newspaper correspondent tonight. The United States, he added, probably would have more influence with Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the Turkish nationalist leader who is conducting a campaign against the Armenians, than any other nation.

Lord Robert said \$20,000,000 would supply the necessary military assistance to establish Armenian independence. "The money could be regarded as a loan to the Armenian state which would be repaid if the Armenian economic position were established," he said.

Lord Robert stated it would be quite easy to obtain a volunteer force composed of Armenians and the nationals of neighboring states.

"The Armenian question," he explained, "resolves itself largely into whether there is any government of people in the world caring enough about Armenia to furnish the necessary money for the work."

The South African delegate avoided the question of possible revision of the Turkish treaty as a means for solving Armenia. He believed that subject was being taken up by the assembly.

Assembly is An Authority. After declaring that the work of the assembly had been extraordinarily successful, Lord Robert continued:

"No one foresaw that the assembly would become a corporate body with real life in it. The assembly above all, has a genuine belief in its own utility and regards itself and rightly so, as the supreme international authority so far as such authority can exist."

"I think the assembly will do something of great value. It will accept the international court of justice; will pass on the admission of new members as I hope it will take a large and generous view of that subject—and it will review the present international situation and the work of the council."

Lord Robert expressed the hope there would be one woman member of each delegation, but said this was not possible for the first sessions. He indicated that the assembly would make no change

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