

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

England is startled by fresh acts of disorder by suffragettes.

Taft says "if we are going to have free trade, let's have it."

The tariff issue in congress promises to bring together the Republicans and Progressives.

Arizona now proposes to enact an anti-alien law more drastic than her present one.

Three persons died of excessive heat at Cleveland, Ohio, the thermometer registering 96.

The transport Sherman took on an "unusual" load of ammunition at San Francisco.

A Kansas City court has ruled that a man capable of telling a plausible lie is not insane.

A cloudburst near Ellsworth, Kan., drove many people from their homes and destroyed much property.

The Danish explorer Knud Rasmussen has returned to civilization after three years in the Arctic regions.

London postoffice employees found a bomb full of nitro-glycerine among the parcel post packages at the central office.

The final fate of Sautari is in the hands of the powers, King Nicholas having signified his willingness to give up the city.

The Stars and Stripes were nailed above the Socialist flag on Socialist headquarters at East Liverpool, Ohio, by the owner of the building.

The District Court of Appeals has affirmed the conviction of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, labor leaders, for contempt, but greatly reduced the sentences.

Plans are completed for making solar observations in harmony by all the large observatories throughout the world, each one attending to a certain line of work.

A boatload of immigrants just landed at New York were badly scared by seeing about 40 Indians in full Indian dress, who were en route to visit the Indian memorial at Fort Wadsworth.

An expedition has gone to the Antarctic to recover the bodies of Captain Scott and his companions.

The chief clerk in the auditor's office at Los Angeles has been arrested, charged with embezzling \$60,000 in six years.

The New York legislature has defeated the state-wide direct primary bill.

The art collections of the late J. P. Morgan were insured for \$23,000,000, the premium being \$102,800.

All the arguments presented by Western senators fail to shake President Wilson's views on free wool, sugar, lumber, etc.

J. C. LaFrance, arrested at Coquille, Or., for insurance swindles, laughed when he told of the tactics of detectives who shadowed him.

An African expedition has gone to the South seas to recover \$2,500,000 in gold lost on a reef by agents of "Oom Paul" Kruger during the Boer war.

Mercedes Madero, sister of the slain president of Mexico, was married in New York to Antonio Canalis, a member of the Madero congress from Lower California.

President Wilson made strong speeches in New Jersey in favor of wiser politics, declaring that while the case in hand was local, it was for the good of the entire nation.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 89c; bluestem, 89c/90c; forty-fold, 90c; red Russian, 86c; valley, 90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.25/29.50 ton. Corn—Whole, \$27; cracked, \$38 ton. Millstuffs—Bran, 24c ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$30.

Barley—Feed, \$25.50/25.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$26.50/27.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17.18; alfalfa, \$13.61/14; straw, \$6.67.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; asparagus, California, \$1.75/2; beans, 17c per pound; cabbage, 24c/3c; cauliflower, 35c/40c per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peas, 7c/7c per pound; peppers, 35c/40c; radishes, 10c/12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1c/2c per pound; spinach, 75c per box; tomatoes, \$2.50/4.50 per box; garlic, 5c/6c pound.

Onions—Oregon, 75c/90c per sack; Bermudas, \$1.50/2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 40c/50c per hundred; new, 4c/6c per pound; sweets, 4c/6c.

Poultry—Hens, 17c; broilers, 30c/35c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c; ducks, 17c/25c; geese, young, 15c/17c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 19c per dozen; candied, 20c/21c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, 25c per pound; prints, 29c/29c.

Pork—Fancy, 12c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14c/14c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10c/15c per pound; 1913 contracts, 13c/13c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14c/17c per pound; valley, 14c/18c; mohair, choice, 19c/33c.

Grain bags—Buyers July, 10c/10c f. o. b. Portland.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75/8.35; good, \$7.50/7.75; medium, \$7.30/7.50; choice cows, \$6.75/7.40; good, \$6.50/6.75; medium, \$6.50/6.50; choice calves, \$8.29; good heavy calves, \$5.50/7.50; bulls, \$5.85/6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.75/9.05; heavy, \$7.75/8.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25/7.50; ewes, \$5.25/6.75; lambs, \$7.00/8.75.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEFEATED

Militant Acts Injure Cause of English Women.

London—The fate of the woman's suffrage bill was sealed Wednesday by the votes of more than 60 Irish Nationalists, who voted against it. The bill, which sought to enfranchise 6,000,000 women, was rejected by a majority of 47. The vote stood 266 to 219.

Whether there is any chance that the present parliament will pass a bill of more limited character may be doubted.

Possibly the Nationalists fear that if they allow a woman's franchise bill to pass the second reading it will lead to a parliamentary struggle which would not unlikely end in dissolution of parliament before the Home Rule bill becomes a law.

Furthermore the debate proved that the militant policy of the suffragists has done the cause great harm, as far as parliament is concerned. The conciliation bill of last session was rejected by only a small majority compared with the Dickinson bill, which was under discussion and previous bills, giving some measure of enfranchisement to women, have passed the second reading, although they never survived subsequent stages.

Recent police court disclosures of acts of incendiaryism planned by the militants far surpassing in magnitude anything heretofore attempted, and the burning of St. Catherine's church at Hatcham, undoubtedly influenced many members to vote against the bill.

SUFFRAGETTES FIRE CHURCH

Vicar of Edifice Ascribes Burning to "Those Lovely Ladies."

London—While the members of the house of commons were entering parliament to discuss the woman suffrage bill, newsmen thrust "extras" at them announcing what seems to be the most destructive work the militant suffragettes have yet accomplished.

St. Catherine's church, at Hatcham, in the southeast of London, one of the finest church edifices in the suburbs, caught fire soon after noon in a mysterious way and was destroyed. The vicar, Rev. Howard Truscott, when asked about the cause of the fire, said: "I cannot ascribe it to another than those delightful ladies."

The vicar visited the church at noon, when he noticed three women in the building. He supposed them to be praying. He now believes that they arranged the fire and thinks explosives must have been used to aid in the destructive work.

A mysterious attempt to explode a bomb was made early Wednesday morning outside the Grand hotel, opposite Trafalgar square, where suffragette disturbances took place Sunday. The hotel was crowded with American tourists. A policeman saw a woman deposit a can with a lighted fuse in front of the door. He abandoned the bomb after extinguishing it by tramping on the fuse, and then pursued the women.

He caught one woman whom he supposed to be the culprit. Investigation proved her to be a night prowler who had often been in police court.

Wireless "Kick" Ignored.

Seattle, Wash.—The Marconi company, which insists that its regular wireless service is being maintained on sea and shore, is ignoring all complaints made to the effect that no messages are obtainable from ships after they leave port. According to the strike leaders, 16 more wireless operators struck Wednesday, among them operators on the steamship City of Seattle, Jefferson, Curacao, Pennsylvania, Yosemite, J. A. Hoper, Paraiso, George W. Elder, Beaver and Carlos.

Stewards on steamships are reported to have declined to furnish food to strikebreakers, and the engineers, it is alleged, do not supply electric current for the wireless instruments. Operators are being taken off tugs and freight boats to supply passenger vessels, the strikers say.

The steamship companies, with offices here, are unable to furnish patrons with news of the movements of boats.

Villain in "Movies" Shot.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Patrons of a moving picture show here were momentarily panic-stricken when a spectator, believing the villain was going to murder the hero of the picture, drew a pistol from his pocket and fired at the struggling figures on the canvas. The shot rang out just as it appeared the hero would be thrown over a precipice. The place was crowded and there was a wild rush for the doors, but order soon was restored by the orchestra, which played throughout the incident.

Senator is Doubly Paid.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, will receive, aside from his senatorial salary of \$7,500, an additional \$7,000 as the full pay of a retired federal circuit judge, making his compensation during his term in the senate equal to the salary of an associate justice of the Supreme court. Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell granted the senator's application for salary as a retired judge under the law authorizing full pay to any federal judge aged 70 or over who resigns after ten years of service.

Words of Women Doubted.

Chicago—At a luncheon here John R. DeVone, a Chicago banker, squarely faced a roomful of women and told them that in financial dealing their word was not as good as that of a man. He was addressing members of the Women's Association of Commerce and he saw that in their faces which caused him to add: "This is only natural, perhaps, because it is only recently that women have interested themselves in business."

Big Cruiser at Rose Festival.

Portland, Or.—The United States cruiser St. Louis, one of the largest vessels of its class in the United States navy, will come to Portland during the Rose Festival, June 8 to 14. Rear Admiral Alfred Reynolds, commander in chief of the United States Pacific reserve fleet, made this announcement to the Portland chamber of commerce Thursday.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

HIGHWAY CHANGE OPPOSED

Grants Pass Men Want Pacific Route Left as at Present.

Grants Pass—Eighty-five enthusiastic business men gathered at luncheon here Wednesday for the purpose of discussing the proposed change of the Pacific Highway from Southern Oregon to Eastern Oregon. It was the sentiment of those present that the Pacific Highway should remain a permanent factor through the Rogue River valley; that with the Siskiyou on the south, the Coast range on the west and the Calapoosias on the north the natural scenery of the country affords the most attractive stretch that could be covered in a day by automobile in Oregon.

That such attractions as the Josephine County caves, and historic Table Rock, Mount Laughlin and Crater Lake, and miles of mountain streams and good roads warrant the support of all organizations and counties in Western Oregon was declared.

Resolutions expressing Grants Pass sentiment and personal letters will be sent to Oregon congressmen, together with scenic views along the Pacific Highway through Josephine county.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDIANS

Chemawa School Appoints Full-Blood Indian Librarian.

Chemawa—Superintendent Wadsworth has received notice that within a short time he will receive a new range for use in the kitchen at the Salem Indian school, a new electric dough mixer which has been needed in the bakery for many years, and a power lawn mower for use on the spacious lawns at the school.

The new auditorium is to be supplied with modern equipment, consisting of a drop curtain, another for use in connection with the moving picture machine, and three different sets of scenery.

The library which was established a few weeks ago is to have an appropriation of \$300 with which to purchase books for the use of the red children. Paul Kinnook, a full-blood Indian from Alaska, has been appointed librarian.

Incorporation Held Legal.

Salem—The Supreme court held that the incorporation of Bay City, which, it is believed, will in a few years become an important shipping point, is legal. The high court sustained a decision of Circuit Judge Galloway, of Tillamook county.

W. E. Proctor, of Bay City, brought the suit as a relator in the name of the state to have determined the legal status of the municipality. The boundary lines in the petitions for the election and those given in the court records were not the same, and it was feared the discrepancy invalidated the election.

"Now that we are certain we have a city," said Mr. Proctor, "the work of building and extending streets will be started. Much sewer and street improvement has been held pending the decision."

Bar Admittance Expensive.

Salem—At the coming examination for students who wish to be admitted to the bar there will be none who will be admitted unless they receive at least a per cent of 70 on examination papers, according to a statement by Supreme Court Clerk Moreland.

Nor will there be any under 21 years of age who will be allowed to take the examination at the coming quiz, and it will cost \$20 instead of \$10 to be an applicant.

The examination will be held June 3, the day the law goes into effect, and the same day that the new Justice of the Supreme court goes into office.

Milwaukie May Get City Delivery.

Milwaukie—This place will have a trial mail delivery in the near future, according to reports received here. Application was made for delivery of mail by carrier from the Milwaukie postoffice, and Representative Hawley secured a promise that an inspector will be sent to investigate and report on the establishment of trial city delivery. Milwaukie has from 1200 to 1300 people, and it is considered certain that the place will secure permanent city delivery when an investigation has been made.

Newport to Have Big Reservoir.

Newport—Ground will be broken for the construction of the new concrete reservoir for the city water system immediately. The reservoir, which is to be completed by August 1, will have a capacity of 800,000 gallons. It will be connected with the single reservoir now in use, the two providing a perpetual storage of approximately 1,000,000 gallons of pure mountain water, which is presumed to be sufficient to meet all possible exigencies and meet the requirements of the city for 10 or 12 years.

Railroads Will Raise Bill.

Chemawa—The Southern Pacific Railway company is planning on raising six feet the fill across Lake Labish in order to increase the efficiency of the road and at the same time lighten the labor of the trainmen. For many years difficulty has been experienced in handling heavy trains over this part of the road. Trains going in either direction and stopping at this station found it difficult to get over the grade when stopping in the low places at either side of the station.

Railroads Ordered to Appear.

Salem—Calling upon several railroads of the state to appear before it on May 14 to justify its present regulation relative to block signals, passing tracks, switches and operation of trains, the State Railroad commission issued orders to the Southern Pacific, Portland, Eugene & Eastern, Salem, Falls City & Western, Oregon Electric, O. W. R. & N., Walla Walla Valley Traction company and the Pacific Railway & Navigation company.

SEASIDE SAWMILL TO START

Five-Year Lease Free and Logs at Reduced Rates.

Seaside—Seaside's sawmill, which has been closed down for almost two years, within a few days will be repaired and opened for business. Since the Olson Brothers began their extensive logging operations in the hills west of Seaside there have been several attempts to come to terms with the owners of the Seaside sash and door factory, and it was not until Ben Olson, Leander Lebeck and several other outside sawmill people began plans for starting a new mill that four of the stockholders of the old concern got together and made terms upon which a deal was closed for taking over the old plant.

Few sawmills in the state have started with brighter prospects than are now ahead of this one. The concession made by the stockholders is a five-year lease on the sawmill property free, the new owners to make the necessary repairs. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad company has agreed to give the mill a common point rate and the Olson Brothers have agreed to sell the mill logs for \$1 a thousand less than the market price.

RUSSIANS EXAMINE OREGON

Colony of Several Thousand Find Saskatchewan Too Cold.

Eugene—That the Russian colony in Saskatchewan, Canada, will locate in the vicinity of Eugene, is believed from the fact that the four "scouts," who have been making a tour of Western Oregon, looking for a site for their colony of several thousand farmers, returned here again after a short trip to Southern Oregon, and asked to be shown again some land that they had inspected earlier the past week. The four men stayed all day, leaving later for the North.

They are well pleased with the Upper Willamette valley, according to their interpreter, and the only question is that of finding a sufficiently large tract of land at a price that will suit them. They have been looking at land and living conditions all over Oregon and Washington, and will report their findings to their fellow exiles for final decision. They are dissatisfied with Canada because of the long, cold winters, and want a mild climate where they can get plenty of fruit. They are vegetarians, and desire a plentiful supply of fruit and vegetables.

TAX DATA TO BE GATHERED

State Commission to List Warranty Deed Transfers.

Salem—Announcement is made by State Tax Commissioner Galloway that the commission will soon commence the listing of all warranty deed transfers in the state for the purpose of assembling reliable data upon which to apportion the state tax, and that against public service corporations.

Each year the commission gathers this information, but it will be more complete this year, for the legislature provided a larger appropriation. The plan is to check all warranty deeds extending back a year from March 1, 1913, and then to make an appraisal of the property to determine its value. The assessment of the property will then be taken from the roll, and with its assessed value, the rate at which it is taxed, and its actual value, the commission will then be in a position, it is declared, to make a fair apportionment of the state tax.

Salem to War on Flies.

Salem—War on flies and tuberculosis at the market places is to be waged by the city, for an ordinance was introduced at the council meeting Monday night which contains stringent provisions as to both, and which is believed will accomplish much towards placing these places on a better sanitary basis. The ordinance provides for the appointment of inspectors whose duty it will be to inspect all the markets and see to it that proper coverings are used for all produce and commodities. The ordinance also contains a provision making it unlawful for any person having tuberculosis to engage in work which will bring him in contact with any food to be served or cooked.

Oregon City Fishers Favored.

Oregon City—Major McIndoe, in charge of the government dredging work in the Willamette, has applied to the legislature to have the Oregon City Commercial club, which is half gillnet fishermen, and has notified President B. T. McBain, of the club, that he has issued instructions to the dredgers to lower all cables to the bottom of the river at night time, and in other ways to refrain from any work that will interfere with fishing during the 30-day season open to local commercial fishermen.

Spawn Salmon to Be Secured.

Eugene—Master Fish Warden R. E. Clanton has announced that he would again place racks in the middle fork of the Willamette for the purpose of securing salmon for their spawn. After spending several days along the upper river he and J. A. Straight, of Roseburg, who is to be left in charge of the rack, decided to place the racks about eight miles above Lowell. Tanks will be installed to allow of keeping the eggs until they have become "eyed," after which they can be sent to the central hatchery at Bonneville.

Charges Declared Excessive.

Salem—Alleging that the charges made by the Southern Pacific company for the storage of baggage are excessive and unreasonable, Hal Patton, of this city, has filed a formal complaint against the company with the State Railroad commission. The proceedings, if prosecuted, will involve an investigation of this class of charges throughout the whole state.

The Chronicles of Addington Peace

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THE TRAGEDY OF THOMAS HEARNE

"Does not that sad underworld of crime in which you move sometimes drive you into a cynical disbelief in all mankind?" I suggested.

It was a bitter night, and the inspector and I were blowing our tobacco from seats confronting before a roaring fire. The wind rattling at the haip of the window added the luxury of a reminder that it must be extremely unpleasant in the sleet-swept streets outside.

"Not how bad men are; it is how good they are that is surprising," quoted Peace, with a nod of his head.

We sat in silence for a while before he spoke again.

"I have let a breaker of the law go free in my time—perhaps more than once," he continued. "The law cannot take cognizance of all the tricks that Fate plays on man."

I smiled a tale, and remained silent.

"You think you have driven me into story-telling?" he said.

"I am at your mercy; but I hope so," I told him.

He leaned forward, tapping the ashes from his pipe against the brass of the fender. Then he began—

"About a year ago I received a message from Guy's hospital that there was a patient lying very ill who wished to see me. I recognized him the moment I set foot in the ward—a gentleman born and bred who had slipped down the ladder from running his own horse to dodging the police as a bookmaker's tout. He was a half-and-half man—too lazily clever to be quite honest, and too honest to be quite a criminal. Poor Jack Henderson! A good man gone wrong—let that be his epitaph when it comes to setting up his headstone."

"Well, Henderson," I said, "what's the trouble?"

"I'm done, Peace," he whispered. "They've no more use for me this side of the black river; but I wanted to see you before I answered the call. 'You mustn't talk like that,' I said, though he was looking pretty bad. 'They'll put you on your legs again in a month. You can bet on that, my lad.'"

"It don't matter much either way—so let us get to business. You had your share of trouble, I understand, in the matter of Julius Craig last spring?"

"I nodded.

"I was in that job," he said; "and after what happened I should like to tell you the truth about it. I may have been a pretty bad lot in my time, Inspector; but I had my limits, and murder was one of them."

"I won't try to give you his exact words, for the poor fellow spoke very slowly, with big pauses in between. But this is close upon the story as he told it to me.

I expect you know the Blue Shield in Percher street. Take them one with another, the customers are about the worst crowd in all London. One Saturday night, towards the end of March—last year—I had joined the gang there, hoping to meet some friend with the price of a drink upon him, for I was broke to the wide, wide world. Bill Redman, who was afterwards gagged for bank note forgeries in Manchester, had just ordered me a whisky, and I was sitting on a stool watching the barman reach down the special Scotch, when in walked a moon-faced fellow, very fat and prosperous, with a dark blue overcoat and a diamond in his necktie. He looked about him, screwing up his eyes as a near-sighted man will do, and then came over to where I was sitting.

"Mr. Henderson, I believe?" he said.

"That's my name," I told him, wondering who he might be.

"I have been recommended to you by a—by a mutual friend," he said; "but I cannot discuss my business here. My carriage is waiting. If you will give me your company for ten minutes."

I hesitated a moment, until Redman, who seemed to know him, leant across, whispering that I should be a fool to refuse. The stranger pushed me into a hansom that was standing by the pavement opposite the door and we started off at a smart pace. Once in Regent's park, however, the driver pulled his horse to a walk, and my companion began to do his talking.

"Five hundred sovereigns would be useful to you these days—eh, Mr. Henderson?"

There was a smile all over his fat face as he said the words, and he chuckled softly to himself with a sound like water coming out of a bottle. It seemed an offer of life to me—a promise of everything the lack of which makes each day a torment to the man who has known clean comfort.

"Is it murder?" I asked him.

"Oh, my dear sir, you surprise me!" he cried, lifting his stubby hands.

"What a horrible suggestion! Allow me to explain at once. Have you ever heard of Julius Craig?"

"The company promoter, who organized the Spanish mine swindle? Of course I know."

"Did you know him by sight?"

"He used to come racing. A tall, thin, melancholy-looking fellow with a black beard—wasn't he?"

"Yes, that is Julius Craig. He is now in Princetown prison with six more years to run. The climate of Dartmoor is not suited to his health. He is anxious to change his residence; nor do I blame him, Mr. Hen-

son, for it is the most desolate spot in all England. I am in a position to offer you the sum I have mentioned if you will arrange his escape. Do you agree?"

"Yes," I told him.

"Ah, that is most satisfactory. Tomorrow I will send you half the money with some little suggestions of my own as to your plan of campaign. The second half you will receive when Mr. Craig is free. By the way, there are some curious relics of the stone age on the moors. Perhaps you might read up the subject and appear at Princetown as a student; yes, Mr. Henderson, that will suit you well—a student of prehistoric man."

He chuckled under the carriage shock. It was like driving with a good-tempered blanc mange.

"I shall be glad of any advice you can give me," I said.

He pulled a cord, and when the carriage stopped I got out and stood waiting.

"Good night and good luck to you," he said, his great white face shining upon me from the window as he shook my hand. "I have your address. Drive on, Williams."

I might have been an old and trusted friend from the warmth of his manner. Yet as the carriage rolled away I noticed that he raised the little flap at the back to see that I didn't try to follow him.

The packet arrived next morning. The notes I stowed away in an inside pocket. The typewritten instructions were unsigned and undated.

According to them Craig was a member of gang "D," employed on a convict farm, in draining and inclosing a portion of moor by a stream known as the Black brook. Above the stream rose a small hill on which was an ancient cairn and stone circle that in my character as a student would offer an excuse for my presence.

Though communication with Craig could not be regularly established, he knew that an attempt was in preparation. The sight of a man in a white waterproof loitering on the cairn hill would be his signal that all was ready.



"NOT HOW BAD MEN ARE; IT IS HOW GOOD THEY ARE THAT IS SURPRISING."

Sudden fogs were frequent upon the moor, and when they came while the convicts were at work in the fields, the chance of escape was excellent; for the authorities did not chain their men, and the warders rarely used their rifles. They trusted to the huge moors upon which men who escaped were easily retaken, half dead from fatigue and starvation.

Craig would make a rush for the cairn hill. From thence it was my duty to convey him to Torquay, thirty miles away on the coast. Once there he would know where to go, and my responsibility ended. A letter to the Torquay post office, under the name of W. Slade, would be forwarded to the writer if I required further assistance or had any questions of real importance.

That was all; but it was enough for me. Here was a scheme into which I could put my heart. There was no low-down swindling, no dirty work about it. I felt as gay as a schoolboy off for a holiday.

And so in three days' time that ragged rascal Jack Henderson disappeared from London, and the well-dressed Mr. Abel Kingsley, vaguely described in the visitors' book of the Princetown Arms as of Memphis University, U. S. A., was sitting on the cairn hill above the prison that held Julius Craig.

To the far horizon there stretched the melancholy moors, deserted washes of rush marshes and stunted heather, broken here and there by outcrops of granite, that crowned the rolling ground like the ruins of a hundred feudal castles. Or Dartmoor is a huge granite tableland, and on its barren surface no corn will grow nor tree flourish.

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