

EXPLORER RETURNS



Raold Amundsen, the famous Norwegian explorer, who had been unheard of for over two years and reported lost, has arrived at Nome, Alaska, with a few of his party. He has completed the first circumnavigation of the world between the northern coasts of Europe, Asia and America with many narrowing experiences.

NEW ASST SECRETARY OF U. S. NAVY



Gordon Woodbury, of New Hampshire, has been appointed assistant secretary of the navy to succeed Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

levying an annual tax of one mill in aid of public education," so that each elector may indicate, as provided by the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment. R. F. WALKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HEWITT BOUANCHAUD, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Approved: July 5, 1920. JNO. M. PARKER, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy. JAMES J. BAILEY, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 69. House Bill No. 197. By Mr. Weinmann. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization and powers of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and the departments of said port. Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana for adoption or rejection, to-wit:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana for adoption or rejection, to-wit: (a) Irrespectively of the limitations of parochial and municipal taxation under existing constitutional provisions and in addition to the tax for school purposes provided by the amendment proposed by Act 191 of 1918 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, a tax for school purposes therein, a tax of one and one-half mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property within said parish and pay, as collected, the proceeds thereof to the school board of the parish, unless the school board of the parish certify that a smaller tax will meet the needs of the schools, in which event the police jury shall levy and collect the tax recommended by the school board.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the State, in accordance with law, to be voted upon at the General Congressional Election to be held on November 2, 1920, the official ballots to have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment requiring police juries and the Orleans Parish School Board to levy annually a tax for school purposes, as provided by the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment."

R. F. WALKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HEWITT BOUANCHAUD, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Approved: July 6, 1920. JNO. M. PARKER, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy. JAMES J. BAILEY, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 78. House Bill No. 2. By Mr. Byrne. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, directing the City of New Orleans to levy annually a special tax not exceeding two mills on the dollar for the inauguration and maintenance of double and triple trolley systems, and an increase in pay of the men and officials, in the fire and police departments of the City, respectively.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, that an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be proposed and submitted to the qualified electors of the State, for ratification or rejection, as follows: "In addition to such other taxes as the City of New Orleans may hereafter be authorized to levy, said city shall levy annually a special tax, not exceeding two mills on the dollar, on all taxable property in said city as assessed and valued for city taxation purposes. The avails of said special tax are hereby dedicated to the inauguration and maintenance of a double trolley system in the fire department and a triple trolley system in the police department of said city, and an increase in pay of the men and officials employed in said departments, and shall be used and employed for said city exclusively for said purposes respectively according to such apportionment of said funds as said city may make from time to time."

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this amendment shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the State, in accordance with law, to be voted upon at the general congressional election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 1920, the official ballots to have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment levying an annual tax of one mill in aid of public education," and the words "Against the proposed amendment"

votes for or against said amendment. R. F. WALKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HEWITT BOUANCHAUD, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Approved: July 6, 1920. JNO. M. PARKER, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy. JAMES J. BAILEY, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 103. House Bill No. 206. By Mr. Peretz. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, that the following Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the electors of the State at the next Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, to-wit:

The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans shall, except as otherwise herein changed and amended, have and exercise all powers now conferred upon them by Constitutional Amendment. Additional power and jurisdiction may be conferred by Act of the Legislature. Said board shall have full power and authority to construct, extend and improve works for Port purposes within the limits of the Port, including wharves, docks, warehouses, gran elevators, locks, slips, lateral, basins and other structures and improvements, and may dredge wharves, channels, slips, basins and turning-basins in the Mississippi River. Said board may without further legislative enactment borrow money and issue notes and bonds under the following conditions and not otherwise: It may, with the approval of the Governor and the Auditor of the State, for its public purposes, borrow on notes for temporary loans, payable within one year, an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars at any one time outstanding, and may in addition, borrow money in anticipation of the collection of charges for wharfage, tollage, storage service and other charges which have been actually earned but have not yet been received. With the approval of the Governor of the State, it may for public purposes other than the funding of indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for current expenses, borrow money and issue bonds to the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000). Said board may, with the approval of the Governor and for like purposes, borrow other and further sums and issue bonds in the manner following: When the Board shall have ascertained and certified in writing to the State Auditor or the Supervisor of Public Accounts the amount of revenue and income of the Port for the two fiscal years immediately preceding, after deducting therefrom the amount of operating and maintenance charges and expenses, and all the bonds payable during said year upon maturing principal and interest of its bonded debt, and the State Auditor or the Supervisor of Public Accounts shall have verified and approved said certificate, the Board may borrow money and issue bonds to an amount the annual interest upon which is not in excess of the average net revenues for the two fiscal years immediately preceding as shown by said certificate. The Board may add to such net revenues of the preceding fiscal years as certified to the State Auditor or the Supervisor of Public Accounts, the net income and revenues for such years of any revenue producing wharf, dock, warehouse, elevator or other structure to be acquired by said Board by purchase or expropriation from the proceeds and income of such revenue-producing utility shall be determined and certified by the Board and approved by the State Auditor or the Supervisor of Public Accounts. Said Board may also with the approval of the Governor borrow money and issue bonds to refund bonded indebtedness heretofore incurred or hereafter to be incurred and maturing and becoming payable within one year of the date of such refunding. All bonds issued under the foregoing provisions, except as otherwise expressly provided, shall run not more than fifty years from date, shall be issued in serial form, payable in annual installments, commencing not more than ten (10) years from date, the amount payable each year for principal and interest to be as nearly equal as practicable, but annual payments of principal may be fixed at Five Thousand (\$5000) Dollars or the nearest multiple thereof. Refunding bonds issued hereunder shall be payable in annual installments commencing not more than one year from date. All of the said bonds shall have the same exemption from taxation, and the same privilege of registration and release from deposit with the State or its officers or any of the political subdivisions or municipalities, as was granted by Article 321 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and each elector shall indicate on the ballot for or against the proposed amendment as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he

have the power to lease for manufacturing, commercial and business purposes, lands acquired for said canal. Such leases may run for a term not exceeding twenty years at a fixed rental without any provision for renewal, readjustment or reappraisal, but may run for a term not exceeding ninety-nine (99) years provided they shall contain a clause or clauses for reappraisal of the premises and a readjustment of the rental at intervals not exceeding ten (10) years after the expiration of the first twenty year period. In the event that the said Board and the lessee cannot agree upon the readjustment and reappraisal, they each shall appoint an arbitrator who shall have the powers of amicable compounders to whom the matter shall be referred for decision, and in case of disagreement they shall appoint an umpire and decision of any two shall be binding upon the parties. Said Board may also construct warehouses, elevators, and other buildings and improvements upon the said canal, but the revenues from the navigation canal shall be kept separate from the other revenues of the Port. Such canal revenues shall be deemed to include rentals of all lands leased upon the canal, lock charges, and charges for passages, through the canal. If the Board shall construct warehouses, elevators and other buildings or improvements for public purposes on canal lands, the rental value of the site thereof shall be fixed by the appraisers appointed by said Board and the receipts from such warehouses, elevators and other buildings or improvements shall be charged with the payment of such rental value into the canal fund. The canal fund shall be applied first in the operating expenses of the canal and the maintenance thereof, and thereafter in payment of the principal and interest of the canal bonds, and in the reduction in the manner provided in said ordinance of the payment and contributions by the City of New Orleans through the Belt Railroad Commission and by the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District. If warehouses, elevators and other buildings or improvements be constructed or acquired by said Board upon canal lands by the use of moneys other than those proceeds of the canal, the receipts from such warehouses, elevators and other buildings or improvements after the payment of the rental value to the canal fund, shall be deemed general revenues of the Port. The interest on all bonds issued hereunder shall be paid semi-annually by the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana at his office, and at any other place or places with or without the State designated by the bonds. Said Board shall place on deposit with the Treasurer of the State to the credit of an account to be known as Interest Accounts, in such manner as may be provided in the proceedings to issue the bonds, an amount equal to the interest on all bonds that may have been delivered. Said Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed, and it is made his duty, to pay or provide for the payment of all interest that may become due upon said bonds. Said Board shall in addition in each year when any of said bonds become due and payable, deposit with the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, to the credit of an account to be known as Redemption Accounts, the amount of all bonds maturing or becoming payable, and it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to pay or provide for the payment of such principal and interest not less than thirty (30) days before the date when any monies become payable. It shall be the duty of said Treasurer to collect such deposits as aforesaid, and in case of failure on the part of said Board to make said deposits in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of interest due or to become due, and for the redemption of the bonds, the said Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed, and it is made his duty, to collect the charges and revenues of the Port and to apply the same, after providing for necessary operating expenses and any prior charges, to the payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds, and for that purpose he is authorized to exercise all the powers and duties vested in the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. The accounts of said Board as a Department of State shall be subject to audit and investigation by the State Auditor or Supervisor of Public Accounts, and the Auditor shall countersign all bonds hereafter issued. The Board may acquire real and personal property subject to mortgage or other lien, and make or execute purchase money mortgages or property acquired. Nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right of the holder of any bonds of the Port now outstanding, or that may be issued under the ordinance and mortgage heretofore made and executed for canal purposes to a segregation of such revenues as are applicable to his bonds under said ordinance and mortgage or other covenant of his bonds. This amendment shall not repeal any statutes heretofore enacted, except insofar as inconsistent herewith.

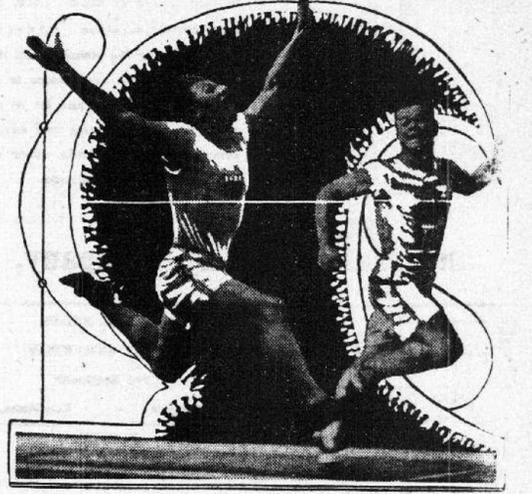
Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., when the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words, "For the proposed amendment to the Constitution giving additional powers to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans in the financing and control of the property under its administration," and the words, "Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution giving additional powers to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans in the financing and control of the property under its administration," and each elector shall indicate on the ballot for or against the proposed amendment as provided in the general election laws of the State. R. F. WALKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HEWITT BOUANCHAUD, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Approved: July 6, 1920. JNO. M. PARKER, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

ACT NO. 127. By Mr. Hamley. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and the departments of said port. Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana for adoption or rejection, to-wit:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, that the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana for adoption or rejection, to-wit: (a) Irrespectively of the limitations of parochial and municipal taxation under existing constitutional provisions and in addition to the tax for school purposes provided by the amendment proposed by Act 191 of 1918 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, a tax for school purposes therein, a tax of one and one-half mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property within said parish and pay, as collected, the proceeds thereof to the school board of the parish, unless the school board of the parish certify that a smaller tax will meet the needs of the schools, in which event the police jury shall levy and collect the tax recommended by the school board.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the State, in accordance with law, to be voted upon at the general congressional election to be held on the 2nd day of November, 1920, the official ballots to have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment levying an annual tax of one mill in aid of public education," and the words "Against the proposed amendment"

TWO U. S. A. BOYS LEAD THEM TO THE TAPE



Charles W Paddock, the "California Flyer," is shown winning the 100-meter dash at the Olympic games at Antwerp, Belgium, with Morris Kirksey a close second (at right). Kirksey is also from California. Paddock is shown throwing himself at the tape, an American characteristic in the dashes.

A true copy. JAMES J. BAILEY, Secretary of State. ACT NO. 140. House Bill No. 286. By Mr. Schell. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana as heretofore amended relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana as amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Article 303. A pension not to exceed thirty Dollars (\$30) per month shall be allowed to each Confederate Soldier or Sailor veteran who possesses all of the following qualifications:

- 1. He shall have served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War, or until he was discharged or paroled, in some military organization, regularly mustered into the Army or Navy of the Confederate States and shall have remained true to the Confederate States until the surrender.
2. He shall not own property of more than two thousand dollars valuation.
3. He shall not be salaried or otherwise provided for by the State of Louisiana, or by any other State or Government. In case he enlisted in any organization mustered into said service as a Louisiana organization, or in case at the date of his enlistment he resided in the State of Louisiana, he shall have resided prior to his application for pension in this State, or in the Navy of the Confederate States, he shall have resided in this State for at least five years prior to his application for such pension. A like pension shall be granted to the widow who shall not have married again, in indigent circumstances, of such soldier or sailor, whose marriage to her was contracted prior to January, 1895, provided that if her deceased husband served in an organization, mustered in from Louisiana, or if he resided in Louisiana, at the date of his enlistment, then in order that such widow shall be entitled to the pension as herein provided, she shall have resided in this State for at least five years prior to her application therefor; and if her deceased husband enlisted elsewhere than in Louisiana, and served in an organization not mustered in from Louisiana, such widow shall, in order to be entitled to a pension as herein provided, have resided in this State for not less than five years prior to her application for such pension; provided further that all widows who married Confederate soldiers or sailors a second time shall not be debarred from the benefits of this Act but be entitled to a pension on the same terms as other widows of deceased Confederate soldiers or sailors; provided further, that pensions whether to veterans or to widows shall be allowed only from the date of application under this Article and the total appropriations for such pensions in any one year shall be the proceeds of an annual tax of three-fourths of one mill on the dollar which tax is hereby levied on all taxable property in the State, provided such appropriations shall never be more than an amount sufficient to pay all pensions for any one year. Any accruing surplus from said tax fund shall be held as an accumulating fund for the Confederate Veterans to be appropriated by the General Assembly for their use and benefit as the General Assembly may in future determine, and the collection of any other tax or in the making of any appropriation for pensions in excess of the amount of the three-fourths of one mill tax levied and collected and to be known as "Confederate Veteran Pension Fund" is hereby prohibited and said fund is to be used for no other purpose than that herein stipulated; and upon the adoption of this Amendment same shall at once become self operative and the funds derived therefrom be immediately used for said purpose, and provided further that the tax collectors and assessors shall receive no commissions for assessing and collecting said three-fourths of one mill tax herein provided.

Provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to prohibit the General Assembly from providing artificial limbs to disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana, for adoption or rejection at the Congressional Election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1920.

That the official ballots to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the pensions for Confederate Veterans," and the words, "Against the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether or not he votes for or against the amendment. R. F. WALKER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. HEWITT BOUANCHAUD, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. Approved: July 7, 1920. JNO. M. PARKER, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy. JAMES J. BAILEY, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 153. House Bill No. 376. By Mr. Claiborne. JOINT RESOLUTION. Substituting for House Bill No. 199. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to Article 230 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to exempting certain industries located in the Navigation Canal, New Orleans.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, That the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the electors of the State at the next Congressional Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, making said Article read as follows: Article 230. The following shall be exempt from taxation, and no other, viz: All public property, places of religious worship, or burial, the rectories and parsonages of churches and grounds thereunto appurtenant, used exclusively as residences for the ministers in charge of such churches, all charitable institutions, all buildings and property used exclusively for public monuments or historical collections, colleges and other school purposes, the real and personal estate of any public library, and that of any other library association used by or connected with such library, all books and philosophical apparatus, and all paintings and statuary of any company or association, kept in a public hall; provided, that the property as exempted be not leased for purposes of private or corporate profit or income. There shall also be exempt from taxation household property to the value of five hundred dollars. There shall be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years from the date of its completion, any railroad or part of railroad that shall be constructed and completed subsequent to January 1, 1909. This exemption shall include and apply to all rights of way, roadbeds, sidings, rails, and other superstructures upon such rights of way, roadbeds or sidings; and to all depots, station-houses, buildings, erections, and structures appurtenant to such railroads and the operation of the same; but shall not include the depots, warehouses, station-houses and other structures and appurtenances nor the land upon which they are erected at terminal points, and for which franchises have been granted and obtained; whether same remain the property of the present owner or owners, or be transferred or assigned to any corporation or corporations, person or persons whomsoever, and, provided further, that this exemption shall not apply to double tracks, sidings, switches, depots or other improvements or betterments, which may be constructed by railroads now in operation within the State, other than extensions or new lines constructed by such railroads. There shall be exempt from taxation the legal reserve of life insurance companies organized under the laws of this State. The property or real estate belonging to any military organization of the State of Louisiana which is used by the State National Guard or Militia for military purposes, such as arsenals or armories, while so used, shall be exempt from taxation. There shall also be exempt from taxation, loans made upon security of mortgages granted upon real estate situated in this State, as well as the mortgages granted to secure said loans, and the notes, bonds, or other written instruments evidencing the said loans, whether in the hands of the mortgagee, or his

lational Election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1920. That the official ballots to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the pensions for Confederate Veterans," and the words, "Against the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether or not he votes for or against the amendment.

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ACT NO. 153. House Bill No. 376. By Mr. Claiborne. JOINT RESOLUTION. Substituting for House Bill No. 199. JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to Article 230 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to exempting certain industries located in the Navigation Canal, New Orleans.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, That the following amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the electors of the State at the next Congressional Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, making said Article read as follows: Article 230. The following shall be exempt from taxation, and no other, viz: All public property, places of religious worship, or burial, the rectories and parsonages of churches and grounds thereunto appurtenant, used exclusively as residences for the ministers in charge of such churches, all charitable institutions, all buildings and property used exclusively for public monuments or historical collections, colleges and other school purposes, the real and personal estate of any public library, and that of any other library association used by or connected with such library, all books and philosophical apparatus, and all paintings and statuary of any company or association, kept in a public hall; provided, that the property as exempted be not leased for purposes of private or corporate profit or income. There shall also be exempt from taxation household property to the value of five hundred dollars. There shall be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years from the date of its completion, any railroad or part of railroad that shall be constructed and completed subsequent to January 1, 1909. This exemption shall include and apply to all rights of way, roadbeds, sidings, rails, and other superstructures upon such rights of way, roadbeds or sidings; and to all depots, station-houses, buildings, erections, and structures appurtenant to such railroads and the operation of the same; but shall not include the depots, warehouses, station-houses and other structures and appurtenances nor the land upon which they are erected at terminal points, and for which franchises have been granted and obtained; whether same remain the property of the present owner or owners, or be transferred or assigned to any corporation or corporations, person or persons whomsoever, and, provided further, that this exemption shall not apply to double tracks, sidings, switches, depots or other improvements or betterments, which may be constructed by railroads now in operation within the State, other than extensions or new lines constructed by such railroads. There shall be exempt from taxation the legal reserve of life insurance companies organized under the laws of this State. The property or real estate belonging to any military organization of the State of Louisiana which is used by the State National Guard or Militia for military purposes, such as arsenals or armories, while so used, shall be exempt from taxation. There shall also be exempt from taxation, loans made upon security of mortgages granted upon real estate situated in this State, as well as the mortgages granted to secure said loans, and the notes, bonds, or other written instruments evidencing the said loans, whether in the hands of the mortgagee, or his

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