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ISBELL CROSSING VICTIM OF STORM

Pier of Missouri Pacific Bridge Sinks Slightly, Owing to Undermining of Masonry by Current, and Temporarily Delays Trains.

[illegible] the third time in two months the train crossing of the Missouri Pacific Railway at Isbell, about twenty miles east of Jefferson City, was affected last night by the turbulent storm current, delaying for [illegible] the movement of trains between St. Louis and Jefferson City. Reports received last night that the tracks had [illegible] west of Jefferson City had been put out of use temporarily [illegible] the Assistant General Manager [illegible] Sedalia.

Workmen were sent to Isbell immediately and Mr. Higgins said that the crossing was in condition at midnight to permit regular traffic between St. Louis and Jefferson City. Behind the trains delayed by the washout were held the mails delayed over the Burlington track. The repeated appearance at Isbell and other points where trains have been delayed by the current in September. Then both the tracks washed out. The otherwise [illegible] been reduced to good condition, however, and the work of [illegible] has been [illegible] the undermining of the ma[illegible]

Permanent construction will be done as speedily as possible and the manager [illegible] it in such a manner that the current however swift, will not [illegible] the crossing or interfere with the movement of trains.

Mr. Higgins said that in all probability the bridge at Isbell would stand a heavy rain, such as that which fell last night, without any harm, for no trains cross the bridge between St. Louis and Jefferson City. The repairing, which had been completed by midnight, he said, was [illegible]

Aged Man Struck by Car.

Attempting to cross the street before a moving car at Nos. [illegible] and Olive streets last night, about 8 o'clock, Mr. Joseph Weber, 65 years old, slipped and fell and was struck by the car. He was not injured. It was reported to the City Hospital, where his condition was pronounced dangerous.

ONLY A SUGGESTION

But It Has Proven of Interest and Value to Thousands

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump it can only result from the food we eat and digest, and that food should be all nutritious or flesh-forming food like eggs, beefsteak and cereals. In other words, the kinds of food that make flesh are the foods which form the greater part of our daily bills of fare.

But the trouble is that, while we eat enough and, generally, too much, the stomach from abuse and overwork does not properly digest and assimilate it, which is the reason so many people remain thin and under weight, the digestive organs do not completely digest the flesh-forming beefsteak, eggs and similar wholesome food.

There are thousands of such who are really suffering dyspepsia although they may have no particular pain or inconvenience from their stomachs.

If such persons would lay their prejudices aside and make a regular practice of taking, after each meal, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the food would be quickly and thoroughly digested, because these tablets contain the natural pepsines and diastase which every weak stomach lacks, and, by supplying this want, the stomach is soon enabled to resume its natural tone and vigor.

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RODGERS DODGES MISSOURI OFFICERS

Avoids Touching State to Prevent Attorney General Hadley Serving Subpoena on Him.

WANTED IN THE OIL INQUIRY.

Standard Oil Magnate Has Narrow Escape From Death at Leavenworth, Kas., Where Special Is Wrecked.

Leavenworth, Kas., Oct. 24.—The Henry H. Rogers special train, while standing in the Union Station yards here late tonight, was struck by a runaway section of a freight train ten cattle cars of which broke loose from the engine and ran backward down a heavy grade into the Rogers train.

Mr. Rogers was asleep in his berth, and the impact threw him across his berth, striking his head upon the wooden partition.

Panes of glass were broken in the Pullmans, which were otherwise uninjured, but the freight caboose was shattered.

The party left Humboldt, Kas., this morning on the Santa Fe, passing through Holliday and coming to Leavenworth. Here the special was transferred to the Missouri Pacific and left on the rear of the regular northbound train for Omaha.

Rogers and his party of stockholders did not visit the Sugar Creek refinery in Missouri, nor, in fact, did they at any time touch that State. The reason assigned for this is that Herbert S. Hadley, Attorney General of Missouri, is anxious to serve summons upon Rogers and others interested in the Standard Oil Company so as to secure their appearance in the case of the State of Missouri versus the Waters Pierce and Republic oil companies.

Rogers was to have gone to Chanute Saturday, but changed his mind very suddenly and was routed through here. His special was due to arrive over the Santa Fe at 7 o'clock, but did not reach here until 10. Mr. Rogers was asleep when the train reached here. One of the party confirmed the report of the proposed pipe line to Whiting, Ind.

SAYS HE BEGAN CAREER OF CRIME IN ST. LOUIS.

"George Webster," Arrested in Chicago, Says His Uncle, Former Missouri Governor, Saved Him From Penitentiary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—A man who gives his name as George Webster was arrested after a pistol fight with the police early this morning on the second floor of a little house at No. 195 Wells street, on the charge of being implicated in several robberies. Tonight he was identified as the leader of a gang which recently robbed the safe in a livery barn in broad daylight after overpowering the employes.

Webster says he started his career of crime in St. Louis.

"The first man I killed was in St. Louis in 1884," said the prisoner. "I got in a fight with a bunch of men in a poolroom under the old Standard Theater. They cut me up, but I plugged one of them through the heart and shot two others.

"The man killed was named Moran. He was working for Ed Butler, who figured prominently in the investigation started by Governor Folk.

"That 'Boss' Butler plugged strong against me and I was sentenced to hang. Then the old uncle, who was a former governor in Missouri, came to the front for me and I was let off with two years.

"No, I won't tell the name of the old Governor. He stuck to me through it all. The second time I killed a man was in '89 down in Louisville, Ky. I got out of it all right.

"Webster says he made $11,000 by robbing a bank in a Southern city.

Dave Billing, who conducts a saloon and boarding house at the southeast corner of Seventh and Walnut streets, was proprietor of the saloon in which Moran was killed, but he says that Webster was not the name of the slayer.

According to Billing, Moran was killed in a general fight in his saloon in 1884. He says that the slayer, whose name he does not remember, afterwards was shot to death in Cincinnati, O., where he was caught in the act of robbing the Methodist Book Concern's establishment.

ALLOTMENT OF RUSSIAN LOAN.

Of Issue of $260,000,000 American Participation to Be $20,000,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 24.—Although no official advices were received in Wall street banking-houses to-day, concerning the allotment of the Russian loan, it was well understood that the issue would be $260,000,000, of which the American participation will be $20,000,000.

All reports received by local banking-houses from their foreign correspondents agree upon the size of the loan and the American participation, but there were different reports concerning the participations by London, Berlin and Paris.

According to advices received by one influential banking-house, the participation and distribution of the Russian loan is as follows: Paris, $120,000,000; London, $60,000,000; Berlin, $20,000,000 and New York, $20,000,000. Another reported allotment was Paris $130,000,000, Berlin $70,000,000, London $30,000,000 and New York $30,000,000.

CORRECTED REPORT SHOWS 3,798 KILLED, 55,466 HURT IN YEAR BY RAILROADS.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The statement of railroad accidents recently issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission covered only the last quarter of the last fiscal year. The figures for the entire fiscal year are now given, as follows:

The total number of passengers killed in train accidents was 350; passengers injured in train accidents, 4,498.

The total number of employes killed in train accidents was 798; injured, 7,862.

There were 187 passengers killed in other than train accidents and 3,542 injured, and 2,463 employes killed in other than train accidents and 38,374 injured.

A grand total, of all classes, of 527 passengers killed and 10,040 injured, and 3,261 employes killed and 45,426 injured.

This shows an increase of 117 passengers killed and 1,983 injured, and a decrease of 106 employes killed and an increase of 2,149 employes injured.

There were 6,228 collisions during the year, with a money loss of $4,849,054, and 5,371 derailments, with a money loss of $4,862,602; a total of 11,599 collisions and derailments, and a total money loss of $9,711,656, being damage to cars, engines and roadways.

AMERICA ATTEMPTS TO HELP FRANCE

Minister to Venezuela Sent to Castro to Arrange Diplomatic Incident.

GREAT SECRECY MAINTAINED.

French Embassy at Washington Officially Declares That Efforts of United States Are Appreciated.

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 24.—The Government at Washington has commissioned the American Minister, Mr. Russell, to endeavor to arrange the Franco-Venezuelan diplomatic incident.

Mr. Russell will go to Los Teques today and have an interview with President Castro.

FRANCE APPRECIATES MOVE.

Washington, Oct. 24.—At the French Embassy, when informed of the effort of the American Minister at Caracas to arrange an agreement between France and Venezuela, the following authoritative statement was made:

"We are extremely happy to hear of the very kind intervention of the United States, and we are sure that ultimately France would have been glad to render the same service to the United States and the news of the intervention seems to us all the better because it will, without doubt, enable President Castro to realize the error, made by his Minister of Foreign Affairs, and possibly will have the result that France shall not have to take recourse to such methods as she should dislike very much to use, but for which, in case of need, all preparations have been made."

Senator Veloz, the Venezuelan Charge d'Affairs to this country, had not yet been officially notified about the statement, and therefore, declined to make any statement.

SAYS WAINWRIGHT WILL AID MUSEUM

Professor Ives Also States That Arrangements Have Been Made for Lectures and Exhibits the Coming Winter.

Professor Halsey C. Ives, director of the St. Louis Museum and School of Fine Arts, has just returned from a two months' trip abroad, in the interests of St. Louis art. He says Ellis Wainwright has promised to lend aid.

In speaking of his trip, Professor Ives said:

"I have purchased several works of art. I spent most of my time with directors of the best museums in Europe, formulating plans for a museum which will place St. Louis in the front ranks.

"I have arranged for a number of very fine exhibitions this season, as well as for several lectures.

"Will you remove the museum and school to the Art Palace?" he was asked.

"We hope to do so, but we cannot unless the citizens of St. Louis give us financial support. It will cost considerably more to maintain a museum and school in the Art Palace than it does here, yet in the end it would save money for the institution.

"We have more than a half million dollars' worth of paintings packed away in this museum, which would be of great benefit to the public if on exhibition. Situated as we are, we cannot display them on account of lack of space.

"Mr. Wainwright, who is very much interested in St. Louis art, and always has been, assured me that he would assist in the work. I had several conversations with Mr. Wainwright."

"I think it would be of great benefit to St. Louis to establish both art and public museums in Forest Park. The trouble with museums in America has been that the cities thought only of the present and did not plan for the future. We must plan for development, and then, too, it is much easier to care for a museum in a place like the park than it is in a location like the museum on Locust street, amid the dust, smoke and gas.

"The wings of the art building are not substantial that is, they are not fireproof—but they are as solidly constructed as the average commercial building. It would be folly to undertake to install the public museum in them, unless we had $50,000 for the maintenance for the first fiscal year. The building would require constant repairs and very careful watching.

"I will go over the building with Doctor Meier, in a few days, and will gladly assist him in any way I can with the public museum. The museums should be near each other for the benefit of the public. It is very difficult to draw the line, to say what belongs in one section or the other. Doctor Meier can be of great assistance to me, and I hope I may be able to assist him."

THROWN FROM CAR AND HURT.

John Fleming Suffers Serious Fracture of Skull.

When a northbound Broadway car left the tracks and dashed into the curb in front of No. 1000 South Seventh street last evening, John Fleming, 60 years old, was thrown to the pavement and suffered a fracture of the skull.

The car was moving rapidly at the moment, and several other passengers were hurled from their seats. Fleming was standing on the rear platform, and was thrown over the dashboard.

Fleming was taken to his home, No. 1247 Walsh street. His condition is said to be serious.

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TREED ALL DAY BY BULLDOG.

Young Men Got Very Tired of Eating Chestnuts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 24.—Aaron Long, residing near Kline's Corner, is the owner of a chestnut tree laden with Italian chestnuts, about three times as large as the ordinary chestnut. He and his wife went away and when they returned in the evening they found their bulldog at the foot of the tree and two meek and tired young men in the branches, where they had been since 9 o'clock in the morning, with the dog ready to receive them in case they descended. They had had nothing to eat but chestnuts. The owner of the tree, who knew them both, came to the conclusion that they had been punished enough, and let them go.

FELLS BLACKSMITH; RECEIVES BULLET

Patrick Condon, Charged With Invading John Griffin's Shop, Is Shot in Forehead.

WEAPON SLOW IN WORKING.

In Scuffle, Before Revolver Would Explode, Proprietor of Place Fought Desperately With Wounded Man.

Armed with a revolver, which, for several minutes he was unable to fire, John J. Griffin, a horseshoer, fought desperately with Patrick Condon, who had invaded his shop at No. 2023 Market street, yesterday afternoon, and felled William Lindhoff, an employe, with a bar of iron.

After beating Condon with the weapon, Griffin successfully renewed his efforts to explode it and sent four bullets toward his adversary. One bullet struck Condon over the right eye and pierced the skull. He was removed to the City Dispensary and later to the City Hospital. His condition is said to be serious.

Lindhoff, who was struck from behind as he leaned over to shoe a horse, staggered about the shop in the encounter between his employer and Condon, and, when arrested, was still badly dazed. A deep wound in his scalp was dressed at the City Dispensary before he was locked up at the Four Courts with Griffin.

Griffin and Lindhoff say that Condon, who formerly was a horseshoer, entered the shop at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and criticised the manner in which an apprentice was trimming a horse's hoof.

Both men say that Griffin ordered Condon from the shop, with the remark that he did not want to have any trouble. Condon left the place, they say.

Fearing that Condon would return and do him harm, Griffin says he procured a revolver and went about his work. While Lindhoff was engaged, Griffin says, Condon sneaked through the door and dealt the journeyman a blow on the head.

Griffin says that he then leaped toward Condon and leveled his revolver at the intruder's head. The trigger fell, but failed to explode the cartridge. Using the weapon as a club, Griffin says, he struck Condon on the face, and partly stunned him. Condon continued his atempts to hit Griffin with the piece of iron, it is said.

A second effort to discharge the revolver ended the battle in Griffin's favor. The shooting took Patrolmen Weaver and Murphy, Detective Howard and Special Officers Wilson and Evans to the scene.

At the Four Courts, Griffin told Chief Desmond that he had shot Condon, believing that his own life was in danger.

Condon was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Jefferson City for the killing of Henry Shrimp, May 17, 1894, and, according to the police, served a term in the Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., for assault with intent to kill. He lives at No 204 South Fourteenth street.

Griffin is well known as a Democratic politician in the Fourteenth Ward. His brother formerly was a member of the House of Delegates. He will be held, the police say, to await the outcome of Condon's wounds.

REPUBLICANS OF SPAIN PUBLISH RADICAL ADDRESS.

Inspired by the Visit of President Loubet, They Advocate Republican Form of Government.

Madrid, Oct. 24.—The Senators and Deputies favorable to the establishment of a Spanish Republic, having been forbidden personally to address President Loubet, who arrived here yesterday to return the visit of King Alfonso to Paris, have published an address of welcome, which in reality is a manifesto in favor of a republican form of government. It says:

"The Republicans of Spain greet the ruler who is the free choice of the people. The adoption by France of a republican regime has carried the spirit of republicanism throughout the world. The visit of the republican President to Spain recalls the bloody struggles which the Spanish Liberals made against traditions. Republican France represents the freedom gained by revolution, and it is toward the same end that Spain tends."

The address closes with "Vive la Republique."

M. Loubet this morning attended a brilliant military review and this evening gave a banquet to King Alfonso at the French Embassy.

A bullfight which had been arranged in honor of the President did not take place owing to rain.

SENATOR FORAKER A SICK MAN

Compelled to Cancel All His Campaign Engagements in Ohio.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbus, O., Oct. 24.—All of Senator Foraker's campaign dates have been canceled by the State Committee and his friends are much concerned about the Senator's condition. He is suffering from ulceration of the bowels, with symptoms of peritonitis.

The trouble began with a severe cold, contracted while he was on a campaign tour. He disregarded his illness for a time, but was finally compelled to return to Cincinnati, where he took to his bed a week ago and has been confined to it ever since.

Last summer, while spending a few weeks in West Virginia, the Senator suffered from such an attack, and it is believed that he never fully recovered from it.

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USED FORGED BADGES TO COLLECT BETS ON RACES.

Man Arrested at Jamaica Track for Taking Money Which Rightfully Belonged to Other Persons.

New York, Oct. 24.—After pursuit by a score of detectives and a hard fight, T. O. Moore, who said he lived in State street, Albany, was arrested in the betting ring at the Jamaica track to-day, charged with collecting bets from bookmakers on forged badges.

He is said to have recently collected more than $1,000 by this device, and the track detectives have been watching for him for several days.

He was trying to collect $240 on Leonora W., winner of the third race, to-day, when detectives stopped him. He broke away but was pursued and overpowered.

On his person was found a compact printing outfit for printing badge numbers, and a number of blank badges.

His scheme is said to have been to watch for big bets, and having noted the number of the bettor, to print the numbers on his own blanks and present them for collection the instant a winning race was over.

Moore was locked up in Long Island City on a charge of larceny.

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HITCHCOCK'S STAND ON BATHHOUSES

Not in Favor of Abandonment of the Private Leasing System.

WANTS BETTER CONDITIONS.

Remaining Site to Be Reserved for Model Bath House—Eisele's Report Approved in the Main.

The Republic Bureau, Wyatt Building, 14th and F Streets.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Secretary Hitchcock stated to-day that the Interior Department is in accord with the recommendations of Doctor Martin A. Eisele, superintendent of the Hot Springs Reservation in Arkansas, for the betterment of conditions obtaining at that resort.

"The department has refused to lease the one remaining site," said the Secretary, "until a bathhouse can be erected that will serve as a model for all others. Then, as the present leases expire, the department will renew or re-let them only on condition that the most modern equipment be installed. Through the medium of United States Consular officers, the department is receiving reports from the famous baths of Europe, with the view to having modern methods introduced at Hot Springs. Meanwhile everything possible will be done to bring about a better order of things."

While concurring in the recommendations of Superintendent Eisele in the main, Secretary Hitchcock was not ready to indorse the suggestion that the private-leasing system be done away with entirely. In his opinion the baths can be operated as well under the present as if they were under direct Government control. He expressed the belief that conditions can be made wholesome under the system in vogue, and emphatically declared that they will be.

"A large majority of the citizens of Hot Springs are fully satisfied that the Interior Department is striving to bring about better conditions for the good of the community, and are in thorough sympathy with the efforts being put forth to attain that end," said Mr. Hitchcock. "With their hearty support, we believe the evils will be done away with and the desired results secured."

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS.

New York, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Astoria, from Glasgow; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen; Statendam, from Rotterdam; Finland, from Antwerp; Canopia, Liverpool. Sailed: Kron Prinz Wilhelm, Bremen; Georgic, Liverpool.

Glasgow, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Furnessia, New York, via Moville.

Naples, Oct. 24.—Sailed: Sicilian Prince, New York, via Palermo.

Genoa, Oct. 19.—Arrived: Liguria, New York.

Glasgow, Oct. 23.—Arrived: Pretorian, Montreal and Quebec.

Naples, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Prinz Oskar, New York for Genoa (and proceeded).

Christiania, Oct. 24.—Sailed: United States, from Copenhagen, New York.

London, Oct. 24.—Sailed: Anglian, Boston.

Glasgow, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Steamer Numidian, New York.

Yokohama, Oct. 21.—Sailed: Steamer Tydeus (from Liverpool) via Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, etc., Tacoma.

Liverpool, Oct. 24.—Sailed: Steamer Saxonia, Boston, via Queenstown.

New York, Oct. 24.—Arrived: Oceanic, Liverpool and Queenstown.

LITCHFIELD-MADISON ROAD IS INDEPENDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 24.—All joint officers of the Litchfield and Madison Railroad have resigned, and that road will hereafter be operated independently of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad.

ERA OF THE SOUTHWEST: NEW MISSOURI TERRITORY.

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prize-winning peaches and grapes and strawberries.

The State has made a great part of its reputation from the products of its orchards and its vineyards, yet it is true that a very small percentage of the available lands for fruit raising has been devoted to such purpose.

These White River lands, by chemical analysis, have been found to be composed of those constituents which are necessary to perfect fruit culture. They are cheap, much cheaper than the cotton and alfalfa plantations; they are close to the railways and are surrounded by hills, which serve the purpose of tempering the atmosphere, which is by no means necessary, since one of the boasts of Arkansas is the temperate climate, a cross between the North and the South. The early birds are beginning to take advantage of the fruit possibilities of this region, and the land is being purchased with this end in view.

So much attention has been paid to cotton that stock raising has been neglected. There is not enough stock raised in the county to provide for the local market, and the strange proposition is noted of beef and pork being shipped in by the carload to furnish meat for a population which is living in a first-class stock-raising country.

There is still plenty of timber land left, which grows naturally into grazing land, where cane and mast, pecans and hickory nuts grow in abundance. The stock is allowed to range at will and flourishes in proportion to the available food. Stock is not cared for as it should be, nor is any attention paid to stock raising as a commercial business.

Cotton absorbs the attention of everybody, and a great item in the era of development which is opening is to be the avidity with which thoroughgoing stockmen will seize upon the opportunity which has already opened up.

An industry which has flourished with wonderful success in this part of the State has been the mussel fisheries along the White River. It was not known until 1897 that the bars of the White and Black rivers were covered with mussels whose shells bring an average of $40 a ton from the manufacturers of the pearl buttons. Newport soon became the headquarters of Arkansas pearl buyers, and a large button factory was established.

Last season $20,000 was paid for shells at Newport, and more than $50,000 for pearls. The latter is much the more alluring feature of the game, and pearls have been found for which were received prices ranging from $500 to $1,000. Several have been sold for the latter figure, and two brought $1,000. In the last three years, the age of this industry, it is estimated that tens of thousands of shells have been taken from the White and Black rivers.

The seeking for the shells has been reduced to something of a scientific basis and large fleets of boats are in commission which are engaged in the industry. So strenuous has been the search after the mollusks because of the rush to the river when it was learned that the possibilities were so great that there is at present something of a depredation in the visible supply. Still the shell game, as it is practiced in this vicinity, is one of the most lucrative to him who is engaged in the same.

There is a strong home market for alfalfa, which grows abundantly in the river bottoms. There are at least three cuttings to the season and often five, the price of the product in Newport averaging about $15 a ton.

The situation as regards alfalfa, wheat, corn, oats, sorghum, in fact, all of the usual farm products, is very similar to the usual farm products—is very similar to the and far between, who make a specialty of one or the other of these crops, just as there is a minimum figure of stockraisers who have some extra good breeds of hogs and cattle. But the country is cotton mad and cares little for other products in which plenty of money can easily be made by selling in the home market.

The cotton planters have joined generally in the organization of the South to plant a reduced acreage in the hope of raising the price, and about one-fourth less cotton was planted this season than last. There was a 10 to 15 per cent decrease in the product per acre, and, as a consequence, there is much cotton land which is going into other crops next season.

It is the opinion of a man who has made a close study of local conditions that forty acres of White River bottom land planted in pecans will bring a larger return in from five to ten years than a gold mine. He claims that the land can be made to produce good crops sufficient to pay its way in the meantime. He is trying it as an experiment and the results are being watched with great interest.

If his expectations are realized a great opening is at hand for a pecan farmer, since there are thousands of acres which are available for just such an industry.

E. O. PHILLIPS.

C. & N. W. Headquarters.

Casper, Wyo., Oct. 24.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad has located the headquarters of its Wyoming lines at this point, with J. P. Cantillon as division superintendent. The extension to Lander and Shoshone has been added to the Wyoming Division.

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