

## AWFUL MINE HORROR

### Hundreds Lose Their Lives in a Pennsylvania Colliery.

#### Explosion Imprisons the Men in the Bowels of the Earth—Deadly Coal Gas Hinders the Work of Rescuers.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—An explosion of fire damp in the Rolling Mill coal mine of the Cambria steel company, under West Mont hill, just after noon Thursday brought death or injury to a great number of the 600 miners at work. Conservative estimates place the number of dead at 175, the mine officers admit that over 100 men are entombed in the mines, while some miners declare at least 400 persons are still buried. The scene of the accident is known as the "Klondike." Late at night less than 200 of the 600 workers are known to have escaped. At midnight General Manager Price told Mayor Hendry 65 bodies are in sight.

#### Cause of Explosion Unknown.

About a score of American miners who were at work in the Klondike district noticed the presence of fire damp in their apartment soon after the explosion occurred, and started at once for the main entrance. They were almost overcome by the deadly gas, but reached the outside world in safety. One of the men who got out safely said it is not known what caused the explosion, and that it will probably never be known, as he believed never before.

#### Rescuers Meet Death.

Mine Foreman Harry Rodgers, his assistant, William Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Retailic and John Thomas were overcome by the gases and perished in a heroic attempt to rescue the fated miners.

Mining Engineer Moore and George T. Robinson, superintendent, are at the head of a rescuing party from the Franklin slope and Conemaugh mine. They are slowly working their way toward the scene of the explosion, but must fight the deadly gases every step of the way.

#### Miners Reach the Surface.

Several miners have reached the surface who were working near the scene of the explosion. They say that they passed through a portion of the Klondike district and saw the bodies of at least 50 men. The men who came out were foreigners and were in such an excited condition that it was impossible to get a connected story from them.

#### Say 300 Got Out.

Two miners who came out of the mine at the Mill Creek opening estimate about 300 of the 600 men at work in the Cambria drift got out at that opening. They think the other 300 still there and probably dead.

#### Condition Frightful.

The few survivors describe the condition as frightful. Outside of the Klondike the mines are safe and uninjured. Within the fatal limits of the mine the havoc wrought by the explosion is such as beggars description. Solid walls of masonry three feet thick were torn down as if barriers of paper. The roofs of the mine were demolished and not a door remains standing.

#### Pathetic Scenes.

It was nearly an hour after the explosion before any general knowledge of what had happened got abroad. Men who came from the mines, escaping with their lives, told the terrible news and soon it spread like wildfire all over the city. In scores of homes there was the most pathetic scenes. Mothers, wives, daughters, sons and relatives were frantic with grief. Hundreds rushed to the point and with sobbing hearts awaited news that did not come from the ill-fated mine.

#### Victims Brought Out.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—At 11:20 Thursday night the first four victims were brought to the surface from the Klondike section. They were William Robinson, who was unconscious when found; John Retailic, alive and in pretty good shape, and two unknown Slavs, both alive, but unconscious.

#### Entirely Unexpected.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—President Powell Stackhouse was seen at the mouth of the mine at midnight and gave out the following statement: "The disaster is an unusual one and came on us entirely unexpected. The mine had been inspected only three days ago and was pronounced in satisfactory condition. The number of casualties is now placed at 175. No list of the names of the dead miners can be given, for the majority of them were foreigners and were known only by check and not by name. The only way their names will ever be known if the bodies are not recovered in time for identification will be by their families sending their names to us."

#### Corn Acreage.

Washington, July 11.—Preliminary returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture on the acreage of corn planted indicate an increase of about 3,520,000 acres, or 3.9 per cent. on the acre harvested last year.

#### No Proselyting by Teachers.

Washington, July 11.—Secretary Root has received a cablegram from Acting Gov. Wright, in the Philippines, making a general denial of the charge of proselyting by teachers among Catholic students in the Philippine schools. The cablegram shows a complete investigation was made of the allegations.

#### Panama Title Clear.

Washington, July 11.—It can be stated on authority that the selection of the Panama canal route has been practically completed and that the canal will be built on that line.

## KING NAMES THE DAY.

### Fixes Upon August 9 as the Time for the Coronation—Health Continues to Improve.

London, July 11.—It is said on good authority that, subject to the approval of King Edward's physician's, the coronation will occur August 9.

London, July 11.—The bulletin on King Edward's condition posted at Buckingham palace at ten o'clock Thursday morning says: "The king's condition continues to be satisfactory."  
(Signed) "TREVES, 'LAKING,' 'BARLOW.'"

An authoritative statement regarding the health of King Edward was published in Thursday's issue of the British Medical Journal. It says: "In view of the fact that sinister stories continue to be manufactured and printed it may be again stated emphatically as possible that during the operation no trace of malignant disease was observed, that no suspicion of any kind has arisen since, and that the medical attendants are quite satisfied that his majesty's constitution is thoroughly sound."

The British Medical Journal adds: "The progress of the last week has been everything that could be desired. The wound, though still deep, is granulating well. During the last ten days the improvement in his majesty's general health has been remarkably rapid. The king has regained his strength almost completely and is able to take restricted diet with a good appetite."  
The Lancet also stigmatizes as "lies" the sensational rumors circulated and says: "There is not and never has been the faintest shadow or ghost of a suspicion of any malignant disease."  
The Lancet specifically asserts that the king is free from cancer.

London, July 11.—Shortly after Queen Alexandra passed on her way to open the coronation bazaar, the decorations across Langham place, heavy and sodden with rain, were caught in a squall of wind and fell, dragging down a mass of coping from the top of All Souls' church. Miss Streatly, believed to be a Canadian, was killed, and several persons were injured.

## SETTLE ON OFFICERS.

### Nominating Committee of National Educational Association Selects President Eliot for President.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 11.—Thursday was another busy day for the members of the National Educational association whose convention here will be finished Friday. The morning was given up to a general session of the association in the exposition auditorium while the afternoon was devoted to meetings of the various departments.

The nominating committee gathered early in the day and settled on the list of officers to be presented to the association. It was duly ratified later on. President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, was unanimously selected for president of the association after a eulogistic nominating speech by Dr. Nicholas M. Butler, of Columbia university. W. N. Davidson, of Kansas, was selected for treasurer, and, according to custom, the outgoing president, W. M. Beardshear, of Iowa, was named for first vice president.

There was a large attendance at the general session, which was signalized by three notable addresses. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, spoke on "Education for the Farmer;" Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university and former member of the Philippine commission, made a most interesting address on "Education in the Philippines," and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, the noted woman suffragist, made an address.

## WILL NOT SEND TROOPS.

### Governor of Pennsylvania Refuses Request of Sheriff of Carbon County—Miners Are Unruly.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 11.—In reply to a request from Sheriff Gombert, of Carbon county, asking that troops be sent to Lansford and Summit Hill to preserve order, Gov. Stone Thursday afternoon replied that he could not do so under present circumstances and that the sheriff ought to be able to cope with the situation.

Tamaqua, Pa., July 11.—The striking miners in the Panther creek valley are becoming restless and unruly, and the citizens of Lansford, Summit Hill and Tamaqua are preparing to organize vigilante committees to uphold law and order.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

### Meet in International Convention at Providence with Large Delegations in Attendance.

Providence, R. I., July 11.—When the convention of the Baptist Young People's union opened in this city Thursday, it was estimated that fully 10,000 delegates, representing every state in the union, were present.

The first big rally was held Thursday afternoon in ten churches and halls. The programme is of unusual interest. Among those scheduled to take part are Rev. Dr. F. F. Perry, of Chicago; Prof. J. M. Stiffer, of Chester, Pa.; Rev. Dr. J. W. Weddell, of Davenport, Ia.; and Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia.

#### Boer Losses Reported.

Pretoria, July 11.—The Red Cross depot, which acted as a casualty office for the Boers during the war, estimates that the total number killed on the Boer side was 3,700, and 32,000 made prisoners of war, of whom 700 died. The Boer forces in the field numbered about 75,000.

#### Finds a Zinc Mine.

Harrisburg, Ill., July 11.—Word has been received here of the discovery of a rich zinc lead on a farm near Shelterville on the line between Pope and Hardin counties, which is said to be worth a million dollars.

## MANY BODIES FOUND.

### Over Eighty Taken from the Mine Explosion Near Johnstown.

#### The Dead Will Probably Number Two Hundred—Distressing Scenes—Money Loss to Company Will Be Large.

Johnstown, Pa., July 12.—Just as day broke through the pall of fog Friday the grim details of awful disaster at the Rolling Mill mine of the Cambria Steel company dawned with renewed force on the thousands waiting for authentic news as to the extent of the explosion. Forty-seven dead bodies, all contorted and many blackened and burned, lie stretched on rough slabs in the improvised morgue in the Armory building. Forty more are in cars in the mine, ready to be borne out as fast as room can be made for them. Last estimates of the number of dead reduce the fatal scope of the calamity. But these, while fixing it at around 100, are not conclusive. General Superintendent G. J. Robinson would not say at this time whether he thought there were 100 or 300 dead. He says there is no way of telling until a full investigation of the mine is made. When that will be he says he has no means of telling. All rests with the difficulty to be encountered in clearing the heading of after-damp.

#### First Load of Victims.

It was 5:55 o'clock when the first train load of victims were brought to the mouth of the main entry. Forty-nine cars were used in bringing out 46 dead bodies and four living injured. The discovery of the dead bodies was made by a searching party about ten o'clock Thursday night. They were lying in the main heading two miles in from the main pit mouth. No attempt was made to remove them until certainty was established that no more living remained in the mine. From the positions of the bodies the miners were evidently eating their lunches when suddenly stricken down by the explosion. They were seated in groups of five and ten, with their buckets and the remains of their lunches scattered over the floor. Evidently their lives were snuffed out quickly and easily.

#### Distressing Scenes.

Distressing scenes are many about the temporary morgue and on the side of the river at the foot of the descent from the pit mouth, where women and children are waiting to hear of the rescue or death of their relatives. Several thousands are congregated at both points. No hope is extended to them by the mine officials, as it is conceded that no living person in the mine after the explosion and not heard from can be alive.

#### Bodies Taken to Morgue.

When the bodies of the victims came from the mine a long line of undertakers' wagons and picnic wagons were in waiting to take them on the roundabout route to the morgue in the city. There they were backed up to a door and a large force of police were ready to check the great throng from pressing in too close. Body after body was dragged from the wagons and borne inside. All of them were blackened and unrecognizable, until the undertakers got to work.

#### Great Money Loss.

Outside of the property loss this catastrophe will cost the Cambria Steel company a large sum. "The company has for many years past paid the family of every person killed in its employment \$1,000, outside of what it expended for medical purposes, and it has paid every man who has lost an eye, limb or became otherwise partially disabled the sum of \$500. It is understood that the rule will not be suspended."

#### More Bodies Found.

Johnstown, Pa., July 12.—Between daylight and nightfall Friday 87 bodies were taken from the Rolling Mill mine of the Cambria Steel company, in which there was an explosion Friday. At midnight 82 more bodies were loaded on cars ready to be brought out the first thing after daylight. This increases the dead list to 143.

#### Deadly Duel.

Mexico, Mo., July 12.—Rhodes Clay, representative in the Missouri assembly and recently nominated for a second term, is dead as the result of pistol wounds inflicted by C. A. Barnes, a young attorney. Five shots were fired during the fight, which took place in front of the post office. Clay being shot through the breast and Barnes having his wrist shattered by a ball from his opponent's revolver. The shooting grew out of business transactions involving the principals.

#### Fears Trouble in Cuba.

New York, July 12.—In the opinion of Capt. John Conroy, superintendent of the harbor improvement work being done at Cardenas, Cuba, by a New York contractor, there will be trouble with the natives of that place within 60 days. The negroes, he says, are dissatisfied with conditions, and as they participated in the fighting they believe they ought to have the offices.

#### Cuba Accepts.

Washington, July 12.—A cablegram received from Minister Squiers, at Havana, by Charles M. Pepper, the commissioner of the Louisiana Purchase exposition to Cuba, states that the invitation for the new republic to participate in the exposition has been accepted.

#### Denies a Pardon.

Springfield, Ill., July 12.—Gov. Yates has refused to pardon William A. Paulsen, convicted of receiving deposits in the Central Trust and Savings bank of Chicago when that institution was insolvent.

## DES MOINES FLOODED.

### Highest Water in Fifty Years Does Great Damage in the Capital City of Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., July 11.—The flood situation reached its most alarming stage in the history of the city Thursday morning. The Des Moines river was 21 feet above low water mark at seven o'clock, having risen three feet in less than ten hours. It is still rising at a rapid rate. The Raccoon river, which empties into the Des Moines at this place, advanced four feet between 3 and 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, and is still going up.

The flood is at the highest point since 1851, when the river was six feet deep over what is now occupied by thousands of residences, business houses and factories. At that time the river was but one foot higher than at present, and it is evident the old record will soon be broken. Nothing but levees protect all this district, and in two score places they have either broken or given way.

Hundreds of men are working desperately along the levees to save their homes and property, but the water is slowly driving them from their positions. Residents of South Des Moines kept an anxious vigil all night long, and at four o'clock, owing to the breaking of a large section of the levee, were forced to flee. Many thrilling rescues by boats are reported. Thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed in 20 minutes in South Des Moines, and it is now practically cut off from the rest of the city. Four feet of water is rushing through a district of 20 blocks occupied by residences. In North Des Moines a wide breach in the levee occurred at eight o'clock, and 400 residents were forced to abandon their homes, and much of their property.

Des Moines, Ia., July 11.—At ten o'clock the Des Moines river ceased to rise and by noon it had receded three inches. Heroic work on the levees in North Des Moines repaired the breaks and saved many valuable residences. The Raccoon river, however, continued to rise and spread out over an enormous territory. At noon it had invaded the factory district and nothing but the roof of the Keith furnace factory and the McCormick Manufacturing company could be seen. Thousands of dollars' worth of machinery in these places were destroyed.

Council Bluffs, Ia., July 11.—The high waters throughout the western part of Iowa are receding and all roads running out of this city have their trains nearly on time. Burlington and Rock Island branch trains in the Nishnabola valley are experiencing some trouble, but trains are running regularly.

Sioux City, Ia., July 11.—The waters have begun to recede on the lowlands near here and, as no rain fell today, it is believed the worst is over. The damage done in Woodbury county alone is estimated by conservative men at over \$1,000,000, and the total loss may reach twice that amount.

## FRIARS NOT TO BE OUSTED.

### Pope's Reply to the Proposals of United States Received from Governor Taft.

Washington, July 11.—A cablegram has been received at the war department from Gov. Taft transmitting the reply of the vatican to the proposals of the United States government. Secretary Root did not get the message until late in the forenoon as it had to be translated from cipher and he has not yet considered the subject. The abstract cabled to the press from Rome contains all the essential features of the reply, and was substantially as follows: The vatican, while couching its reply in the most friendly tone, refuses to withdraw the friars from the Philippines within any fixed period of time, explaining that it is impossible, as it would put the holy see in conflict with Spain. The vatican promises, however, that the friars shall not return to their parishes and that priests of other nationalities, especially Americans, shall be introduced into the islands.

## TROOPS TO PROTECT THEM.

### Gov. Yates Takes Decisive Steps to Put a Stop to Outrages at Eldorado, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., July 11.—Gov. Yates Thursday ordered Col. Theodore Ewert, assistant adjutant general of Illinois, to proceed to Eldorado, Saline county, with a squad of infantry and protect the lives and property of negro residents there, who during the past month have been subjected to outrages at the hands of white citizens. Col. Ewert will be joined at Mt. Vernon by an officer and 16 men from company F, Fourth infantry, and he will proceed to Eldorado. He is instructed by the governor to quell all disturbances, and if possible to ascertain the names of the leaders of the lawless mob.

#### Postal Receipts Increase.

Washington, July 11.—The receipts of the 50 largest post offices of the United States for June were \$4,478,368, a gain of \$572,822 or 14 per cent. over the receipts for June, 1901.

#### Died Suddenly.

Missoula, Mont., July 11.—E. L. Bonner, millionaire lumberman, merchant and banker, fell from his automobile, expiring instantly. Heart failure was the cause. He was a pioneer of Montana and a member of the republican national committee.

#### War College.

Washington, July 11.—The war college board, consisting of Maj. Gen. Young, Brig. Gens. Carter and Bliss, and Maj. Green, held its first meeting today. The session was preliminary to the organization of the college proper.

## IN A CLOSER UNION.

### Teachers at Minneapolis Form a National Federation—Close of the Great Meeting.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 12.—At the meeting Friday of the National Educational association plans were formed for a national organization of grade teachers to be known as the National Teachers' Federation, and the object of the organization being to promote the tone and increase the advantages of the classroom, yielding benefits alike to the teacher, the pupil and the parent. All classroom teachers in elementary schools will be eligible to membership.

Friday was the last day of the association meetings, and the morning was devoted to a general session in the Auditorium. The principal speaker was William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education, Washington, D. C., whose topic was "How the School Strengthens the Individuality of the Pupil."

Most of the day was devoted to department meetings, speakers from the various departments discussing the following topics: "The Use and Danger of Method," "How Far Does the



CHARLES W. ELIOT. President of Harvard University Who Has Been Elected President of the National Educational Association.

#### Modern High School Fit the Nature and Needs of Adolescents?

"Age as Related to Character Building," "Education in the Appreciation of Art," "Requirements of Actual Business," "Preparation of Commercial Teachers for Public School Work."

The convention came to an end Friday evening and in nearly every way it has proven the most successful meeting of the kind ever held. Between 20,000 and 25,000 people have been present. Forty-five meetings of the departments and six general sessions contributed to the work. At all of them the best known speakers in the United States have delivered addresses.

Before adjournment resolutions were adopted to petition congress to establish a department of education and make its head a cabinet officer; also urging the restoration of the Bible in the schools.

It seems to be generally understood that the meeting place for next year will be Boston, the election of President Eliot, of Harvard university, being taken by most of those in attendance to mean that there will be no further competition by other would-be aspirants for the honor.

## NEWS FROM MANILA.

### Court Martial Concluded—Sentenced for Treason—Gen. Sumner in Command at Mindanao.

Manila, July 12.—The court-martial of Capt. James A. Ryan, of the Fifteenth cavalry, on the charge of unnecessary severity to natives, is ended, and it is believed that he will be acquitted.

Gen. Maxilon, who has been convicted of treason at Cebu, island of Cebu, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$2,000. Gen. Noviso, who was jointly charged with Gen. Maxilon, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and a similar fine.

Gen. Davis has turned over the command of the American troops in Mindanao island to Gen. Sumner. The two generals are visiting Camp Vickers, where the Americans face the Moros. The spread of cholera has slightly decreased, possibly on account of the rain. The totals since the outbreak are: Manila, 2,181 cases and 1,718 deaths; provinces, 12,476 cases and 9,357 deaths.

Gen. Chaffee has ordered the carrying out of President Roosevelt's Philippine pacification proclamation, and army officers have been told to attend to military affairs only.

#### Village Destroyed.

Appleton, Wis., July 12.—The village of Bear Creek, 30 miles northwest of this city, was destroyed by fire Friday. A dozen stores, the post office, Chicago & Northwestern depot and a lumber mill had been destroyed by noon and the fire was still raging. The fire began at four o'clock Friday morning in a millinery store. The loss may reach \$100,000. The residents fought the fire with buckets.

#### Fatal Runaway.

Van Buren, Ark., July 12.—Richard Jones, a prominent farmer living near Belmont, this county, was killed by a runaway team and two children were injured. Jones' neck was broken and the children's skulls were fractured.

#### Elected President.

Salina, Kan., July 12.—Prof. W. F. Hoyt has been elected acting president of the Kansas Wesleyan university to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Gridley. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan university.

#### Murderers Sentenced.

Henderson, Minn., July 12.—Death by hanging for Frank Tanke and life imprisonment for his wife is the punishment to which they were sentenced for the murder of John Wellner, Mrs. Tanke's first husband.

## MANY ARE HOMELESS.

### Hundreds of People in Des Moines Forced to Sleep Outdoors Because of the Flood.

Des Moines, Ia., July 12.—Hundreds of homeless flood sufferers spent Thursday night in schoolhouse yards and in downtown parks without so much as a blanket to cover them. Some had to beg for food, although every possible effort is being taken to provide for them. The charitable societies and city officials are becoming better organized and it is believed the wants will be generally met.

The smallpox hospital and the city hall and jail have been filled with cots. These can accommodate but a small portion of those who need shelter, however, and tents are being distributed. Neither the Des Moines nor the Raccoon rivers have receded perceptibly. The net decline since the highest point was reached is but two or three inches, and the Des Moines actually rose a half inch during the night. It is believed the situation in the flooded district cannot be materially relieved for several days and that when the water finally reaches its former channel an epidemic of malaria and typhoid fever will prevail. An estimate of the damage at this time is practically impossible. It is expected to reach a million dollars.

The Great Western and Keokuk & Western round houses are completely submerged and neither road can cross the river owing to the washouts and destruction of bridges. The Great Western can haul no freight, but is maintaining passenger service by transferring passengers across the river by means of omnibuses.

Topeka, Kan., July 12.—The Kaw river here has risen one foot since Thursday and is still rising. The lowlands are flooded. In North Topeka several families have abandoned their homes, which together with the First Cumberland church, are surrounded by water. There is four feet of water in the basement of the Wolff packing plant. Water is running over both Garfield and City parks in this city, and the street railway tracks in the outlying districts are submerged. The street railway bridge in Topeka still stands, but is in a shaky condition, and the bridges at Willard and Valencia, near-by points, are in danger.

Kansas City, Mo., July 12.—The Missouri and the Kaw rivers here are nearly one foot higher than Thursday, with indications that they will continue to rise gradually for another 24 hours at least. The worst damage is at the railroad town of Armourdale, on the Kaw, where several streets are under water from one to four feet deep.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

### In Session in Providence They Re-elect John H. Chapman President and Select Other Officers.

Providence, R. I., July 12.—The Baptist Young People's union convention began its second day here with prayer meetings in the First Baptist church, where Rev. E. P. Tuller, of Detroit, Mich., spoke upon a "Call to Battle," and in Infantry hall, where Rev. Walter Calley, of Boston, addressed a great audience upon "The Girdle of Consecration."

The nominating committee presented at 10:30 a list of officers for the coming year, all of whom were elected, as follows:

President, John H. Chapman, Illinois; vice president, George Miller, Maryland; second vice president, Thomas Trotter, D. C.; Secretary, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, H. W. Reid, Illinois; treasurer, H. B. Osgood, Chicago; members of the board of managers, Ira M. Pierce, D. D.; H. W. Reid, J. W. Low, C. S. Burton, H. F. Perry, D. D.; W. H. Getzner, D. D.; E. W. Hunt, D. D.; George T. Webb, and M. L. Britton.

## TREASURY STATISTICS.

### Annual Report of the Auditor Shows an Increase in Accounts Audited and Examined.

Washington, July 12.—The annual report of the auditor of the treasury department, made public Friday, shows accounts examined and audited to the number of 96,483, involving receipts and disbursements amounting to \$5,378,110,584, against a total of 39,020 accounts, involving receipts and disbursements of \$5,806,761,014 for the year ended June 30, 1901. The large increase in the number of accounts examined and audited is due to the redemption of stamps under the act to repeal war taxes. The auditor makes no recommendations.

#### Wisconsin Pioneer Dead.

La Crosse, Wis., July 12.—Judge Harvey E. Hubbard, for 31 years a resident of this city, and one of its very first settlers, died Friday morning after a lingering illness of three months. He was appointed postmaster under President Pierce and held the office for many years, being the youngest postmaster the city ever had. He was judge of the criminal court for many years also, and in many ways prominently connected with the early history of western Wisconsin.

#### Six Months' Revival.

London, July 12.—Gen. Booth is going to the United States in October to conduct a six months' Salvation Army revival from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He has plans for several important innovations in the army's work in the United States, but is not ready to outline them at present.

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