

TWENTY DROWNED

Ferryboats Collide in San Francisco Bay.

FOG RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTER

Four Meet Death in the Flames—Prairie Fire Raging Near Spring View, Neb. Hold-Ups Plying Their Trade—Other Important News.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The ferryboat Sausalito and San Rafael collided in a dense fog on the bay and the San Rafael sank in fifteen minutes. It is thought that not more than twenty persons were drowned, although the San Rafael carried between 150 and 200 passengers. The Sausalito was not seriously injured, and after rescuing all the passengers on the San Rafael that she could proceed to San Francisco under her own steam.

The boats belonged to the San Francisco and North Pacific railway. They plied between San Francisco and Sausalito, a suburb across the bay in Marin county. At Sausalito a train connects for Ross Valley and San Rafael, where many San Francisco business men making their summer and winter homes. The San Rafael left San Francisco at 6:15. There had been a dense fog on the bay all day long and towards evening it seemed to thicken. Captain McKinzie of the San Rafael sent his ship along under a slow bell. He was somewhere near Alcatraz island when the Sausalito, coming from Sausalito to San Francisco, crashed into her.

There were but few passengers on the Sausalito, but they were badly scared and for a few moments it looked as if both ships were going down. When it was seen that the Sausalito was not badly injured she stood by the San Rafael, and officers, crew and passengers engaged in the rescue of the unfortunates on board the sinking vessel.

DEATH IN FLAMES.

Mother and Four Children Burned in Their Home.

Five persons, a mother and her four children were burned to death at Gwyn station, three miles north of Altoona, Pa. The husband escaped with severe injuries.

The family had retired. About two o'clock Mrs. Burk was awakened by a dense smoke in her room. She awoke her husband, who found the kitchen ablaze. Burk's clothing was ignited, but he rolled in the snow to extinguish the flames. He then summoned the assistance of neighbors, but when they arrived there was no hope of saving the house or rescuing the inmates. Burk was sent away to a hospital crazed with grief. The house was soon consumed and the bodies, charred and blackened, were recovered.

It is believed a lighted lamp was left on a table and that some way the lamp was upset, possibly by the family dog.

Robbed on Crowded Street.

In a crowded downtown street in Chicago J. W. Rogge was robbed by two highwaymen and thrown bodily through a plate glass window. Rogge was attacked by men on Fifth avenue near Madison street, and while one of them choked him into helplessness the other went through his pockets, securing a small amount of money. The things then poked him up and threw him through a large plate glass restaurant window. They then took to their heels with a crowd in pursuit of them, but finally dodged up an alley and escaped. Rogge's body went half way through the window, but beyond a few cuts and bruises he was not seriously injured.

Killed 800 Quails.

Marshall Warren and friends from New York City have returned to Emporia from their hunt in the Indian Territory. During their trip they bagged 800 quails, nineteen wild turkeys, two deer and mallards and teal without number, forty squirrels, as many coyotes and whole towns of prairie dogs fell victims of the Emporia nimrods.

Will Be Rescued.

The United States government is preparing to send relief to the 115 Cape Nome miners who are reported to be stranded at Unalaska. Captain Healey of the revenue cutter service has received instructions to hold himself in readiness to proceed at once to the far north in command of the cutter McCulloch. It will require ten days for the McCulloch to reach Unalaska.

Educational Law Fractured.

Frank Nelson, superintendent of public instruction, is completing an investigation of the Kansas educational system which will show that 190,000 of the 400,000 children of school age in the state do not attend school. Kansas has a compulsory educational law and it is difficult to account for the large percentage of absentees.

Poverty Leads to Suicide.

Willard Cole, a young lawyer of Sheboygan, Wis., formerly district attorney, committed suicide at Mattson recently by taking a dose of poison. He was found dead and the coroner held an inquest and it was found that he had taken a drug while in a fit of despondency. Mr. Cole recently lost his position. This discouraged him and led him to take his own life. He was a nephew of George Cole, a local banker, and Major Nathan Cole of Sheboygan.

FUSS LEADS TO BLOWS

In Marysville a Deacon and a Doctor Fought on the Main Street.

The troubles in the Baptist church of Marysville, Kan., culminated in a street fight, between A. K. Bigham, one of the deacons, and Dr. T. I. Hatfield, a dentist. Friends separated the combatants before the fight was finished. The troubles in the Baptist church in that city have become well known in northeastern Kansas. It was started by the failure of Rev. Mr. Rice, the pastor, to deliver an eulogy of Mr. McKinley on the night following the President's death. He was charged with being un-American and unpatriotic and a fight upon him was started. A meeting of the members of the church was called October 15, and Mr. Rice was informed that his pastorate would terminate in three months.

Deacon Bigham is a member of the Rice faction, while Dr. Hatfield is anti-Rice. The two men met at the intersection of the two main streets. One called the other a liar, and the fight followed. Dr. Hatfield is a member of the state board of dental examiners. Mr. Bigham is a milk dealer and is 64 years old.

CAUSES DEATH OF THREE

Cage Drops Seven Hundred Feet Down a Mine Shaft.

At the Lambert mines, near Mastontown, Pa., eight men, after dropping a distance of 700 feet down a shaft, were all brought to the surface living, but with three dying, and the others probably fatally hurt. Just as they got aboard the cage the cable parted and the cage dropped. A few seconds later the miners at the top heard the sound of a crash and splintering wood. The cage on the opposite side was immediately loaded with a rescuing party, who, on arriving at the bottom, found the men lying unconscious on the floor of the cage with crushed chests, broken arms and legs and in some cases the bones protruding through the flesh. One man's skull was fractured. Two of the injured miners were Americans and the other six Hungarians. The names of but three of them could be learned. They are Peter Babycok, Steve Latonski, and Vincent Conaty.

Three Desperados.

Three desperados gave a display of wild west tactics at Alliance, O. They entered two houses, held up the inmates, held up several persons on the street and finally stole a horse and buggy with which they made their escape.

The home of Mrs. Margaret Teeters was the first entered, where she and her son Carl were robbed of their jewelry and \$20.

While one of the three guarded the Teeters home two others entered the home of ex-Senator Silas J. Williams next door, but got nothing.

They next tried to enter a saloon but were met at the door by Lawrence Cavanaugh, who, though covered by revolvers, shouted for help. Some young men who ran to Cavanaugh's assistance were covered by the revolvers of the highwaymen and made to give up what valuables they possessed. The trio then jumped into a carriage stolen from a livery and got away.

Fifteen Drowned.

News of the foundering of a launch at Nome, causing the drowning of fifteen, was received by the steamer Miowera. The steamer St. Pierre had arrived from the Isle of Pipes with thirty-four prisoners, including three women, and the launch went out to tender the steamer. It was too small, and, being over-crowded, capsized, and all on board were thrown into the water. Fifteen were drowned, including Warden Andre, who was in charge of the launch.

Asks for Ten Millions.

Honolulu papers received by the steamer Miowera contain extended accounts of the purpose of Congressman Wilcox to Washington. He will ask for a \$10,000,000 appropriation for improvements in the islands.

Lepers in Hawaii have written to the papers charging the board of health with neglect and misdemeanor in connection with their supply of food and water. They ask for a state commission to investigate.

Water Famine in Kansas.

The new editor of the Fort Scott Monitor does not allow the prefix "Prof." to interfere with his operation of the turkeys. He says: "One puny-faced, thin-blooded, weak-kneed, watery-eyed, slow-witted, evil-smelling, cigarette-smoking boy can do more to assist in the spread of vice, and the triumph of ignorance, than half a dozen good children could counteract."

Killed Wife and Himself.

From St. Louis, Mo., comes the news that Joseph Flory, a clerk in the employ of an ice company, frenzied by drink, stabbed his wife, Lena, three times in the breast with a huge hunting knife and then cut his own throat, both dying instantly. Flory and his wife quarreled earlier in the day on account of money matters, and this led to the tragedy.

Fired Upon by Indians.

John Baker, who has arrived at Bisbee, A. T., says that himself and his partner, Walter Kelley, were fired upon by Indians near the San Bernardino ranch in the mountains of southern Arizona, and that Kelley was killed, Baker was painfully wounded. Officers have gone to investigate.

Killed by an Explosion.

In a boiler explosion at a sawmill near Yellowstone, Ind., Marion Lutz, Perry Mitchell and Elias Henderson were instantly killed. Six other persons were injured.

FORCED TO SWIM

Thrilling Experience of Crew on Wrecked Lake Vessels.

DRIVEN ASHORE ON THE ROCKS

Western Millionaire Released From Boston Jail—Charleston Exposition Opened—School Board Row in South Omaha—Other News.

Arthur Braeger and John Halloran, stewards on the schooners King and Brunette, have arrived at Detroit, Mich., and tell of their thrilling experiences last Friday when their boats, in tow of the steamer Wetmore, were driven ashore, on the rocks off Rabbit Island, two miles below Tobermory light, at the mouth of Georgian bay and twenty-seven members of the crews of the boats swam to shore, a distance of over half a mile, in a blinding snowstorm. When the Wetmore struck the men were ordered to save themselves, and as the yawls from all but the Brunette had been washed overboard, this boat was used to take off a man with a broken leg. Most of the sailors swam for their lives half a mile to the island.

Their signal fire on the island was seen by the tug Gloucester, thirty-six hours after, and relief arrived Sunday morning just as the men had begun to build a shelter house on the barren island from the lumber which had washed ashore.

The Wetmore and Brunette will probably be total losses.

The sailors were taken to Warton, Canada, and later to Collingwood, where the United States consul furnished them transportation home.

The boats were lumber laden, bound from Perry sound to Tonawanda.

Charleston Exposition Opened.

With imposing ceremonies embracing a parade of federal forces, state militia and confederate veterans, beautiful women and cheerful collegians, a program of exercises graced by distinguished speakers and with words of greeting from the president of the United States, the South Carolina interstate and west Indian exposition opened officially. The day was set aside as a holiday and all places of business were closed. In the auditorium at the exposition grounds, where the exercises were held, an audience of four thousand people cheered the name of the president of the United States, gave hearty applause to Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, the orator of the day, listened attentively to the afternoon's exercises and then joined the crowds inspecting the grounds and marveled at the audacity of Charleston in undertaking an exposition of such magnitude.

Then the exposition, on a signal from the White House, where President Roosevelt touched a key connecting with the exposition, was declared open. Telegrams of greeting were exchanged between Captain Wagner and President Roosevelt and the exposition was fairly launched.

Released From Jail at Boston.

Thomas A. Scott, the former western millionaire, who has been confined in the Charles street jail in Boston since last February for a debt, was released today on the ground that his board bill, 25 cents a day, had not been paid by his prosecutors.

Mr. Scott was arrested in that city last February on a mense process. Some time afterward he made application to take the poor debtors' oath, but his prosecutors prevented him, and he then went into bankruptcy. From that time his board bill has not been paid.

Decide Not to Kill Prisoners.

According to a letter dated Dubnitsa, November 28, Miss Stone and Mme. Tullka are still alive. The letter says that at a recent meeting of the committee, held in Dubnitsa it was definitely decided not to kill the prisoners upon any pretext whatever. Nevertheless the committee insisted upon the payment of the full amount of the ransom. A naive suggestion is current in political circles here to the effect that the United States should force Turkey to pay the balance of the ransom and, as soon as the prisoners are in safety, force Bulgaria to punish those persons guilty of their abduction.

School Board Row.

A disgraceful row marked the adjournment of the board of education at South Omaha, Neb., when Charley Swearingen, janitor of the Lincoln school, and a carpenter named Echmie, attacked two members of the taxpayers' league. The men attacked were Building Inspector Chick and A. H. Merrill. Mr. Anderson who was present with other taxpayers kept the men at bay. A policeman was called, but Swearingen fled. He will be arrested. One reason for the assault was the recommendation that two carpenters employed by the board be discharged in the interest of economy.

Sheep Herder Slain.

An unknown sheep herder was shot and mortally wounded during a fight in a hotel at Lost Cabin, Wyo., a few days ago. The herder had filled up on whisky and was ejected from the hotel by the clerk. Returning later with a knife he attacked the clerk, who pulled a gun and shot the herder in the mouth.

Turks and Armenians Fight.

Reports have been received of fighting between Turkish troops and Armenians at Sassona. No details are available.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Oliver Watson Wounded While Hunting Near Grand Island.

While Oliver Watson and Grover Thompson of Grand Island, two lads of fifteen and seventeen years of age, were out hunting the gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering Watson's left side and inflicting what will undoubtedly be a fatal wound. The lads were just leaving the city. Thompson states that they were driving along and that Watson was down in the buggy. Suddenly the gun was discharged. The boys had not yet done any shooting but had the loaded gun in the buggy. Thompson immediately drove up town and stopped at the residence of the nearest physician and later drove with the boy immediately to a hospital where the wounds were dressed. Little hope is entertained that Watson can recover.

HEAD TAX ON CHINESE.

Resorting to All Sorts of Means to Raise Money.

According to mail advices from the orient, Chinese officials are resorting to all kinds of means to raise money to assist in paying the indemnity agreed on by the powers. Besides a gigantic scheme in which more than one hundred million dollars are involved, half of which will go into the indemnity fund and half be given away in prizes, and which schemes have received the sanction of the court, it is now proposed by Prince Ching to impose a head tax on all Chinese, whether residing within the limits of the empire or in foreign countries. Prince Ching, according to Chinese papers, says that merchants abroad refusing to pay the proposed tax will not be allowed to return to their mother country and will be classified as traitors.

A CLOSE CAPTIVE.

Treasonable Correspondence Attributed to Aguinaldo.

A letter received at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., says:

General Chaffee has recommended that Aguinaldo be brought to this country. It is stated that he has been detected carrying on treasonable correspondence and trying to stir up strife. Aguinaldo is a close captive, but advices received here say Chaffee believes the leader's presence in the islands is responsible for the insurgents' recent activity.

It is said that the correspondence of Aguinaldo of a treasonable nature has been detected and that he will probably be tried and brought over here under a sentence ranging from two to three years.

Nebraska Farmer Finds a Widow.

Thanksgiving morning John Alderson, dressed in a Prince Albert, aged fifty-seven, owner of several fine farms at Helden, Neb., wrote on a Sioux City hotel register: "John Alderson and friend." An hour later he came back and scratched out "friend" and wrote over it "wife." In the interim he had tucked a white ribbon in his coat, picked out another white ribbon at the Northwestern depot, found its owners name was Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sleigh, aged fifty-seven, owner of ranch property at Richmond, Va., proposed marriage, was accepted and married. He will not say how he heard of his bride, but his friends whisper matrimonial papers. They have gone to their Helden home.

Has Acquired the Islands.

From Copenhagen comes the news that a full agreement has been reached between Denmark and the United States for the Danish West Indies. The treaty will probably be signed this week at Washington. The price fixed is between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Up to the close of business in Washington, D. C., December 1, no word has reached the state department confirmatory of the reported agreement between Denmark and the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies. The negotiations looking to the acquisition of the islands by this government are believed, however, to be in such a state that an agreement between the interested parties, if not already reached, is almost approaching completion.

New Mail Route for Alaska.

The time of transit of winter mails between Seattle, Wash., and Nome, Alaska, is cut from sixty and sixty-five days each way to twenty-four days, with corresponding expedition for intermediate points by a contract which has just been made by Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger. This service will be performed by a new western route, avoiding the usual winter route via the upper Yukon region, with two round trips a month during this winter. Steamers will sail from Seattle about the 7th and 25th of each month, beginning with December.

Boers Attacked.

The Boers, on the night of November 26, made a general attempt to break the blockhouse cordon along the railway west of Middleburg, but were repulsed with, it is thought, considerable loss. An armored train turned back the main body of 300 of the enemy, and the garrisons of the blockhouse checked the attacking party at other points.

The Warden is Scornful.

Warden McLaughry of the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., said regarding the statement of the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka that prisoners were mistreated: "My father taught me early in life there were two things never to argue against—one was the sounding of a gong and the other the braying of a jackass."

According to a dispatch to the London Standard from Odessa, 130 persons perished in the recent earthquake at Ezerium.

OFFICER ARRESTED

Robs Cash Drawer of an Omaha Restaurant.

SAID HE WAS SERVING AN EXECUTION

Attempted Jail Break—Republicans Successful in Massachusetts—A Kansas Pioneer Dies—End of Meade Court-martial—Other News.

Constable Hans Timme of Omaha called forth recently in company with a man whom he deputized to help him. They entered Moores restaurant at 1511 Capital avenue. Timme waived a revolver frantically a few times and began to himself to the contents of the money drawer. Mrs. T. J. Moore, who was behind the counter, protested violently against the taking of her cash. H. Thompson, who was eating his supper went to the door and called Officer Bloom, who arrested Timme and his companion and placed them in jail. Timme explained that he was a constable and was merely serving an execution for \$19.50, the amount of a claim for labor against T. J. Moore. He secured between \$6 and \$7 before the policeman shut him off. Constable Timme still remains in jail awaiting trial on the charge of disturbing the peace and carrying concealed weapons. Mrs. Moore declares Timme did not say he was a constable or serve any papers on her. She says she and Mr. Thompson own the restaurant and that her husband, against whom the execution was issued, works as a cook for wages.

Saves Wreck by Lantern.

Carl McClain, a brakeman on the Port & Montpelier accommodation train of the Wabash railway, saved the lives of twelve people and prevented a bad wreck.

Just after his train had left Chili, a little station near Peru, Ind. McClain heard a fast freight which does not stop at Chili, thundering around the curve behind him. He stood on the rear platform of the last coach and waved the freight train down with a lantern, the engineer of the freight train managing so to check the speed of his train that although the passenger coach was stood on end when engine and coach came together and the passengers got a bad scare and a severe shaking up. All escaped injury.

McClain jumped to save himself, a few scratches from a cinder pile into which he fell, being the extent of his injuries.

Murderer Attempts to Break Jail.

Charles Brown was hanged at Mount Holly, N. Y., December 3, for the murder of Washington Hunter.

Brown made a desperate attempt to break jail a short time before the hour set for his execution.

As his spiritual adviser, Rev. J. C. Dieinger of Camden was leaving the cell in compliance with a wish of the prisoner that he be left alone half an hour to prepare himself for death, Brown rushed from his cell armed with a piece of lead pipe which he brandished at the guards. Surprised at the suddenness of the attack, the guards fell back.

Sheriff Fenton and Chief Clerk Joseph Fleetwood, procuring revolvers, cornered the murderer, who, waving the iron bar in the air, defied the officials. The sheriff threatened to shoot him and Brown, seeing the impossibility of escape, surrendered and was led back to his cell.

Wields a Butcher Knife.

C. E. Denny of Kansas City stabbed and fatally wounded J. N. Beck, aged forty years. He was jealous over attentions paid by Beck to Mrs. Denny. Beck's abdomen was laid open. He is in the hospital and can hardly live.

Before Beck became unconscious he said that J. M. Ufer first assaulted him and then held him while Denny used a knife. "Denny came up to me," said Beck, "with what looked like a package done up in paper and struck at me with it. It was a butcher knife." Before the ambulance arrived Beck kept calling for Mrs. Denny. He is married and has a family. Ufer and Denny were arrested.

Passenger Cuts His Throat.

Matthew Buckland cut his throat with a razor on an eastbound Lake Shore passenger train as the train was passing through Port Clinton, O. He had a ticket from Toledo to New York and a letter in his pocket. It was gathered that he was married, lived in California and belonged to an order of the Woodmen. He was taken from the train and is at the police station, where his death is momentarily expected.

Charged With Murder.

James Field, a ranchman living near Sheridan, Wyo., shot and killed one of his employes, Charles Ramsey, during an altercation. Field says Ramsey began the shooting and that he fired in self-defense, the first shot proving fatal. Ramsey's revolver was found twenty feet from his body, but contained no exploded shells. Field gave himself up and is held on the charge of murder.

Loni a Depot.

The Hutchinson, Kas., Missouri Pacific depot was robbed. Dynamite cracked a wall in the building. The agent, who sleeps upstairs, was not awakened by the explosion. One of the robbers was found dead with a bullet hole in his heart and it is not known who shot him.

Drowned While Skating.

Geo. Peacock and James Campbell, two young men of Lowery, Minn., were drowned while skating. Peacock was the only son of a prominent farmer.

Four Million Feet of Lumber Burned.

A fire in the east tranway of the Keystone Lumber Company, at Astland, Wis., destroyed four million feet of lumber, part of the dock and tranway and the tugboat Keystone. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Three Babies Burned.

Three children of Mack Blalock, colored, the oldest four years, were burned to death in Wake county, North Carolina, Nov. 8. Their parents looked after them in their house while they went away to work.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.
The opening of the first session of the fifty-seventh congress drew to the capitol a great throng of spectators eager to witness the scenes of animation which mark the annual reassembling of the lawmakers.

Senators Dietrich and Millard, Nebraska; Gibson, Montana, and Kittredge, South Dakota, were sworn in as senators.

After the appointment of a committee to notify the president that the senate was in session, a recess of thirty minutes was taken.

At 2 o'clock the senate reassembled. Mr. Gamble announced the death of Senator Kyle, and the senate adjourned.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

The organization of the house was accomplished according to the time-honored precedents. Speaker Henderson was sworn in by General Bingham, "the father of the house," and after delivering a very graceful speech in recognition of the honor bestowed upon him he in turn administered the oath to the members-elect.

After a dozen bills had been introduced, embracing as many different subjects, upon motion of Mr. Payne of New York, the house adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

DOMESTIC TERRITORY.

Supreme Court Declares Philippines Part of the United States.

Opinions have been rendered in the United States supreme court in the last two of the insular test cases. "One of them was that known as the 'fourteen diamond ring case,' involving the relationship of the United States to the Philippine islands from a tariff point of view, and the other is what is known as the Dooley case No. 2, involving the constitutionality of the collection of duty on goods shipped from New York to Porto Rico.

In the former case the court, through Chief Justice Fuller, held that the diamond rings brought in from the Philippines, and over which the case arose, should have been exempt from duty under the Paris treaty of peace, as that treaty made the Philippines American territory. The decision in the Philippine case followed closely that of the first Porto Rican case of last term. In the Dooley case just decided it was in reality a tax for the benefit of the Porto Ricans themselves, rather than an export duty, as was claimed by the merchants who antagonized the government in the case.

In both cases there were dissenting opinions concurred in by four of the nine justices of the court.

It is generally believed that the finding in the Philippine case will lead to early efforts to secure legislation for the regulation of our commercial relations with those islands. As the Porto Rican opinion sustains the constitutionality of the Foraker act, no such necessity will arise with reference to Porto Rico.

LOSES TITLE TO BIG MINES

American Company Forced to Give Up \$15,000,000 as Indemnity.

The Corralitos company, the richest American mining company in Mexico, received a stunning blow from the Mexican supreme court when a man of the name of Irigoyen was awarded title to the company's lands and mines and an indemnity amounting to \$15,000,000. The property is situated 150 miles southwest of El Paso, Tex. The suit has been pending seventeen years. Irigoyen claimed that he pre-empted the property that was afterward occupied and developed by the Corralitos company, the offices of which are in El Paso. Briton Davis, the general manager of the company, hurried to the City of Mexico as soon as the disastrous decision reached him. The decree is said to have created a tremendous sensation in the palace of justice of Mexico.

Irigoyen is a poor lawyer of Juarez. At one time he offered to sell his claim against the company for \$500.

Steamer a Total Wreck.

News from Seattle, Wash., says: The sound steamer Skagit Chief is a total wreck on the Blakely rocks, near Plover's Beach. It struck the rocks in a heavy fog. Captain Call was in the pilot house, and, realizing the dangerous nature of the sounding, had the vessel under slow speed. The first crash came bow-on and was followed by an immediate signal to reverse the engines. This was done, but a strong tide hurried the vessel on and hung it up helplessly. Boats were lowered and the passengers were taken ashore. Skagit Chief was valued at \$30,000.

Found Guilty of Murder.

Joseph Elsworth Hinkle, aged 30 years, of Peoria, Ill., was found guilty of murder in the first degree and will be sentenced to be hanged during the present term of the Peoria circuit court. Hinkle murdered his wife Edna Hinkle, on the afternoon of Sept. 18 by stabbing her nine times with a pocket knife and then attempted suicide by cutting his throat. During a trial he feigned insanity.

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