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At last we can see through Lens!

The watch on the Rhine is working over time

Mr. Hitchbranch is mad again! That column shriek makes it very evident.

That little rain was of much benefit, but came too near to being snow for comfort. Local leaders of Omaha organized labor may

consider themselves duly slapped on the wrist. It required a long time to take Lens, but the

Canucks never let up until the job was finished. All ready for the world's series over here. The world's series "over there" has been in rat-

tling progress for some time. "If "leave to print" be abolished in congress, the Record will become much thinner, but its service to the country will suffer little.

Kaiser Bill's plea to the German people to make further sacrifices is only a notice to them that they will be required to, willy nilly.

With a guaranteed price of not less than \$2.10 a bushel, the farmer can lay plans for his 1919 wheat crop drive with the most variable factor

The skip-stop system for street railways is recommended by the fuel administration. Here in Omaha the street car, we note, is skip-stopping about half the time.

It is a safe guess that the hunch of I. W. W.'s incarcerated in our Douglas County jail would as soon stay where they are as be transferred to a federal prison under long term sentence.

Chairman Kitchin must also take cognizance of the fact that the new wage schedules have produced a much larger number of taxpayers than we had a year ago. This should swell the income tax collections considerably.

The official primary figures give "Big Jeff" the republican congressional nomination by 5,374 votes to 2,364 for his opponent, or better than two to one. Keep up your speed, "Jeff," and you will do it the same way to your democratic com-

At any rate, Director McAdoo has the right idea with reference to the obligations resting on a nonpartisan management of the railroads. The rules he lays down are exactly what The Bee has been advocating for our avowedly nonpartisan branches of local administration, for the waterworks, for the school board, for the whole city hall. Officers elected without regard to party should not permit themselves, or their employes, to engage in partisan politics.

The New Revenue Bill.

The new revenue bill, laid before the house by its ways and means committee, with a unanimous recommendation that it pass, contains at least one feature that will interest all. That is the increase in levy to be made on incomes. Instead of lowering the minimum as had been suggested, the committee has brought the starting rate up from 2 to 6 per cent, increasing the amount of tax to be paid by the little fellows three times. Such additions as have been made in the upper brackets of the bill in the surtax naturally are not in proportion to the trebling of the basic rate, but are sufficient to be really impressive. Almost a billion and a half of dollars is expected to be derived from this source of governmental and war uses, and \$3,100,000,000 is to come from taxes on war and excess profits. Until more detailed information is given out concerning the new law, careful analysis can not be made. It is hoped, however, that care has been taken to eliminate some of the more serious defects of the law of 1917, that taxpayers will not be confused as to what is expected of them.

ne Year Ago Today in the War. Russians retreated from Riga. Germans retired from a broad belt

Eleven persons killed and 49 in-jured in a German air raid on London

The Day We Celebrate.

Luther L. Kountze, vice president of the First National bank, born 1874.

James H. Wintersteen, contracting agent for the Standard Bridge company, born 1884.

James L. Tomanek, pharmacist, bern 1884.

Simon Lake Inventor

Simon Lake, inventor of the even-seel type of submarine now in use by the navies of the world, born at Pleas-intviller N. J., 52 years ago. Rear Admiral Corwin P. Rees, U. S. N., retired, born at Reily, O., 70 years

Henry Lefavour, president of Simmons college, born at Salem, Mass., 56 years ago.
Clarence W. Walker, outfielder of the Philadelphia American league base ball team, born in Denver 28 years ago.

A NEW POLICE CHIEF FOR OMAHA.

It is announced that Omaha will soon have a new chief, of police in the person of Marshal Eberstein, now in the government service, charged with the duty of reorganizing the department, the appointment having been made by Commissioner Ringer with confirmation of the council, effective next month,

In his formal explanation to the public Mr. Ringer commends his selection for the position and at the same time gives recognition to Chief Dempsey by declaring his intention to take care of him in an equitable manner. He further declares that "this change is directly in line with my pre-election pledge to the people of Omaha," and expresses hope that he has now found "the lasting solution of Omaha's police problem."

This hope we share with the commissioner, although we must confess with some dubiousness, for, as everyone knows, the past troubles of our police department are not chargeable to the failure of the successive chiefs of police so much as to the constant interference with them by their superior officers. Mr. Ringer, himself, when he assumed charge of the police department, made another pledge, which was that every man in it should have a fair chance to make good, but this pledge he has not carried out so far as Chief Dempsey is concerned. Chief Dempsey has been no more the head of the police department under Mr. Ringer than he was under Mr. Kugel. So long as captains and sergeants and detectives are made by the superintendent regardless of the recommendations of the chief of police, and subordinates "work out" of the superintendent's office instead of under orders from and responsibility to the head of the force, the police department is bound to be at cross purposes, demoralized and inefficient. If he is to succeed, the new chief of police, when he takes hold, will have to have the free hand which has been denied to his predecessor. Otherwise Omaha's police problem will be as far from the lasting solution as ever.

"Hindenburg Line" Crumbling. The fall of Queant, followed by the reported evacuation of Lens, is the most noteworthy achievement of the Allies campaign of offensive. While the enforced withdrawal of the Huns from all the ground they seized as a result of the tremendous effort of the spring and early summer is not to be minimized, it does not hold the portent of the penetration of the strongly fortified and stubbornly defended "Hindenburg line," on which the Germans pinned their hopes. Particularly has the so-called Drocourt-Queant sector been considered impregnable by the German high command. When the Canadians were held up at Lens, two years ago, and when Byng's thrust at Cambrai broke down, the faith of the Hun in his defense along that part of the battle front was made absolute.

Reports coming from there now bring the cheering news that this part of the wall built to support the kaiser is crumbling fast. It has been penetrated at its south and at its north ends, and the enemy is retiring from positions he has so long held. The possibilities of this victory are so extensive that care must be exercised in considering them. At least, it involves an extensive change of positions in order to rectify the German line, and this may carry with the retirement of Prince Rupprecht's army from its hold on the coast. The withdrawal under pressure which gives little opportunity for reorganization of shattered forces may take the beaten Germans far back of their prepared positions.

Other parts of the lines, from St. Quentin to Ypres are under assault, and the probability of seeing France and a considerable portion of Flanders ridded of the Hun before winter is not too remote to consider. The beginning of the end seems to be in sight.

Recognition of the Czecho-Slovaks.

The simple announcement by the secretary of state that the Czecho-Slovaka have been recognized as a co-belligerent nation contains a great fact that will probably become one of the features of the present war. It is more than a mere acknowledgment of the aspirations of a people long submerged by tyrannical oppression. In it is contained the death knell of the Austrian empire. Czechs and Slavs, both north and south, Poles and Latins, who have suffered for generations under the despotism of the Hapsburg dynasty, now can see an end to their bondage, and the coming realization of their longing for a government of their own. Their contribution to the armies of liberty, already great, will be made the larger and more effective, now that their own freedom is assured. They are indeed fighting for themselves. Those of the races involved, who have lived so long in America, and have so earnestly labored to bring about this result must rejoice that their final victory is at hand. The emhryo Czecho-Slovak republic will be welcomed by the people of the United States with sympathy and a promise of assistance for its future.

German cigar factories are to close because their tobacco supply is about exhausted. Back to dried grape leaves and sumac-but come to think of it, does sumac grow in Germany?

Hindenburg is eminently correct in stating that the Huns are now on the defensive-not a very good defensive at that.

Here and There

daughters who converse only in

The steamboat and the first prac-

ical sewing machine were American

Normandy has a town called O, Holland a river Y, Sweden a village named A and China a city U.

More tobacco is smoked per head in the United States than in any

The average number of horses killed in Spanish bull fights every year exceeds 5.000, while from 1,000

It has been found that the age of

fish may be read from its scales. These increase in size by annular growths, two rings being formed

A bettle of wine, 1,360 years old, was due out of a Roman tomb at Speyer, in Bavaria. The seal was broken and the wine proved to be in

Charles Currier is the last of a group of aged persons who lived on adjacent farms in Warner, N. H. The oldest of the five attained a century, and the youngest lived to the age of \$2 years and its months.

In a bigamy case in Russia a few years ago the prisoner, a beautiful young woman, admitted that she had been married to 16 husbands, running away from each in turn and

all their portable property

ther country except Holland.

o 1,200 bulls are sacrificed.

xcellent condition.

92 years and six months.

Scotland has over 18,000 sons and

Just 30 Years Ago Today

Workmen are now extended along Harney street from Sixteenth street, some grading, others putting in con-crete and others still working the blocks. Ed Rothery's display of carrier pig-

eons at the fair is attracting great a

County Clerk Roche issued quar

terly papers for 150 prisoners. The Luflding inspector issued build ing permits during the month of August aggregating the value of \$448,-

This Day is History.

1870—On receipt of the news from Sedan, Gambetta and other French liberals assumed to depose the emperor and establish a republic.

1887—Irish National league met in defiance of the queen's proclamation.

1214—Germans crossed the River Marne on their march south.

The Lichnowsky Memorandum By Professor Munroe Smith of Columbia University

Critical interpretation and discussion of this most important war document by one of the world's foremost authorities on historical jurisprudence and the study of comparative international law.

and helps to disprove every plea in justification of Germany's conduct that has been advanced since the outbreak of the world war by Germany's official apologists. His testimony is of especial value in refuting the Ger-

had been united in efforts to check German tations. Why were these treaties not wel-commercial expansion, and to deny to Ger-comed in Berlin? Why was the Bagdad many, a newcomer among the great powers, treaty not concluded? Why was the African its just share in the exploitation of the treaty accepted only after long delay, and world's undeveloped resources. By their in- only on the eve of war, when its ratification trigues Germany was hemmed in, or, as the was no longer possible? Lichnowsky's ex-Germans put it, "encircled." In this conspi-planation, that his rivals in German governracy of encirclement Great Britain, as the na- mental circles grudged him successes so contion most seriously menaced in its economic spicuous, is equally characteristic and uninterests by German competition, was the convincing.

arch conspirator. For its selfish purposes it supported the French desire to recover Alus, was (at least as regards the African sace-Lorraine and the Russian desire to gain treaty) that of publication. Sir Edward access to the Mediterranean—desires de-Grey insisted that the treaty should be publication. scribed as French lust for revenge and Rus-

sian lust for conquest. We see today that the encirclement theory was one of the most valued drugs in Berlin's to fire them with a sense of wrong and a conplea could of course be used, as in fact it was was advantageous to Germany. used, influence neutral opinion. The thedomestic use.

was this distrust, more than anything else, ously undermined. that brought Great Britain into closer touch isofted itself by its own conduct.

to exclude Germany from competition in the world's markets, or even to arrest Germany's colonial development. On the contrary, Grey was anxious to adjust all disputes between Great Britain and Germany in the field of world politics, as he had previously adjusted all such disputes between Great Britain and Russia. He was ready to accord to Germany spheres of economic influence and of eventual political control in those parts of the world in which the competition of the great powers was keenest. Not only was he

Poppies Bloom on Battlefields

War correspondents writing from the Flanders front have mentioned the great masses of flaming scarlet poppies that spring up within a few months after each battle on the blood-soaked fields. An appropriate flower for the battlefield is the poppy, for, looked upon in some parts of the world as the symbol of death, many profess to see a happier sign in the old superstition that the markings in its center are the outline of the cross. There appears to be a real connection between these flowers and the blood which has been poured out, for the same thing has been mentioned by historians who have recorded the stories of the countless battles fought in this "cockpit of Europe." Macauley has a paragraph about it in his description of the battle of Landen, fought in this region in 1693 by the English under William III and the French commanded by Marechal de Luxembourg. It runs:

"The region, renowned as the battlefield, Waterloo. During many days the ground and horses and with fragments of hats and pleasantries. shoes, saddles and holsters. The next sum-mer the soil, fertilized with 20,000 corpses, let spreading from Landen to Neerwinden, do not blush to stalk machine-gun nests Incould hardly help fancying that the figurative prediction of the Hebrew prophet was literally accomplished, that the earth was discharging its blood and refusing to cover the slain. —New York Post.

do not blush to stalk machine-gun nests Incould hardly help fancying that the figurative up to be shot. No wonder the Germans, whose gentle manners are the amazement of the world, clamor for justice.—New York slain. —New York Post.

air offensives.

military critics.

the news occasionally,

Center Shots

Baltimore American: German air

plans have received a serious setback. The same is true of the Teuton hot

Minneapolis Journal: Those hand picked German kings for small na-tions will last like snowballs in the

Kansas City Star: The French es-timate of Foch's ability is now being confirmed from the highly compe-tent source of the German newspaper

Louisville Courier-Journal: One of

Detroit Free Press: British officers they would rather fight Turks

than Germans, because the Turks al-ways fight fair. The German soldier has thoroughly besmirched the char-

acter of the German people.
Philadelphia Ledger: It is easy to understand why German prisoners in

corn belt in the final roundup.

willing to meet Germany half way, but he The chief value of Prince Lichnowsky's was even disposed to accord to Germany, memorandum lies in the fact that he rejects notably as regards the Congo, opportunities and helps to disprove every plea in instificabassador's surprise, Berlin hesitated to grasp.

The African and the Bagdad treaties which Lichnewsky negotiated gave substantial advantages, as he points out, to German comman assertion that, for a long period before merce, industry and finance. They also gave the war, France, Russia and Great Britain the German empire important colonial expec-

lished; Berlin insisted that it should be kept secret. The most plausible argument for secrecy advanced by Berlin, namely, that the was one of the most valued drugs in Berlin's partition of the Portuguese colonies into political medicine closet. It was at once an spheres of influence and of pre-emption anodyne, by which the German people were would so offend Portuguese feeling that Germade to bear more quietly the growing bur- man entrepreneurs would be unable to obtain den of armaments, and a stimulant adapted concessions, is rightly characterized by Lichnowsky as a pretext. England, as he points viction that by war alone could they obtain out, held Portugal in the hollow of its hand. satisfaction. Germany's encirclement could He might have added that, under the circumalso be represented, and was represented, as stances, any Portuguese resentment would a prelude to aggressive action by the encir-cling powers. Failing to stifle German com-Britain, and that, if Great Britain could take petition by diplomatic wiles, these powers the risk, Germany surely could. Even more would sooner or later seek to crush Germany in war. Thus the German people were preis the pretext that, if the German people had pared to look upon a European war either as learned that Great Britain was conceding necessary, in order to gain a free field for rights of pre-emption in the colonies of Portheir industry and trade, or as inevitable for tugal, there would have been an outcry the defense of the Fatherland. And, since against British "perfidy" which would have these different notions were simultaneously embarrassed the German government and presented to them, and were not dissociated (as von Jagow now suggests) would have in their minds, the German people were vitiated the "good atmosphere" which the adroitly prepared to regard an aggressive war, Berlin foreign office desired to create in Anwhen ever it should please Germany to start glo-German relations. It is, however, not it, either as a "preventive" war—that is, a war easy to believe that in the Germany of the to anticipate attack-or as a war of defense. 20th century there would have been a general When war should come, the encirclement ethical revolt against any British action that

The probable explanation, the probable ory was primarily constructed, however, for reason why Berlin was willing to ratify the treaty but unwilling to publish it, was that its publication would have shaken, and might Lichnowsky attacks the encirclement even have destroyed, the fiction of encircletheory on two sides. He asserts, in the first ment. If the German people had been per-place, and adduces new evidence to prove, mitted, in 1913 or in 1914, to read treaties by that the rapprochement between Great which Great Britain accorded to Germany Britain and Russia was no offensive con- the economic control of Mesopotamia and of spiracy, but a defensive entente. The provo-cative policy pursued by Germany during the many's encirclement which the German govyears preceding the world war had awakened ernment had created, and which it needed general distrust of Germany's intentions. It for the coming war, would have been seri-

Von Jagow's reply to Lichnowsky shows with France and with Russia. Germany was that the opposition on which the African and not isolated by the wiles of its neighbors; it Bagdad treaties were wrecked was neither made nor suported in the Berlin foreign Lichnowsky shows, in the second place- office. The Berlin foreign secretary also deand here his testimony is of the greatest sired a rapprochement with Great Britain value because of the position he held in Lon- and favored the ratification of the Greydon during the two years immediately pre-ceding the war—that English jealousy of Germany's commercial and industrial devel-higher up, in the militarist-Junker entourage opment had come to be outweighed, in the of the emperor. That in these circles there minds of English manufacturers and merchants, by their recognition that Germany which would primarily subserve the interests had become England's best customer. He of German commerce is quite intelligible. For testifies that Sir Edward Grey's policy, sup-decades the Junkers had witnessed with ported by the English premier, did not aim growing distaste and apprehension the rapidly increasing wealth of the middle classes. This new wealth was lessening the relative power and the prestige of their own order. Least of all were they disposed to welcome arrangements which would further enrich German merchants, manufacturers and bankess, if these arrangements tended to avert, or even to postpone, war; for it was to war they ooked to re-establish their threatened prestige and to assure their dominant influence in

Prussia and in the empire.
(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

List to the Hun Scream

The German press shrieks the discovery that arms taken from a regiment of American troops prove to be sawed-off shotguns

If our troops are using a weapon employed against express car bandits, who has better right to complain than the Germans? They have merely introduced poison gas and liquid fire; poisoned wells; left man traps in retreat; torpedoed merchant ships carrying women and children as passengers; set savage dogs and equally savage keepers on prisoners of war; sunk hospital ships and bombed field hospitals, and taken civil prisoners, women and children, into slavery.

Their regard for Geneva rules and Hague rules is well known. They began by tearing up their Belgian treaty as a scrap of paper and they have continued by aiding their through many ages, of the greatest powers Turkish and Bulgarian allies in exterminatof Europe, has seen only two more terrible ing the Serbian, Roumanian and Armenian days, the day of Malplaquet and the day of population of coveted territory. Levying illegal requisitions and hacking down fruit was strewn with skulls and bones of men trees and pillaging convents are minor

Upon a Christian nation thus scrupulous to a fault in making war those inhuman broke forth into millions of poppies. The Americans descend with new ways and wiles, traveler who, on the road from Saint Trond Whether they use shotguns or not, they certo Tirlemont, saw that vast field of rich scar-tainly aim rifles with disconcerting skill and

Twice Told Tales

Conservation.

He was not a good card player. He admitted it. But that was no reason why his partner should be so disagreeable whenever he made mistakes. After a particularly glaring error the pestering partner turned on him.

"Why didn't you follow my lead?"

he asked.
"If I followed anybody's, sir," exclaimed the novice, hotly, "it certainly wouldn't be yours." His partner snorted and subsided. But in the next hand he threw down

his cards in desperation.

"Look here!" he cried. "Didn't you see me call for a spade or club? the staunch supporters of the admin-istration in the matter of the man-power bill is Otto Kahn. Let us hope that the kaiser may read the name in Have you no black suit?"
"Yes, I have," cried the novice with warmth. "But I'm keeping it for your funeral."—Rehoboth Sunday

Blessed Carnegie. Andrew Carnegie is now 83 and resting on his oars, but he loves to "reminisce," and the following is one of his favorite stories

understand why German prisoners in this country should not want to go home; but the lot of American prisoners in Germany is not so happy, and it is the interests of these that the government is bound to consider.

New York Herald: Without attempting to go into details concerning the subject matter of reports which the secretary of war rightly believes should not be transmitted abroad, it may be suggested that somebody in Washington owes an apology to Mr. Gutzon Borglum.

of his favorite stories:

"A tourist stopped in front of a handsome building and asked a lounger what it was.

"The public library, sir,' replied the man. "Eaven bless Mr. Carnegie, who gave it to us!"

"You don't look as though you don't look as though you don't look as though you the tourist.

"Oh, I don't use the library,' said the man, 'but my ole woman's got the job of cleaning it out!"—Boston Globe.

The Boe's Port

Auburn, Neb., Sept. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: We believe every loyal American citizen believes in fairness to all citizens of our country and are willing to do their part to help win are hit. the war. Soldiers we must have to fight the battles against the Huns (formerly called Germans), now enemies of the whole world, and we now have a million or two aiready ever there, and sending more most every day, of the finest specimens of man-hood that ever faced a foe, and every loyal American must feel his heart swell within him when he thinks o that grand army of young citizen sol-diers now in France facing the most barbarous enemy of liberty and hu-

manity that the world has ever known. Will they, with our allies, win the war? Every loyal citizen knows they will win, but we who are left at home must do our part to help them; their part is to kill Hun soldiers and work day and night (we do not war on women and children, as the Hun does) and face the big guns of the Huns.

We who a . left at home and out of the danger of bullets should be more ready to do our part. Our part is to raise the foodstuff to supply our army and navy and allies. Can we do it? Yes, and no mistake about it. And now comes the fairness I spoke We believe all ablebodied men should be drafted, some to farm and raise foods, some to manufactur. munitions of war, some to build ships, some to manufacture clothing for our army, and soldiers to fight the bat-tles. Can any loyal American citizen come forward and say why all these men shou!! . be reated alike and paid the same wages, or nearly so? We believe that if anyone should profiteer in this war it should be the men who fight our battles. .. M. BURRESS.

Appreciation.

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to express to you in the most hearty possible way my appreciation of your ersonal note about our new commander-in-chief, past de-

partment commander. C. E. Adams. It was a splendid thing for you to do, and to do it so generously.

As I think you know, I have been deeply interested for 45 years in the public affairs of Nebraska. I knew your father very well; while we did not always agree as to the attitude of the republican party, I appreciated his force of character and the work he did for Nebraska. These are mighty days and you have

a greater opportunity than ever. HARMON BROSS.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"Don't you think a congressman ought to have a longer term than two years?"

"I have sometimes thought so, but there seems to be no great clamor for a change. So I infer that most people consider two years long enough to let a congressman go without an accounting."—Louisville Cour-ier-Journal

"Are you a democrat or a republican?" asked the man who always wants to talk "I dunno," responded the man who is thinking about other things. "Are you?"—

Uncle Bill, hearing an explosion in the immediate neighborhood, said to his small nephew, sitting in the automobile beside him: "Get out, Jimmy, and look at the tire and see if it is flat."
"It looks pretty good." said Jimmy upon inspection: "it's only flat on the bottom side."—Everybody's Magazine.

"I wonder how far the government control of the telephone will extend."
"I hope it will control the conversation of my wife and the neighbors."—Life. Mrs. Flatbush-I consider her a perfect

Mrs. Bensonhurst-Well, I don't. "Why not?"
"Well, for one thing, her hair is not her own."—Yonkers Statesman,

STRATEGIC RETIREMENT.

Ach! I am one retreater great!
When I am running I'm a winne
I only take this hurrled gait
So I may be at home for dinner. Makes some pursuer stub his toe!

I had him down; by strategy I got position underneath.
I had him down; to prove it, he
Compressed my nose between his teeth.
And when his jaws the foe unbent
I let him go—and then I went!

The Frenchmen hit me on the left; The Yankees hit me on the right,
And, tired of being muttandjeffed,
I dropped abruptly out of sight.
Why did I duck? You ask me, brather?
So those two men could hit each other!

You think me beaten when I flee?
You say that I have got my licking? You much mistake the strategy

That makes me take an English kicking. I let him boot me o'er and o'er Because it makes his feet so sore! Ja! when I go back, back, more back I do not hunt a safe pos..on.
I seek to make the Allies lack
A good supply of ammunition.
They shoot at me when there I'm not!
Ach! such a waste of costly shot!

So when you see me run and run,
Remember I'm a foxy Teuton
And that the war I will-have won
If I just scoot on, scoot on;
My flight brings on a new-style death:

Over Here and There

The kaiser is at Bad Nauheim, the crown prince at home and Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria on a vacation, Royalty wisely gets beyond the range of allied guns.

One of the recent slams of the Industrial War board lands on the eastern makers of the so-called "Navajo blankets." No objection to the Na-vajo Indian doing the job at home Only those who faked the trademark

"The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo" will note with some interest that the netorous gambing resort is doing mighty little business offered the place as a leave resort during the war.

New methods of handling and expediting mail to and from the American forces in France have been put into effect. It is a huge job, with many obstacles to overcome. Stars and Stripes says the home-going mail alone averages 2,600,000 letters -a week.

In the days before Uncle Sam en-tered the war game Dr. Von Mach of Brooklyn started a fund to purchase and forward condensed milk to the famishing babies of Germany. Only \$100 worth of the milk ever got to Germany. "The tender-hearted here," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "subscribed \$10,000 to this noble fake. Dr. Von Mach's salary was \$75 a week, with \$175 for his board at the Holland house. The rest of the money went into Hun propaganda."



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