

TELEPHONE HEAD DIES IN BALTIMORE

Theodore N. Vail, Chairman of Board of Directors of Bell Company, Succumbs to Complication of Diseases.

STARTED IN OMAHA IN UNION PACIFIC EMPLOY

Efficiency as Postal Clerk Took Him to Washington, Where He Became Associate of Alexander Bell.

Baltimore, Md., April 16.—Theodore N. Vail, chairman of the board of directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, died at Johns Hopkins hospital this morning of a complication of cardiac and kidney troubles.

Mr. Vail was brought here from Jekyll Island, Ga., last Sunday in his private car. He was in a serious condition when he reached the hospital and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Vail retired as president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company last June and became chairman of the board of directors.

Former Omaha Man. As manager of the American Bell Telephone company from 1878 when the telephone was a mere toy, just invented by Alexander Graham Bell, until 1890, and as president of the American Bell Telephone and Telegraph company until 1919, when he became chairman of the company's board of directors, Mr. Vail was largely instrumental in bringing the telephone system of the country to its present state of efficiency.

It was in Omaha that Mr. Vail received the promotion which a short time later placed him in charge of the telephone's destiny. Born in Carroll county, Ohio, July 10, 1845, he moved with his parents to a farm near Waterloo, Ia., at an early age.

Was Telegrapher Here. In 1865, at the age of 20, he came to Omaha and secured a position as a telegrapher with the Union Pacific railroad, which he held for nearly a year. He then went to Lodge Pole, Neb., as a telegrapher for the Western Union company, and remained there a year.

During his stay at Lodge Pole he took a course of study to fit him for a position as a postal clerk. He then returned to Omaha and took the postal clerk's examination, passed, and became a clerk between Omaha and Ogden. During his work as a clerk he became acquainted with C. E. Yost, then postmaster there, and moved to the office of the director of the Nebraska Telephone company.

He was also a close friend of many of the early settlers in Omaha, including Grenville M. Dodge.

His efficiency as a railway mail clerk, and his frequent protests against methods used in the service led to his being asked to go to Washington to assist in reorganizing the service. He left Omaha for Washington in 1874 and a year later he was appointed general superintendent of railway mail service in the United States.

In 1878 G. D. Hubbard, father-in-law of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, offered Mr. Vail a position as general manager of the newly organized American Bell Telephone company. The telephone had been invented just two years before this offer occurred and was considered a mere toy, but Mr. Vail, with characteristic western promptness accepted the offer with the remark that he guessed he could take a chance on it in his life.

Heads Western Union. One of the most ambitious projects which he planned was the merger of the Western Union Telegraph company with the telephone company, and in 1910 the telephone interests succeeded in securing the controlling power in the Western Union.

He resigned as president of the Western Union in 1914, when the telephone company disposed of its interests in the telegraph company because of threatened action of the government against the combination of these competing utilities.

Arkansas Governor Heads Good Roads Organization. Hot Springs, Ark., April 16.—Announcement was made here today of the election of Governor Charles Brough of Arkansas, as president of the United States Good Roads association, which is in session here.

Governor C. A. Larrabee of New Mexico was elected a vice president. Cyrus S. Avery of Tulsa, Okl., was elected president of the Albert Pike Highway association, and C. B. Thomas, Colorado Springs, was elected vice president from Colorado. Tulsa has been awarded next year's convention, it was stated.

"Prince of Jerusalem" Is Failure in Business. Chicago, April 16.—"Prince Emanuel of Jerusalem," who claims to be the son of Abdul Hamid, former sultan of Turkey, was a failure in the soda water business, he told Judge K. M. Landis in federal court. The prince filed a petition in bankruptcy proceedings in which his unassessed liabilities were \$3,000.

He said he was author of a pamphlet which he described as "My Experiences in the Holy Land When I Was Dead Seven Years and Then Returned."

Telephone Company Director Who Died In Hospital In East



Theo. N. Vail

IDENTIFIES MAN AS BANDIT WHO SHOT HIM TWICE

J. L. Sexton Says Mulatto Held by Police Is One Who Wounded Him Thursday Night.

James Mitchell, a mulatto, was positively identified yesterday afternoon by J. L. Sexton, superintendent of the Riverfront detention home, 310 Bancroft street, as the bandit who shot him twice Thursday night in front of the Bancroft school.

Mitchell, who was arrested by Detectives Trapp and Palmita in the hallway of a building at 705 North Sixteenth street, was released from the county jail at 7 p. m. Thursday on an appeal bond. He had served 11 days of a 90-day sentence for vagrancy.

Denied any connection with the shooting when he was taken to the St. Joseph hospital and identified by Mr. Sexton. He attempted to establish an alibi and said he was in the home of Mrs. Corinne Kelly, 705 North Sixteenth street, at the time of the shooting.

Mitchell was booked on charges of shooting with intent to kill and highway robbery. The police chief, however, said a 38-caliber automatic revolver was taken from Mr. Sexton after he was wounded.

Mr. Sexton was shot Thursday night after he saw a man acting suspiciously near the Bancroft school. The man had been following a girl of the name of Mrs. Corinne Kelly, who fired four shots, two of them wounding Sexton.

Pedro Morales, a Mexican who was held in connection with the shooting, was released by the police yesterday.

Man Who Confessed At Prayer Meeting Thought Innocent

Steuensville, O., April 16.—A suitcase containing a blood-spattered shirt and a blood-stained handkerchief, alleged to belong to Harry Miller, "confessed" slayer of little Frances South of Adena, was found in the West Virginia hills near Beach Bottom last night.

The suitcase was found by Deputy Sheriff William Collins, who took Miller from the little church, where he made his confession Wednesday night. The suitcase and its contents are to be brought here today in an effort to have Miller identified.

Miller kept other prisoners in the county jail awake all last night by his singing. That he is demoted and his confession is becoming worse county officials say they are certain. Police believe that Miller is innocent of the crime which he has "confessed," as he is known to have been working nights at the Carnegie steel mills at the time the crime was committed.

Big Shortage of Laborers Despite Increased Wages

Washington, April 16.—Although the established wage scale for common laborers is \$6 for an eight-hour day as compared with \$1.75 for a nine-hour day before the war, there is a 40 per cent shortage of laborers in New York City. Ronald Taylor, president of the Building Trades Employers' association, told the house immigration committee.

Relieve Farmers From Unfair Burdens, Pershing Policy

"The foundation of progress and prosperity in our state has always been its agricultural interests. The wealth of the state rests upon the intelligent industry and skill of the farming element. Once described as the great American desert, Nebraska has been transformed, through hard work and scientific methods, into a veritable garden spot. Although scarcity of help greatly curtailed their efficiency, no class of citizens in the union did more to sustain the allied peoples and their armies during the war than the farmers. They must not in future be surrounded with hampering restrictions, onerous regulations or adverse market conditions which prevent the fulfillment of this duty toward the millions of people the world over who depend upon them for food supply. It is to the solution of these problems for the people of our state that our minds and energies must be turned.

I. W. W. ADMITS ITS PART IN RAIL STRIKE

William Haywood and John Sandgren Telling of Efforts Put Forth to Organize "One Big Union"

CHARTERS OF THREE LODGES ARE REVOKED

Major-General Wood Declares He Is Unable to Find Evidence of Red Activities in Tieup—Leaders Arrested.

Chicago, April 16.—Plans of the Industrial Workers of the World to advance one big union movement during the present unrest among railroad workers was revealed in a statement by William D. Haywood, former general secretary and treasurer of the I. W. W., and John Sandgren, editor of the One Big Union monthly, published here today.

The two leaders were quoted as denying any connection between the I. W. W. and insurgent railroad organizations now on strike, but said efforts had been made to institute "industrial unionism" in the unauthorized rail strikes as in all other strikes of importance.

"We have always agitated toward securing recruits for the one big union idea," Haywood was quoted. "We did so in the Gary steel strike, and we probably will do so as long as we are an organization—for we consider that the goal of all industrial organizations."

Wood Well Pleaded. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Central department of the United States army, who returned to Chicago yesterday from his eastern speaking tour, because of the insurgent strike of railroad workers tonight said he did not find "any evidence of connection between the railway men's strike and I. W. W. activities."

General Wood declared he found traffic conditions improving throughout the department. Attorney General Palmer on Wednesday declared reports from his department linked the "illegal" switchmen's walkout with I. W. W. plans for "one big union" and a national walkout.

Military intelligence officers here had been unable to find any connection between the two, General Wood said.

General Wood added that he would remain on leave for the present as nothing in the situation here made necessary his presence at department headquarters.

After revoking the charters of the two Chicago lodges of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and one San Francisco lodge, A. F. Whitney, vice-president of the brotherhood, today ordered all striking members of the organization in the Chicago district to return to work by midnight Saturday or suffer expulsion from the union with loss of their seniority rights.

With 25 leaders of the insurgent forces under arrest in Chicago, charged with violating the Lever act, movement of freight and live stock approaching normal, and the return of many strikers to duty, rail chiefs and brotherhood officers declared the walkout which started more than two weeks ago was definitely broken.

Among the local unions whose charters were revoked was Lodge 456 of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, of which John Grunau, head of the outlaw yardmen's association, was a member. It was the walkout of 700 switchmen on this road that started the strike which subsequently spread to many railroad centers throughout the country.

John Grunau, Harold Reading, president of the United Engine Men's association, and four other men arrested yesterday by federal agents, announced they would not put up bonds for their release.

Martin Kennedy, Shannon Jones, John Logan and Hugo Radke, said they would go to jail rather than furnish bonds, but 14 others gave \$10,000 bond for their release today before U. S. Commissioner Mason J. S. Murphy, spokesman for the yardmen's association, blamed brotherhood officers for the arrests. He said the men simply quit their positions and were not strikers. Five men for whom warrants were issued have not been arrested.

Stock yards receipts were virtually normal today the railroads reported, 798 cars being received. The movement of live stock to eastern points also was reported normal with fresh meat shipments at 60 per cent of normal. There were 481 locomotives in operation in Chicago today, compared with 443 yesterday.

REDS AND POLES ARE UNDECIDED ON PEACE MEET

Bolsheviki Minister Declares All Responsibility for Continuation of War.

By JOHN CLAYTON.

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April 16.—(Via Berlin, Telegram, April 16.)—With refusal by the Poles to meet the Soviet Russians on neutral ground and a reiteration of their demands for negotiations at Borissoff, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs Tchicherin has dispatched a note again pointing out the inadvisability of a conference within the zone of the armies, offering Moscow, or, as an alternative, Petrograd or Warsaw, providing the soviet government's delegation is guaranteed personal safety and the right to use telegraph and wireless freely in code.

Tchicherin declared the soviet government was more than ready to begin negotiations and pointed out the responsibility of continuing the war must rest with the Poles if they refuse an armistice.

For the present the armistice with the Finnish government is delayed. The Finns agreed in principle to the armistice, but insisted on evacuation of Petcheiga by the red troops, and re-establishment of the Finns in three months before the red advance began.

Commissar Tchicherin expressed surprise that a point which should be a matter of discussion had been made a condition of beginning conversations. He said it placed the unbeaten Russian government in the position of capitulating or answering no. For this reason, he declared, operations must be resumed until a more satisfactory answer could be given.

Lithuania has asked for peace negotiations, with frontiers determined on ethnological principles. Tchicherin replied Russia always was ready to make peace on this basis.

Amended Complaint Names Omaha Nurse In Action for Divorce

Los Angeles, April 16.—(Special.)—An amended complaint filed by attorneys for Mrs. Walter O. Henry, charged a divorce from her husband, Hazel Henderson, for failure to support her, was filed today for reopening one of the strangest divorce actions in the history of the local courts.

During the hearing on the original complaint in which the wife alleged a divorce because of her husband's failure to support her, it was learned that Mrs. Henderson, formerly Omaha nurse, was the real cause of the domestic trouble. Judge Grant Jackson, sitting in the case, refused to proceed further and instructed attorneys for Mrs. Henry to file a new complaint implicating Miss Henderson.

None of the parties to the action will comment on the case with the exception of a statement from the attorneys that the complaint conforms with the order of the court. No date for the rehearing has been set.

Arbitration Ends Near Duel Argument at Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, April 16.—Arbitration has settled the controversy between Jose de Souza Lage, editor of the newspaper O Pais of Rio Janeiro, and Fernando Saguer, a member of the Argentine senate, which threatened to end on the dueling field.

Two weeks ago the editor sent a challenge to the senator, after the latter had written an article for the government organ La Epoca of this city, saying that Lage had misrepresented President Irigoyen in an interview.

Dr. Carlos Rodriguez Larreta, former Argentine member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague, was the mediator who effected a peaceful settlement.

Demand Same Treatment As Roads Controlled by U. S.

Washington, April 16.—Demanding the same treatment under the transportation act as accorded railroads which were under federal control during the war, the American Short Line Railroad association at the concluding session of its special meeting, decided to ask the Interstate Commerce commission to award the standard return guaranteed by the act to roads which were not operated by the government.

We have sought, through a multi-committee refusal of the request, the association will ask congress for remedial legislation.

Leonard Wood Arrives In Omaha This Morning

Leonard Wood, candidate for the presidential nomination on the republican ticket, will arrive in Omaha at 9 a. m. today. He will not stop here, but will continue through to Lincoln. He will return to Omaha at 3:30 p. m., address a mass meeting at the auditorium at 4, speak to a women's meeting at the Rome hotel at 5:30 and leave for Chicago at 9 p. m.

Mexico Asks Permission To Send Army Through U. S.

Washington, April 16.—Mexico has asked permission from the United States to move troops through American territory so as to attack the state of Sonora from the north. No action on the request has yet been taken.

Proposes New Coins.

Washington, April 16.—Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, introduced a bill providing for the coinage of 7 and 8-cent coins. It was referred to the banking committee.

Which Is the Greater Evil? THE SPIRIT OF UNREST? OR THE SPIRIT OF REST?



PERSHING HAS KEEN INSIGHT INTO AFFAIRS

Newspaper Correspondents Constantly Surprised at General's Broad Grasp of National Questions.

Washington, April 16.—(Special.)—John J. Pershing's broad grasp of questions of national interest is a constant source of surprise to newspaper correspondents who come in daily contact with him, now that the stress of war work is past, and the Nebraska is so prominently mentioned in connection with the presidential nomination.

This was strikingly illustrated today when the informal conversation turned to farmers and farming. General Pershing's information on this subject evidences the fact that his strenuous duties have not prevented him from keeping in touch with other questions of national importance. He expressed himself as strongly of the opinion that a most imperative duty confronts the nation now as never before, demanding our combined intelligence and energies, in solving the tremendously important problems having to do with the nation's food supply.

Nebraska, as one of the foremost agricultural states of the union, is most vitally concerned in the outcome, declares the general.

Restrictions Hampered.

Talking with Pershing thus informally one is impressed with his viewpoint that, having demanded of the farmer the production of a nation's necessities, we then straightaway proceeded to surround him with too many hampering restrictions, onerous regulations and adverse market conditions, such as to make his full compliance an impossibility.

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Irish Prisoners In Mountjoy Prison Go On Another Strike

Dublin, April 16.—Another hunger strike is reported to have begun in Mountjoy prison. The political prisoners, both convicted and unconvicted, who are still detained there, refused to take food last night.

The latest hunger strikers total 40, including nine who participated in the original strike.

Sergeant Henson, who was shot during the passage of a procession through the streets of Balbriggan, Wednesday, died today.

Barnes Opposes Proposal To Extend Wheat Guarantee

Washington, April 16.—Continuation of the government wheat guarantee for 30 or 40 days after it terminates June 1, proposed by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, at the request of western growers, was opposed by President Barnes of the United States Grain corporation. In a letter received by the Kansas senator.

The Weather

Forecast. Probably showers Saturday; not much change in temperature. 5 a. m. 45.00 a. m. 44. 6 a. m. 44.11 a. m. 43. 7 a. m. 43.22 a. m. 42. 8 a. m. 42.33 a. m. 41. 9 a. m. 41.44 a. m. 40. 10 a. m. 40.55 a. m. 39. 11 a. m. 39.66 a. m. 38. 12 m. 38.77 a. m. 37. 1 p. m. 37.88 a. m. 36. 2 p. m. 36.99 a. m. 35. 3 p. m. 36.10 a. m. 34. 4 p. m. 35.21 a. m. 33. 5 p. m. 34.32 a. m. 32. 6 p. m. 33.43 a. m. 31. 7 p. m. 32.54 a. m. 30. 8 p. m. 31.65 a. m. 29. 9 p. m. 30.76 a. m. 28. 10 p. m. 29.87 a. m. 27. 11 p. m. 28.98 a. m. 26. 12 m. 28.09 a. m. 25. At noon, wind velocity, eight miles an hour.

OUTLAW STRIKE IS COSTLY AFFAIR FOR GOVERNMENT

Losses Will Be Added to Big Deficit to Be Made Up.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee, Leased Wire. Washington, April 16.—The outlaw railroad strike is going to prove a costly proposition for the government, as it has already cut deeply into railway earnings and will thereby require the government to make up a greater deficit. Before traffic was interrupted in the great rail centers between Chicago and the east freight revenues were running about \$10,000,000 a day and passenger revenues amounted to \$3,000,000 daily. A considerable part of this traffic disappeared when the strike was at its height.

On the basis of railroad reports now available, it is estimated that the government's loss for the six months from November to April, will be upward of \$300,000,000. With the February earnings at hand it appears that the government's loss for the four months, which began November 1, is about \$225,000,000.

Railway experts assert that without the credit protection provided for in the new transportation act, many railroad companies would now be facing bankruptcy.

Recommend Changes in Army Court-Martial Law

Washington, April 16.—Material changes in army courts-martial procedure were recommended by the senate military committee in reporting legislation growing out of the Ansell-Crowder row.

The bill, which will be offered by Senator Chamberlain, democrat, Oregon, as an amendment to the pending army reorganization bill, would create a board of review in the judge advocate general's office with power to modify or annul all court-martial sentences.

Trustee of Stanford University Takes Life

Palo Alto, Cal., April 16.—Percy T. Morgan, trustee of Stanford university and a director in a San Francisco bank, was reported by relatives to have shot and killed himself Friday at his home at Los Altos, near here, because of despondency over ill health.

Attack Constabulary Men

Limerick, Munster, Ireland. April 16.—While constabulary were escorting mails from the postoffice to the railway station last night crowds pelted them with stones, and it is alleged the civilians fired some shots. The police returned the fire, wounding two or three civilians.

Not in a Combination

There are certain politicians in control of political machines in this state, who, it is alleged have made secret combinations between certain candidates for president, whose platforms are diametrically opposed to each other, and certain delegates selected to support said candidates.

Such political combinations are against public policy and good government and should receive the stamp of disapproval of every loyal citizen.

We wish to state that we have not in the past, nor will we at any time in the future, enter into any combination of any kind or nature whatsoever to thwart the will of the people.

We have made and will make no secret deals with any candidate or campaign managers. And we say further that we are absolutely free from any and all political machines and entanglements and believe in the rule of the majority and are in a position to and will carry out the edict of the republicans of Nebraska as so expressed by their votes on April 20.

CHARLES H. KELSEY, HOWARD H. BALDRIDGE, TULLY LOWE. Candidates for Delegates at Large to the Republican National Convention.

IOWA DEMOS FOR MEREDITH FOR U. S. PRESIDENT

Claude R. Porter to Make Race for Senator and Clyde Herring for Governor.

Des Moines, Ia., April 16.—Resolutions instructing the Iowa delegation to present the name of and vote for Edwin T. Meredith, United States secretary of agriculture, for president were adopted unanimously here this afternoon at a conference of state democrats, Wilbur Marsh, member of the national committee, said the instructions would be carried out.

The state ticket selected was: U. S. senator, Claude R. Porter, Centerville; governor, Clyde Herring, Des Moines; lieutenant governor, Charles Cameron, attorney general, Ray Files, Fort Dodge; secretary of state, Ruth Sumner, Adel; auditor, John Rude, Marshalltown; railroad commissioner, John O. Boyd, Keokuk.

Miss Anna B. Lawther of Dubuque, chairman of women's division of democratic party, had charge of the women's meeting.

American Slain at Wesel Was Attempting to Escape

Berlin, April 16.—Paul R. DeMott of Paterson, N. J., who was shot and killed at Wesel by a German sentry recently, was making a deliberate attempt to escape from prison when fired upon, according to an oral report made by a representative of the American commission here, who has just completed an investigation of the incident. A report is being prepared for the State department in Washington.

Twice as Many Men Voters As Women in Capital City

Lincoln, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—The total registration for Lincoln is 22,037 voters, of which 14,324 are men and 7,713 are women.

Allies to Send Word to the Germans They Must Disarm

Paris, April 16.—The representatives in Berlin of France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium will join in a warning to Germany that it must execute without delay the disarmament and demobilization clauses of the peace treaty, according to a press statement here.

It is understood that the charges d'affaires will also say to the German government that in case the insurrectionary movement in Germany is not suppressed, the allies may refuse further deliveries of foodstuffs.

Three Pennsylvania Coal Mines Closed by Strike

Hazleton, Pa., April 16.—Three collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company in the Panther Creek valley were closed when the men left work. Vice-President Andrew Matti of District No. 7, United Mine Workers of America, charged that the walkout was engineered by agents of the I. W. W., who arrived in the hard coal field from Chicago and are endeavoring to promote the "one big union" in the coal fields.

Chicago Offices to Close For Funeral of Sullivan

Chicago, April 16.—City and county offices will be closed tomorrow for the funeral of Roger C. Sullivan, democratic leader, who died at his home here Wednesday.

Archbishop Mundelein will conduct the services at Holy Name cathedral.

Launch 100th Ship. Philadelphia, April 16.—Hog Island launched its 100th vessel, the cargo carrier Independence Hall, Mrs. Murdoch Kendrick of Philadelphia, was the sponsor.

SONORA WILL ASK U. S. FOR RECOGNITION

New Republic Hopes to Forestall Permission for Carranza Troops to Cross American Territory.

WOULD OPEN BOUNDARY PORTS FOR TRADE

Action Would Not Involve Relations of This Country With Mexico, Revolution Leader Says—Cites Previous Cases.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 16.—The state of Sonora will appeal to the United States for recognition as a belligerent. Announcement of the appeal was made here by Francisco Elias, a leader in the Sonora revolt against the Carranza government of Mexico.

Sonora hopes to be recognized as a belligerent, according to Senator Elias, and thus forestall all permission being granted Carranza troops to cross United States territory to attack the state from their border. The appeal, if granted, also would throw open the ports of the state on the international boundary to trade with the United States without restriction.

Not Involve U. S. Senator Elias said recognition as a belligerent would in no way involve recognition by the United States of the government of Sonora nor otherwise involve its relations with Mexico as a whole.

He said that in previous Mexican revolutions the United States had recognized any faction as a belligerent that had been in possession of any part of entry to the United States for 72 hours. Troops were ordered sent here with all dispatch to guard the city against any attack of federal authorities when it became known the government of Mexico had asked the United States for permission to send troops here from Juarez, Chihuahua through United States territory.

Gen. J. M. Pina, in command of the Sonora army in this district, ordered 1000 federal army commanders to send all arms and ammunitions to Agua Prieta. Four hundred were marching here from Naco, Sonora, tonight.

Protest to Washington. The Sonora officials said they had received assurances strong representations would be made at Washington against permission being granted their invasion of border American states to also protest at Washington against the Carranza request.

Gen. P. Elias Calles, commander-in-chief of the Sonora forces, in a telegram received here from Herzmollo, said Sonora soldiers were continuing their invasion of the state of Sinaloa, but no mention was made of their present whereabouts or whether additional fighting had taken place.

Germany Troops Mass To Welcome Return of Minister From Ruhr

Berlin, April 16.—Government troops were massed in the center of Berlin last night, following the return of Herr Severing, Prussian minister of the interior, from the Ruhr district where he was sent to conduct operations.

It is presumed this military movement was a result of rumors of a new revolt impending. Severing ordered that the public be barred from the quarter of the city containing government buildings.

Grave conditions are reported from Pomerania, where reactionaries are active.

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