

The Weather
Fair and colder Tuesday and Tuesday night; Wednesday fair and continued cold.
Stage water at Fayetteville yesterday 8 a. m., 16.7 feet.

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HARDING WILL RESIGN SENATE SEAT JAN. 10; BUDGET IS DISCUSSED

Representative Good Comes to Talk Over An Appropriations Policy

RUSSIAN IS VISITOR

Resumption of Trade Relations With Russia Discussed With Rabinoff

RESIGNS JANUARY TENTH

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 27.—President-elect Harding will resign his seat as a United States senator as soon as Harry E. Davis takes office as governor of Ohio January 10, it was known today following a conference with the two.

Mr. Davis will immediately issue a commission to former Governor Willis.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Senator Harding, President-elect, today interrupted his discussion of foreign policy and an association of nations with prominent citizens to take matters of domestic concern, around which most of the discussion during the present week will center.

He commenced his talks on domestic subjects today with Congressman James W. Good, of Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee. He also talked with Max Rabinoff, conductor of the Chicago Opera company, on Russian trade.

Today also brought forth the first definite announcement that Senator Harding will resign his seat in the senate immediately upon the inauguration of Governor-elect Davis, and the governor-elect's announcement that he will immediately appoint Senator-elect Harry E. Davis to the vacancy. This was announced by Mr. Davis after a conference with Mr. Harding.

Tomorrow will witness further discussion of domestic questions with Senator McCumber of North Dakota, ranking member of the senate finance committee, and Oscar Strauss, former secretary of commerce and labor.

The conference today with Representative Good was said to have chiefly concerned appropriations and a proposed budget system. In a statement issued after the conference, Chairman Good said he had pointed out to Senator Harding the importance, as it seemed to him, of having budget legislation passed by the present congress as the first operation of the new administration might be inaugurated on the same plan.

"My suggestion," he said, "was that the best possible budget system be secured at once and that later it might be carried out by the next congress."

"It is, of course, highly desirable that the policy of the new administration be formulated as soon as possible so that congress may conform its program to that policy. The present congress is making appropriations which will run into the Harding administration but which of necessity represent the policy of the present, rather than the incoming administration.

"Appropriations, of course, are made for the people carrying out particular policy. It is therefore desirable that the policy should be known to the appropriating authorities as early as possible.

Mr. Good said he had discussed cabinet members with the President-elect, but was not at liberty to indicate who they were.

Mr. Rabinoff's conference with Senator Harding today was said to concern questions relating to the resumption of trade relations with Russia, co-operative societies without giving formal recognition to the Russian government. He said that opening of trade relations with the United States is absolutely necessary to Russia, and that it is stated and to save itself, much less to make its proper contribution to the reconstruction of Europe.

REVIVAL OF SLAVE TRADE CHARGED

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Charges that there has been a recrudescence of slave trading practices over wide areas in Angola, a Portuguese possession in West Africa, had been presented to the assembly of the League of Nations by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. These charges are contained in the copy of a memorial previously sent to the British government through the Portuguese consul in London. A trailer article appearing in the Frankfurt Zeitung today.

MANY HURT IN WRECK

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—One man was killed and more than 40 persons were injured, several seriously, tonight when a trailer, attached to a street car, broke loose and dashed down a hill and crashed into another car. Both cars were crowded with persons on their way to their homes from work.

SAYS VERSAILLES TREATY IS OPPRESSING GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Complaint that Germany's foreign position is "continually becoming worse as the Versailles treaty is carried increasingly into effect" is made by Dr. Walter Simons, the German foreign minister, in a signed article appearing in the Frankfurt Zeitung today.

REFORMERS NOT AGAINST FREE SUNDAY AMUSEMENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Free moving picture shows and theatrical productions on Sunday would meet no objection from the National Reform Association, the Rev. William S. Fleming, district manager, announced here today.

"All this talk about 'blue' Sunday is nonsense. We are not trying to pass any laws. What we are after is commercialized amusement that is making money out of the personal liberty," Fleming declared. "Our work is a program of educating the American people to observe Sunday."

Believes We Should Either Agree to Reduce Or Out-Build the World

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The League of Nations, should initiate a movement looking to an international conference for the reduction of armaments, Secretary Daniels of the navy said tonight.

If an agreement is not reached by all nations for such a program, the secretary added, "the United States should have a navy second to none."

The question of disarmament was also discussed at the senate today by Senator Johnson, Republican, California, declaring that a disarmament agreement by the nations who constituted the five allied and associated powers in the world war would constitute "the one great step that could be taken toward the promotion of peace and the prevention of all future wars."

Secretary Daniels in his statement tonight declared that his naval estimates recently submitted to congress called only for minor vessels and expressed approval of the general board's program for only in the event that the United States does not enter the League of Nations or become a party to an international agreement to limit armaments.

"The secretary advocated legislation similar to that in the 1916 naval appropriation bill which authorized President Wilson to appoint a commission of nine members to represent the United States at an international armament conference.

"If we do not want the League of Nations," said Mr. Daniels, "we ought to have a conference purely on the subject of reduction of armaments. Every nation that has joined the league has promised this. All they need now is to get us in. Unless there is some such agreement the United States should have a navy second to none. This is the reason that I have advocated the building of a fleet in mid-ocean as a deterrent to all the world, that it is unhealthy to build great armaments for purposes of conquest.

SPECIAL GUARD SERVICE BEGUN IN NEW YORK

Gang Feud Feared As Result of Eastman Case

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Placing of every railroad, street car, ferry and highway entrance into the city under special police guard and the calling out of 650 embryonic policemen for final training were announced by Police Commissioner Enright tonight as the latest measures to check New York's tide of outlaws.

Meanwhile, the department fearing another gang feud as a result of the notorious "Monk" Eastman, former mobster, who was shot and killed yesterday, exerted themselves in an attempt to establish the identity of his slayer.

A theory that Eastman as the head of a "whisky ring" met death as the result of a quarrel with associates over division of profits was being investigated.

In this connection the police instituted a search for a woman known as "Loftie," said to be one of Eastman's intimates.

Charles Jones, with whom he was associated in an automobile business after the war, said today he was endeavoring to locate the gangster's sister. He added that he would "see to it that Eastman has a good funeral and that there will be a lot of good men there to show their friendliness toward him." Jones asserted Eastman had "gone straight" since he left prison ten years ago and he knew of no reason why he should be slain.

PERSHING WILL DIRECT INAUGURAL PARADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—General Pershing, in a telegram from Roslyn, New York, tonight accepted an invitation to serve as grand marshal of the parade for the inauguration of President-elect Harding, which was announced by the committee in charge of arrangements. The invitation was extended him in conformity with the custom of having the ranking officer of the army head the inaugural parade.

"Not a week passes," he says, "without our former opponents addressing demands we can only fulfill by sacrificing important German interests.

"With America we still live in a state of war and that this is not simply a manner of speech, has been shown by the incident between the German and American ambassadors in Paris."

Dr. Simons then refers "as a gleam of hope" to the possibility of the Brussels conference making possible the fixing at Geneva of the German war debt within tolerable limits.

"He concludes his article by saying: 'We may be sure the new President of the United States will not hesitate to restore a state of peace with Germany.'"

Poet Is Among Fiume Casualties

Report of Death Officially Denied, But Said to Have Been Wounded in Fierce Battle For Control of City

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that D'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent said, is officially denied.

Bombarding City

TRIESTE, Dec. 27.—The regulars under General Cavaglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being under way. The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings, the intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

Fighting Is Fierce

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Fierce fighting is proceeding in the environs of Fiume, say London Times dispatches from Milan, and losses to the regulars are very heavy, among the casualties being two colonels mortally wounded.

D'Annunzio flew over the lines Sunday and dropping leaflets from his airplane calling on the regulars to desert. The poet's troops have transferred the houses in the public gardens into machine gun nests, which have been effective in stopping the government forces. All the main streets are defended by barbed wire barricades.

"An instance is related in which the legionaries made a desperate stand in an armored car, which the regulars succeeded in setting after killing three and wounding two of the occupants.

The resistance encountered by Cavaglia's troops apparently is unexpectedly strong and the capture of Fiume has been considerably delayed by the poet's defense.

Saddened By Rumor

VENICE, Dec. 27.—The reports of the death of Gabriele D'Annunzio spread quickly throughout Venice today. The Italian colors on the flagstaff in St. Mark's square were immediately half-masted soon afterwards the flagstaff on private houses throughout the city were lowered.

According to some reports received here, D'Annunzio was only wounded and was taken to a hospital.

One report says that, notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio, fighting continues, the legionaries trying to prevent the passage of the regular troops, which are composed chiefly of the regular army and the city militia.

It is asserted that the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several persons.

One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat destroyer Espero, setting the vessel on fire.

Thirty Killed

ROME, Dec. 27.—The casualties sustained by the regulars in the fighting with D'Annunzio's legionaries in the present are reported to be 30 killed and about 100 wounded. The wounded include several carabinieri officers. The rebel forces have blown up four bridges over the Recina.

Company Ambushed

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Stefani agency from Rome says that a company of Alpini was ambushed and captured by the Fiuman legionaries. Many are said to have been wounded after they were taken prisoners through a ruse, their captors having pretended that they wished to surrender.

Other reports state that the destroyer Espero, which joined D'Annunzio's forces recently, has been set afire, and that an attempt to revolt by citizens of Fiume has been repressed with bloodshed.

ROME, Dec. 27.—A committee of members of the chamber of deputies was received this afternoon by Premier Giolitti who informed them that the report concerning the situation in Fiume were greatly exaggerated. He said that Gabriele D'Annunzio neither had been killed nor wounded.

The premier said the government had purposely made a great display of force around Fiume in order to induce the legionaries to surrender, like those at Zara. Energetic action was indispensable for the application of the treaty Rapallo and also to prevent the Serbians from undertaking to settle the question, as they had already proposed to do, which would cause much graver complications.

Signor Giolitti said he trusted within a few hours that Cavaglia would enter Fiume without further bloodshed. He denied that the battleship Andrea Doria had bombarded Fiume.

LENINE'S PROGRAM BASIS OF FRENCH DISCUSSION

TOURS, France, Dec. 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—The left center and right wings of the French Socialist congress in session here today voiced their fears and hopes on the proposed adherence to the Moscow International under the 21 conditions as laid down by Nikolai Lenin. Leon Blum, Socialist member of the chamber of deputies, defended the co-operation of the Socialists with the government during the war. He was interrupted by the singing of the "Internationale."

VOTES FOR WOMEN

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 27.—Votes for Brazilian women over 21 years of age who are able to read and write, is the object of an amendment just presented in the chamber of deputies to an electoral revision measure now before that house. The amendment provides that when it is deemed convenient women so eligible may be included in the list of voters.

STON INDICATES POSITION OF BONUS OR EX-SERVICE MEN

Measures Measure Would Cost in Excess of Two Billion Dollars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,300,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury as the cost of carrying out provisions of the soldier bonus bill.

The treasury secretary presented his estimate to the senate finance committee without comment other than to urge that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's finances.

The estimate was accompanied by figures showing the cost of carrying out any one of the five optional provisions of the bonus bill, provided all former service men chose a single plan. The figures for the various options are: \$1,424,000,000 for the adjusted pay provision to \$4,584,000,000 for the insurance provision. The maximum possible cost of the vocational training aid and the farm and home development plans was placed at \$1,880,000,000 each, while the secretary said that the fifth provision, a plan for land settlement, held so many uncertainties that it was impossible to estimate its cost.

Submission of the estimated total cost made an apparent impression on members of the committee, which is considering the bonus bill, as passed by the house at the last session. Members declined to forecast the decision of the committee reporting out the measure, but it was recalled that Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, stated at the opening of hearings of the bill that it would depend largely on the state of government finances and that Mr. Houston had testified that with normal expenditures the treasury would have a deficit of \$2,100,000,000 for the year ending next June 30 and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the following twelve months.

During Mr. Houston's testimony it became increasingly evident that the present treasury administration does not desire either to advise or recommend with respect to legislation providing for greater governmental expenditures. The secretary made plain to the committee that he was submitting a list of possible sources of new taxes in his annual report, but they were for the information of congress and were in no sense more than suggestions.

Reiterating his opposition to revival of the war finance corporation, Mr. Houston declared the present sources of revenue were fast declining and added that he knew not where the money was to come from to meet the bonus payments should the bill be enacted into law.

Dr. T. S. Adams, treasury economist and tax expert, at the suggestion of Mr. Houston gave the committee a complete statement of revenue obtainable from the various taxes suggested to congress in Mr. Houston's annual report. He pointed to many new writing which might be utilized, but explained that much of the question of raising a tax levy centered first in the determination of a revenue policy which only congress could provide.

Dr. Adams also suggested to the committee that the greatest needs was a simplification of the revenue laws, a statement occurred in by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, who said there was an evident need for the treasury administration to make the average man can understand."

Failure to Release Debs Stirs Friends

Socialists Attack Wilson For Refusal to Free Head of Their Party

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Agitation for the release of all political prisoners was given a new impetus tonight when Eugene V. Debs, at Christmas, declared "until the last vestige of Wilsonism is erased," was promised in a statement from Socialist party headquarters here today, following the refusal of President Wilson to pardon Eugene V. Debs at Christmas.

"We refuse to believe," the statement said, "that President Wilson, who has pardoned murderers, bank robbers, burglars, adulterers of food, German spies, dope dealers, bank wreckers and other choice criminals, speaks or the American people when he continues to keep in prison a political opponent.

"The principle involved is simply have the American people the right to express their honest opinions on any subject, political, economic, social or have they not? If they have then it is crime against the American people to arrest men and women in prison for the expression of their opinion and the man who, by his own deliberate act, keeps such people in prison, sins against the whole American people.

If there are not, then our pretensions at democracy and liberty are a lie and a sham, and the sooner we discard the principle the better."

HOLIDAYS PASS FAIRLY QUIETLY IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The holidays passed fairly quietly in Dublin, contrary to expectations. The curfew order was not relaxed, but on Christmas Eve it was to some extent ignored by roisterers throughout the night and there was much alarm and shooting, several persons being slightly injured.

A young soldier in civilian clothes was shot dead by a sentry at Kilmainham for refusing to halt when challenged. In different parts of the country men were shot dead by armed gangs.

SOVIET MINISTER DENOUNCES "HOSTILITY" ON PART OF U.S.

Compares Attitude of America With That Of Other Countries Which Are Re-opening Trade Relations With His Country

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A message from George Tchitcherin, soviet minister of foreign affairs, in which he denounced the present American administration for "hostility" to the soviet government, was made public here today by Ludwig C. A. Martens, soviet "ambassador" to the United States.

In accordance with orders contained in the message, Martens notified the department of labor that he will surrender himself for deportation to Russia on January 2.

Instructions from his government, Martens said, were to the effect that he must not appeal from the order for deportation recently signed by Secretary of Labor Wilson. Cancellation of \$50,000,000 worth of contracts with American firms was also ordered, according to Martens.

The message from Tchitcherin declared that while most other nations of the world are entering into economic relations with soviet Russia, America is making such relations impossible.

"The hostility of the present American administration expressed in this act," the message said, "cannot reflect the opinion of the American people, especially of the American workers, who have given so many warmly appreciated proofs of sympathy with the workers and peasants of Russia.

"Under the most trying circumstances you have during two years honorably and patiently endeavored to carry out the instructions received by you to establish friendly relations with the United States. You did so, notwithstanding malicious insults and petty persecutions on the part of some elements in America, convinced that eventually the common interests of the people of America and Russia would eliminate the obstacles to understanding."

"Even now we are certain the masses of the American people will in due time bring about such an understanding. At the present moment, however, we are confronted with the sad fact that America, who repeatedly avowed her good will toward the people of Russia and with whom Russia for many reasons was eager to develop mutually advantageous cooperation in the economic field, makes such cooperation impossible. This is done at a time when most other nations of the world, even such as openly conducted war against us and wasted no time in sentiments of assurance or friendship, are entering into economic relations with Russia."

Martens asserted that continued refusal to resume trade relations with Russia will nullify a \$6,000,000 order for American goods, alleged to have been brought to this country by Washington B. Vanderlip of Los Angeles, who recently announced that he had procured a 400,000 square mile concession in Siberia for a California syndicate.

There are about 16 Russians on Martens' staff here, and he has applied for permission for them and his family to accompany him home.

EMBASSY NOTE INCIDENT OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE

State Department Gives No Sign of Concern

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Indications were in evidence at the state department today that there was no desire on the part of the American government officials to make what in the language of diplomacy is known as "incident" out of the transmission of a communication by the British ambassador to a member of congress. The ambassador last week wrote directly to Chairman Rogers of the senate committee investigating cable communications, denying testimony before the committee that the British authorities imposed a censorship on cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain.

It developed today that R. Leslie Crisp, first secretary of the embassy, who signed the communication, discussed his action with Assistant Secretary of State Meris last week. It is also indicated that the British ambassador expressed to the secretary of the embassy's action as soon as he recovers from his present slight illness.

HARBOR BOATMEN VOTE TO STRIKE JANUARY 1

Reject Working Agreement Offered For 1921

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Harbor Boatmen's union voted tonight to reject the new working agreement for 1921 which was offered by the independent owners and to go on strike January 1. Arthur Olsen, secretary of the union, declared 2,200 men will be affected.

The principal objection to the new work was the clause stipulating a sixty-hour week, it was stated. Both organizations take the stand that, if they agreed to this, the employer would be given an opportunity to evade paying overtime rates. The marine engineers have accepted the sixty-hour week.

Leaders of both unions declared all negotiations with the independent boat owners and the Tow Boat exchange had been broken off and the strike committee had been authorized to proceed with its preparations for the struggle, which menaces harbor transportation.

Officials of the harbor boatmen stated tonight that they were satisfied to continue working on a ten-hour-day basis with overtime paid, the employer and half, but were opposed to the Tow Boat exchange's proposition which they declared virtually would deprive them of overtime pay.

WOULD CROSS NORTH POLE IN AIRPLANE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, who was master of the "Roosevelt," the ship on which Admiral Peary's expedition discovered the North pole, has declared determination to cross the North pole in an airplane.

To finance the expedition, he says, will cost about \$300,000, and he is seeking to make arrangements with wealthy bodies and wealthy men for the advance of this sum.

Captain Bartlett is known among army, navy and scientific men as "The Polar Bear" and is a veteran of five Polar expeditions.

He arrived here recently to become captain in the army transport service and is in charge of the transports being completed at Hog Island.

ATTEMPTED LIQUOR SALE CAUSE OF FATAL HOLDUP

RALEIGH, Dec. 27.—Purvis Plants, nineteen-year-old Johnston county boy, killed while on the roadside near Salisbury on Wednesday night, was killed while in the act of engaging in the sale of eight gallons of whiskey to four negroes whom they had carried from Raleigh, according to a story that came out in the investigation by the solicitor today.

Leslie Messer and Percy Barber, companions of the dead boy, gave this additional information regarding the killing, which was examined by the solicitor.

They had brought the whiskey from Johnston county, secreted it on the roadside, and had come to Raleigh to find purchasers. They picked up the four negroes, but when they reached the hiding place of the booze the negroes drew guns and robbed them. After the negroes left the men found that Plants had been killed.

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REPORTS JAPAN READY TO ACCEPT CALIFORNIA "YELLOW PERIL" LAWS

Representative Kahn Brings This Impression From Conference With Morris

MAY ALTER LAWS

Substitution of More General Enactment Suggested By Way of Compromise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Declaration was made tonight by Representative Kahn of California that he believed reports were true that the Japanese government had withdrawn its opposition to the recently ratified California law prohibiting acquisition by Japanese of title to real estate in that state.

The California representative made the statement after a conference today with Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Tokio.

Announcement was made by Representative Kahn that a meeting of the California members of the house had been called for Wednesday to discuss the aspects of negotiations now being carried on between the United States and Japanese governments looking toward a treaty defining the rights of Japanese nationals in the United States.

The principal matter to be taken up at the conference, Representative Kahn said, was the proposal that the California legislature be asked to enact a substitute for the recently enacted law. The substitute would prohibit Japanese alien from acquiring land in California and would thereby remove the contention of the Japanese government that the present California law is discriminatory.

Mr. Kahn, who conferred at the state department with Ambassador Morris, who is representing the United States in the negotiations conducted by the Japanese government through its ambassador here, Baron Shidehara, said his impression was that no definite conclusions as to the proposed treaty had been reached.

The conference held by Mr. Morris with the California representative is understood to have been in accordance with a suggestion made by the state department that leaders in both houses of congress be consulted with regard to the proposed treaty with view to obtaining approval from congress for various provisions of the past when it is completed. These consultations are understood to have included conferences with Senator Johnson of California, the only member of the foreign relations committee from the Pacific coast states, and Representative Johnson of Washington, chairman of the house immigration committee.

The conferences between the ambassadors, it is understood, have been marked by an absence of formality which has permitted considerable latitude without committing the respective governments to a definite program. Satisfactory progress has been made, it is said, and a mass of material in the shape of reports, is about to be submitted to Tokio and to the state department here. Ambassador Morris' report, it is believed, will probably later be made available to the senate committee on foreign relations.

While this is even the general plan of the proposed treaty, as yet no plan has been disclosed, under an agreement reached by the two governments in undertaking the task, it is understood that the Japanese government has indicated that it would not object to any reasonable limitation of the rights of the Japanese in the United States.

Conferees said to have been held with the California delegations to accompany the Japanese representatives, and willing itself to remove any discrimination embodied in the Webb law or the referendum measure adopted at the last election. It has been suggested that California might enact a law that would, for instance, prohibit entirely the holding of real property by any alien.

So far as is known the question of conferring title upon the Japanese in California or in any other state has not arisen. It is understood, however, that protection has been sought for the Japanese in America in whatever property rights they may desire to acquire under the law and treaties in existence, although the principle of prohibition of additional acquisitions may be recognized.

HILDEBRAND IMPLICATED BY ALLEGED CONFESSION

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 27.—Following the re-arrest today of Baxter Hildebrand on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Glen Lippard in November, Solicitor B. L. Huffman made public an alleged confession from Dock Hefner, one of three defendants convicted last week and sentenced to life imprisonment.

According to the alleged confession Hefner declared that he was an eyewitness to the murder of Lippard and that he was killed by Lone Young and Baxter Hildebrand, the former shooting him in the back with a pistol and the latter hitting him over the head with his pistol after he had been shot down.

NEGRO, SLAYER OF TWO, SURROUNDED BY POSSE

OSCEOLA, Ark., Dec. 27.—Charley Giles, a negro, who shot and killed O. T. Craig, a planter, and Mrs. Craig's daughter, Mrs. May Belle Williamson, at Wilson, Ark., Christmas day, tonight was believed to be surrounded by a posse about nine miles from here and his capture was expected momentarily.

More than 100 men were in the party pursuing Giles, which was under the lead of pack of bloodhounds, procured from Dyersburg, Tenn. According to a report from Driver, Ark., the negro, formerly a farm hand on the Craig plantation, was hiding under a water tank in a basin from which the water has been drained.

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