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### SHIP OF STATE, BUT WAS "INHERITED,"

but that they would stand loyally by it; while another gentleman high in authority stated that the conditions were becoming such that the Government might be compelled to ask for the loyal support of all parties, which was a pretty broad hint at probable war. Unless the signs of the times are all wrong there is good cause for British statesmen to be in a very thoughtful mood, for never since the days of Napoleon had they more serious problems to confront.

As we see it the day of England's waning power is not far off. It is not in the nature of things that an insular country of 36,000,000 of people should continue to rule over millions of people in other countries and exercise jurisdiction over territory a hundred times greater than it, held not by right of discovery but by right of conquest, as she holds Ireland, Scotland, India, Canada, and her possessions in Africa. The first blow will be struck by Russia, in knocking the props from under British influence in China, and the next will be France in helping to drive British power out of Egypt. England will doubtless endeavor to secure an alliance with Japan but will be smart if she does that before Russia does, for we believe that when the plans are finally developed it will be found that Russia has not only formed her combinations with China but also with Japan.

Here we would have a triple combination embracing in the aggregate over 500,000,000 of people, dominated by two warlike, aggressive, and ambitious nations, with China as a base of operations. With such fleets as Russia and Japan could muster by the time they would find it necessary to use them, how long could England with the population she has to draw from hold out against them in Pacific or Indian waters?

What part Russia is going to play in this game isn't yet quite apparent, but she appears to be acting in concert with Russia, with whom she seems to be in alliance on general principles, but she has never liked England, and has never felt quite satisfied since England got control of the Suez Canal, which Frenchmen built, and turned it to her own advantage, thus getting practical control of Mediterranean sea and the Indian ocean.

### MINOR MENTION.

The conviction of Theodore Durrant, in San Francisco, of the murder of Blanche Lamont was a foregone conclusion, the chain of testimony against him, although circumstantial, being as strong as circumstantial evidence could possibly be, so strong that it didn't leave any ground for doubt by the jury. Public sentiment, which seems to have observed a measure of propriety during the progress of the trial, broke out in a wild tumult of approval when the verdict was rendered, even women present participating in it. The astonishing part of the proceedings during the long trial was the coolness and apparent composure of the man on trial for his life and the confidence his mother felt in his acquittal, as shown by her cheerful and even gay demeanor during the trial, when day by day as the evidence was rendered his prospects of escape became lessened, with his utter failure to break the force of this evidence in any important particular. The mother's confidence was doubtless based on her love for her boy and the, to her, impossibility of believing him guilty. His coolness is attributed to "nerve," but it was not that, it was stolidity, or callousness, born, perhaps, of total depravity. And yet he was not totally depraved, nor devoid of feeling, as shown by the affectionate caressing of his mother when she broke down and hope vanished on the announcement of the verdict of guilty. He will doubtless also be convicted of the murder of Minnie Williams and go to the gallows judicially branded as a double murderer.

### C. Schumacher & Co., of New York, in their weekly letter discussing the fluctuations in the prices of farm products and the drop in cotton, attribute them to the tariff policy, which has hampered trade with foreign countries and thus put down prices, while decreasing the demand. They believe that cotton ought to command ten cents a pound, and that way to make it do so is "not by artificial combinations, but by a return to our ante-bellum commercial policy, which will enable our customers abroad to pay for our products in such of their own wares as the conditions of their climate and population best fit them to produce. By depriving them of this privilege by our short sighted, narrow-minded tariff policy, we lose infinitely more than they by the depreciation in the value of our agricultural products, which, besides

### RALEIGH HAPPENINGS.

#### MATTERS OF MORE OR LESS MOMENT AT THE CAPITAL.

Large Revenue Collections—Hawkins Will Case—A Heavy Docket—The Southern Railroad—Major Guthrie Talks of War With England—Fine President of Corn City—Miss Munnell's Visit to Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 8. The Revenue collections in this district are said to be the largest in the history of the office for the past month. The exact figures are not obtainable at present.

Mr. J. H. Cutter, of Boston, who is largely interested in Street Railway stock here, is in the city.

The Hawkins will case did not come up in court as expected yesterday. The case was adjourned to the 10th. The two brothers of the late Dr. Hawkins have come to the point that they do not speak.

The present court has a very heavy docket. The second week has ended and the court has just got started. The three weeks will be consumed. There are only ten prisoners in Wake county jail.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday were phenomenally large, being 350 bales. The weather was very stormy.

Mr. J. L. Womble, who has been foreman of the S. A. L. shops here, has been displaced.

Mr. J. B. Munson will have as clerks in his division freight office, which was opened yesterday, Messrs. E. A. Alston and E. C. Fitch. They come from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Guthrie is reported to have said that the only chance for the country to be thoroughly united is to have war with England.

There are some fine specimens of corn on exhibition at the State Agricultural Department, raised by Mr. H. T. Chandler at the Gaillard place. Mr. Chandler has a great quantity of the same variety which he raised this year. On a motion by Alderman Johnson, at a meeting of the Board of Agriculture last night, it was decided to have a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday night next for the purpose of levying the tax for the present year. The taxes are levied each year by the Board. They have the power of naming the rate up to a certain maximum. The maximum, which is fixed by law, is \$1.33. The rate last year is \$1.25. It is probable that the rate this year will be larger, as by the recent assessment there is a deficiency of \$90,000 on real estate. The taxes are due December 1st.

Mr. E. St. John, Vice President of the S. A., has granted to his wife, a trip to Atlanta. Wives and dependent members of their families will also be given transportation.

### THE MAXTON FAIR.

The weather was bad, but the girls were just lovely, and there was much enjoyment.

The bad weather interfered seriously with the Fair of the Border Exposition of the Carolinas at Maxton last week. The attendance on the first two days was comparatively small, but on Friday, the third and last day, there was a large crowd present, although it was anything but a fair day.

The exhibits were not so numerous as usual, and this was specially noticeable in the live stock department; but the ladies surpassed themselves in their successful efforts to make the building devoted to miscellaneous entries, beautiful and attractive. In art and fancy work the exhibits were specially fine.

The side-shows were more numerous than ever before, and were about up to the average in point of merit. "Noah's Ark" was there, thanks to the meteorological foresight of the managers, who fully realized that there would be a young deluge.

The presence of beves of beautiful blushing bellies was a prominent feature. "The fair" were there, yes, everywhere, and the boys stood by with plaintive sigh and hopeful eye.

The "Kooches-Kooches" girls were not permitted to show their agility. Being kicked by birth and education, they kicked against the decision of the managers, but it was purely metaphorical. Many young (and old) gentlemen, too, who distribute the song books and "raise the tines" at the various Sunday schools, were greatly disappointed because the boys stood by with plaintive sigh and hopeful eye.

Altogether the Fair was enjoyable. It was the "once a year," when hundreds of old friends meet to talk over the past and where "the boys" and the girls exchange compliments and discuss "airy nothings" with a degree of pleasure known only to themselves.

### FAYETTEVILLE WAKING UP.

To Have Two More Cotton Factories, With a Chance for Still Another Manufacturing Plant.

The people of Fayetteville are deeply interested just now in some new business enterprises to be established in that fine old town. A member of the well known Hot family, in conjunction with two other capitalists, has purchased a considerable body of land on Matthews' Hill, just south of the corporate limits of the town, where they will build a large cotton factory, to be run by steam power, and to be provided with every important improvement that has been made in the modern cotton mill.

There, then, is the movement, recently inaugurated, for a cotton factory to be built on the co-operative plan, which is now an assured success, as all the stock has been subscribed except \$10,000.

There is still another enterprise, much discussed, and which is said to rival in magnitude either of those mentioned above. The details of this scheme have not yet transpired, but it is rumored that an important manufacturing plant will be the net result.

The STAR gives this information, which comes from a leading citizen of Fayetteville, with real pleasure. The people of that town are fully alive to the fact that it is to manufacturing enterprises that they must look for progress and prosperity. Success to them.

—Messrs. A. Sprunt & Co. cleared yesterday the British steamer *Arden*, for Bremen, Germany, with cargo of 8,900 bales cotton.

### DRETTING ACCIDENT.

Mr. Henry W. Wenzel's Fatal Fall from a Scaffold. His Wife and Two Children Were Injured.

A very sad accident occurred yesterday at the dry goods establishment of Messrs. Katz & Polvogt, on Front street, which resulted in the death of Mr. Henry W. Wenzel, a painter, who was at work in the store painting the skylights on the inside. A STAR reporter, who was standing near the corner of Front and Princess streets, saw a crowd of ladies run out of Messrs. Katz & Polvogt's store with their hands up to their faces as if to avoid seeing a frightful accident or sight. He, with a large crowd who saw the strange occurrence, hastened to the place and found the lady clerks were being sent home and the doors locked behind them. Upon inquiry it was learned that Mr. Wenzel, who had been employed by Mr. Thos. A. Leslie to paint the skylight, assisting a fellow-workman, Mr. Archie Mariah, had fallen with the scaffold, on which he was sitting, a distance of fifty feet, to the ground floor and was killed instantly. He struck a counter and the cashier's chair, which is in the center of the building, breaking his neck, both legs and his right arm. Miss Maria Ruge, the cashier, jumped from her chair just in time to save her life. The scaffold that Wenzel was sitting on must have worked loose, it fell with him.

Doctors Bullock, Storm and Russell were summoned, but were of no avail, as life was extinct when they arrived. The body was taken to the morgue, and the part of the store and after the crowd dispersed, it was placed on a litter and carried to Messrs. Yopp's undertaker shop, where it was dressed and placed in a coffin and the afternoon sent to his late residence on South Eighth street, between Church and Castle.

The sad news of Mr. Wenzel's death was communicated to his wife, who when it was conveyed to her was found sick in bed, having had an operation performed a few days ago. The couple were in poor circumstances, and knowing this some kindly disposed citizens started out with a subscription list to raise money for the burial expenses, which was responded to by merchants.

Telegrams were sent to the unfortunate man's mother in Germany and relatives in New Orleans. He was a resident of this city for four years, having worked with the Armour Packing Company and as driver of wagons, but for the past year had been painting. He leaves a wife but no children, and was thought well of by all who knew him. He was thirty-six years of age. The funeral will take place to-day from his residence on Eighth street.

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### GITY MARKETS.

Freshly Well Supplied with Meats, Fish, Vegetables and Fruits in Season.

The markets yesterday were fairly well supplied with meats, fish, vegetables and fruits in season, and prices were reasonable.

But little dressed poultry has yet arrived, yet live fowls were abundant. Grow chickens selling at 25 to 30c per piece, and half-grown 15 to 20c; eggs, 15c per dozen; country butter, 30c per pound.

Vegetables were abundant, but there was no great variety. Lima beans sold at 15c per quart; taro, 5c per bushel; broke adrift and Waxed jumped on top, preferring to take his chances of being picked up by some passing vessel rather than to be left to rot on the beach without food and water and sharks being number surrounded him, but he managed to beat them off with his coat. We could give no account of his vessel or shipment.

Captain Hopkins stated that when he picked up Weeks from off the wreck he appeared in a state of great excitement and in all probability had fallen in with the water-logged schooner and taken off her crew.

### RAILROAD NOTES.

The Wagner Palace Car Company will shortly put on a sleeping and chair car line between Atlanta and Charleston by way of Augusta. This will be the first entrance of the Wagner company into Southern territory east of the Mississippi and of course Atlanta gets the initial line.

Fast time is not confined to the eastern roads. General Manager Merrill says that a train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy every day in the week makes the run from Chicago to Council Bluffs, 1010 miles, in 10 hours, which, deducting the time for stops, makes the actual speed of the train when running average 63 miles an hour. For several years the fastest train on the road is an average of 62 miles an hour.

Notwithstanding the claims of other roads, English and American, to equality or superiority in some respects, General Passenger Agent Daniels still holds up the banner of the New York Central and claims for it "the three world's records for speed, namely: First, the fastest mile ever run by a regular passenger train—the Empire Express, four heavy cars filled with passengers, hauled by gold medal engine, No. 999, May 10, 1893, between Batavia and Buffalo—one mile 23 seconds, equaling to 119 1/2 miles an hour. Second, the fastest regular long distance train ever run—the Empire State Express, which has been running for several months, since October 26, 1891—440 miles in 590 minutes, which, including four stops and 28 slow-downs, 51 miles an hour. Third, the fastest time for a long distance ever made by a passenger train—special train of four cars, weight 165,000 pounds, length 387 feet, capacity 200 passengers—New York to Buffalo, September 11, 1895, 496 1/2 miles, in 407 3/4 minutes, which is 64.96-100 miles an hour.

United States Commissioner's Court.

A colored man, S. S. Barry, from Brunswick county, was brought before Commissioner R. H. Bunting yesterday, charged with selling liquor without license. He gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the United States District Court, which will convene in this city next week, and was released.

—There was 4 1/2 feet water in the river at Fayetteville Friday at 9 a. m., a rise of 8 1/2 feet in the previous 24 hours.

### NORTH CAROLINIANS.

Rejoicing in the City of Minneapolis—The Late Convention, the Success of the State Fair and the Success of the Cotton Crop.

The new light of the MORNING STAR brings its daily greetings from the Sunny South to a circle of appreciative home friends (Carolinnians) who are standing near the corner of Front and Princess streets, saw a crowd of ladies run out of Messrs. Katz & Polvogt's store with their hands up to their faces as if to avoid seeing a frightful accident or sight. He, with a large crowd who saw the strange occurrence, hastened to the place and found the lady clerks were being sent home and the doors locked behind them. Upon inquiry it was learned that Mr. Wenzel, who had been employed by Mr. Thos. A. Leslie to paint the skylight, assisting a fellow-workman, Mr. Archie Mariah, had fallen with the scaffold, on which he was sitting, a distance of fifty feet, to the ground floor and was killed instantly. He struck a counter and the cashier's chair, which is in the center of the building, breaking his neck, both legs and his right arm. Miss Maria Ruge, the cashier, jumped from her chair just in time to save her life. The scaffold that Wenzel was sitting on must have worked loose, it fell with him.

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### THE DROUGHT.

Generous Rains—A Northeast Storm Threatens.

The Northeast storm signal was displayed here yesterday morning. The storm was then centered in Alabama and was expected to cause high winds on the Central and South Atlantic coasts.

The Bureau report said heavy rain had fallen in the western part of the country extending from North Carolina to Texas, with light snow in upper Michigan, Eastern Nebraska and Western Texas, and it would continue to rain in this vicinity for the next twenty-four to thirty-six hours, with fresh to high easterly winds.

The cotton crop in this section was Wednesday about 10 p. m., continued steadily all night and up to noon yesterday, with an aggregate of 1.88 inches.

This cotton crop is the most promising yet in this section, and the average for the nine stations in the district up to 9 a. m., was 0.64 of an inch.

### A DAZED MARINER.

A Fight For Life With a Capt as Weapon.

New York, Oct. 29.—Captain Hopkins, of the four-masted schooner *Star of the Sea*, of Boston, which arrived today from Chisolm Island, S. C., phosphate laden, reports that last Friday in latitude 5.18, longitude 76.41, he sighted a wreck which proved to be the top of a vessel's house.

A man was waving a coat to attract attention. The vessel bore down on the wreck, and the man, who was in a dazed condition. He gave his name as Ben F. Weeks, aged thirty years, of Wilmington, N. C., and stated that he had been on the wreck about a week, and was in a small schooner of about 100 tons.

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### AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

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Two Marriages—Business Firm Dissolved—U. S. Marshal Carroll Seriously Sick—The State Fair Comes Out All Right—Cases in the Superior Court—Session on the Bond Issue—Session on the Bond Issue—Session on the Bond Issue.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 31. There were two marriages in the city yesterday. Mr. Fred Woolcott, Captain of the Governor's Guard, led to the altar Miss Mand Young, daughter of the Clerk of the Court. The bride couple has gone South on a wedding tour. Mr. R. L. Horton and Miss Clyde Holloway were also united in marriage.

The drought has been broken in Raleigh as well as elsewhere. A hard rain set in last night and continued without abatement during the day.

Messrs. Barbee & Co. have dissolved their partnership. Mr. Thompson, who was Raleigh's popular mayor for several years, retires upon the advice of his physician, at least temporarily. Mr. E. B. Barbee, who has been so successful in the cotton business, will continue the business of the old firm, and Mr. Marshall O. J. Carroll is seriously ill in Newbern. He had a congestive chill yesterday and his condition was alarming. He was better last night.

Secretary Nichols cannot give the financial condition of the State Fair until he has balanced all his books, which will take several days. He says the Fair came out all right and the premiums will be paid. The award of premiums is about complete and the books are open to the public.

Very little cotton is coming into market.

Thos. Dixon lectures here to-morrow night on the new woman.

In the civil court yesterday the case of Shaffer vs. Shaffer came up for trial and as usual the jury gave a verdict for Shaffer. This is the sixth time the court has tried this case. As far as the Fair came out all right and the premiums will be paid. The award of premiums is about complete and the books are open to the public.

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### SITUATION IN COTTON.

Planters Seem to be Holding for Another Advance in Prices.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. EDITOR STAR:—The support given to the market during the past few days of the last two weeks by the prominent houses in the trade brought about an advance of nearly twenty points from the extreme depression, and enabled them to liquidate their interest at a handsome profit early this week. This advance was assisted by the falling off in the receipts at the ports to small proportions, the natural sequence in the interruption of all export business during the reconstruction period, which has been accepted as a certain indication of a remarkably short crop, such as would justify an advance to the quotations recorded on the October 26th. Planters decline to part with their cotton on the decline, and while the port receipts have been light, the accumulation of stocks at the interior towns continues on a large scale. The action is interpreted in two ways by the trade, one that it seems that planters feeling certain of their short crop are holding their cotton for another advance, and the other that this accumulation is a dangerous menace to the market as liable to be sold at a time when speculation has ceased to be active. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the week has been the disposition of spinners to follow the decline by large purchases. They seem to be content to purchase their actual wants without increasing their stock, and it is wonderful how they manage to run their mills on such small purchases if their consumption is correctly estimated, and their surplus stocks correctly stated.

The fear of political trouble among European countries based upon the fear of Russian aggression in the distant East, and the opening of the Eastern question, is a cloud on the horizon, which has had an effect in checking the improvement. Whether it will chill the trade conditions in Europe is as yet an open question, but it is noticeable that there is not the same active speculative demand for cotton as was so apparent upon the previous advance. In the trade, however, there is a strong disposition to regard the action of planters as an indication of their inability to force spinners to finally part their wares they now consider to be a fair price for their cotton.

Yours, very truly,  
HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

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### THE SUFFRAGE PROBLEM.

Ho Headway Made by the South Carolina Constitutional Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 1.—No headway whatever was made in the situation of the suffrage problem by the Constitutional Convention to-day. The whole day has been devoted to the rehashing of the history of the reconstruction period. The charges that Senator Tillman made last night in his speech in regard to the stolen and frauds of the reconstruction period, based on the fraud reports, and attacking negro delegates on the floor, were taken up by the negroes, and Miller, Smalls and Whipper made vigorous and determined speeches defending themselves and their race. All the speeches were purely of a historical character.

### VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

In a Suit For Damages That Exceeded Great Interest in Richmond, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 1.—The Equity Court room was jammed this morning with a crowd eager to hear the conclusion of the celebrated case of Miss Gibson vs. Mrs. Todd. Judge Minor having instructed the jury, counsel occupied most of the day in arguing the case. To-night the jury returned a verdict for thirty-two hundred dollars damages. There has been no appeal so far, but it is understood that there may be.

Miss Gibson sued for \$10,000 damages, alleging that Mrs. Todd had injured her in her occupation as a saleswoman by saying that she had sold in effect that Mrs. Hatcher, the wife of the Council Bluffs, which has been accepted as a certain indication of a remarkably short crop, such as would justify an advance to the quotations recorded on the October 26th. Planters decline to part with their cotton on the decline, and while the port receipts have been light, the accumulation of stocks at the interior towns continues on a large scale. The action is interpreted in two ways by the trade, one that it seems that planters feeling certain of their short crop are holding their cotton for another advance, and the other that this accumulation is a dangerous menace to the market as liable to be sold at a time when speculation has ceased to be active. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the week has been the disposition of spinners to follow the decline by large purchases. They seem to be content to purchase their actual wants without increasing their stock, and it is wonderful how they manage to run their mills on such small purchases if their consumption is correctly estimated, and their surplus stocks correctly stated.

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### DURRANT FOUND GUILTY.

OF THE MURDER OF MISS BLANCHE LAMONT.

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—Theodore Durrant murdered Blanche Lamont. That was the verdict of the jury in the case this morning. The jury was out 88 minutes. The verdict was received with a shout of applause from the auditors who packed the court room. The evidence of the great trial was full of dramatic interest; pathos and excitement. The charge of Judge Murphy occupied a little over an hour in delivery. Before he began it Gen. Dickinson, Durrant's counsel, formally objected to the portions of Barnes' address abusive in their nature; but the court considered them proper. The charge was a cold statement of the evidence by way of side dissertation. It was very fair and covered the ground of alibi, circumstantial evidence and motive completely.

Suppressed excitement was manifested throughout the court room and the corridors outside during the wait which succeeded the departure of the jury. There was a great deal of speculation as to how the verdict would remain out. The general opinion among those who had followed the trial was that an agreement would soon be reached, but owing to the mass of evidence it was thought possible that the jurors might remain out all night. The result showed that the jury had already digested the evidence, and the prosecution had pled up against the prosecution had left them no option and not even room for doubt.

The jury upon reaching the room selected Warren Dutton for foreman, and then balloted. The first ballot was for murder in the first degree. Word was immediately given to the court, and Judge Murphy sent for the jury. While this was going on Durrant sat in the court room beside his counsel conversing with his mother, who had come to see her friends. As soon as Mrs. Durrant learned that the jury was coming in, her demeanor changed from one of anxiety, and a look of dread came to her face which was not to be seen in the face of her son. He stoically watched the jury as they took their seats, as if to get from their features the import of the verdict which their verdict would be. As foreman Dutton announced the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree the large audience which had listened in perfect silence to the words which he was to utter, rose and uttered a yell which echoed far out in the corridor. Most of those in the audience were women. The cry which came from them all upon the ear of the convicted murderer's mother like a blow, and it seemed to bring her first realization of the force of the words of the jury's foreman. Her face was as white as paper and she turned her head to the wall, as if to avoid the sight of the jury. Durrant listened to the words which sealed his fate. The look on his face was one of defiance, and it was apparent that he had it in mind to resist the jury. The first cry from his mother changed his mind, if he had such intention. He sat down, turned to his mother and took her hand. She rested her head on his shoulder and with his left arm about her slender form he held her in a tender embrace, patting her with his left hand and with his right stroking her hair.

Judge Murphy announced that next Friday he would pass sentence upon Durrant, and at that time he would fix the time for beginning the trial of Durrant for the murder of Minnie Williams.

The verdict of the jury meets with general approbation. The town is wild to-night over it. It resembled the aftermath of an election. Durrant himself takes it coolly, and says he has not yet given up hope. His appeal to the Supreme Court on a bill of exceptions, the material for which accumulated during the trial.

The material for which Minnie Williams trial has all been gathered and the prosecution is prepared to go right ahead with it. It is certain that Judge Murphy will set the time for the hearing. The general impression is that the result in that case will be the same as the one just concluded. Considerable matter bearing on the case has been developed during the trial of the Lamont case, and since the preliminary examination much new evidence has been gathered. So far as known, Durrant's defence in the case yet to be tried is as weak as it was in the one just closed.

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