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Solons Await Message From Governor-Elect

Believed That No Really Important Laws Will Be Made Until Mr. McLean Has Made Recommendations.

REVENUE BILL IS TO COME FRIDAY

Other Important Bills Have Been Presented But There Is Little Prospect of Action On Them Now.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Beginning with that are expected to be brief sessions of the Senate and House tonight at 8 o'clock the general assembly will enter the second week of the 1925 biennial session. Members who spent the week-end at their homes throughout the state, are returning today to be on hand for tonight's sitting. The opinion is expressed by many of the members remaining over in Raleigh for the week-end, that the enactment of really important legislation may not be expected before the general assembly meets the new governor's recommendations. After his first formal message to the law making body which will likely be delivered between his inauguration Tuesday and February 1st there will be conferences between the executive and members of various legislative committees. Several important bills, however, already have been introduced. One that will likely call forth much debate is the King bill designed to repeal the exemption on foreign stocks. Then there has been placed in the hopper a bill designed to regulate commercial motor traffic. The Pool bill, designed to bar teaching of evolution in the public schools is with the committee on education and may be reported out soon. This, as it has nothing to do with what are generally known as policies, is expected to call for no particular lineup. Just what turn the discussions might take may not be subject to much expressed opinion. The new revenue bill is expected to be ready by Friday of this week. This bill will be submitted to the State budget commission which after recess of nearly two weeks will meet again on Tuesday in the governor's office. The revenue bill is being drafted by the State board of assessments, composed of R. A. Douglass, State commissioner of revenue, W. T. Lee, chairman of the North Carolina Tax Commission, Commissioner and James S. Manning, the attorney general. The law requires that the revenue bill be drafted within ten days after convening of the general assembly. In drawing the new bill the framers are said to have discarded the idea of any sales tax to raise additional revenues. The inauguration of Governor McLean will be one of the most important events of the week. The ceremonies connected with this will take up nearly all of Wednesday evening at night. Members of the general assembly will meet in their respective halls and then go to the auditorium where the new governor and other elected State officers will take the oath. Although the new executive generally touches upon the policies in his inaugural address, this is not what is termed a "message to the general assembly" in the strictest terms.

FURNACE MYSTERY IS DISCUSSED BY PASTOR

Rev. Mr. Sheatsley Breaks Silence Regarding Cremation of Wife in Furnace. Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Anonymous letters, purporting to have been written by members of his congregation today caused Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, of Bexley, to discuss before his congregation the mysterious cremation of his wife in the furnace of the parsonage on November 17.

It was the first time the pastor had mentioned the tragedy since resuming his pulpit. "Several anonymous letters, purporting to have been written by members of my congregation," the Rev. Mr. Sheatsley declared, "have asked me why we have not mentioned the tragedy that took place in our home." This statement brought Rev. Dr. Edward Pfeiffer, professor of Capital University, where the Rev. Dr. Sheatsley is professor of religion, to his feet with an appeal for the pastor to discontinue his remarks. "This congregation has gone on record as expressing absolute confidence in the innocence of our pastor and of every member of his family. I, personally, was dissatisfied with difficulty from offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the conviction of any person or persons guilty in this affair. What do the people want? Did our resolution have no weight?" Dr. Pfeiffer declared. Columbus newspapers have printed a number of letters bearing on the Sheatsley furnace mystery, many of them denouncing the pastor and members of his family for not offering a reward for a solution of the mystery. It was publication of these letters and others, written directly to the pastor, that caused him to discuss the matter before his congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Sheatsley stood silently, and with bowed head, while Dr. Pfeiffer talked, then answered: "Dr. Pfeiffer has misunderstood me. It is I, not the congregation, who has been questioned. I wish to ask my congregation to wait in patience until the rigid and thorough investigation now being conducted by the regularly constituted authorities is completed and their findings made public, and I wish all of you to rest easy in the confidence that when findings are made public, neither I nor any member of my family will be in any way criminally implicated."

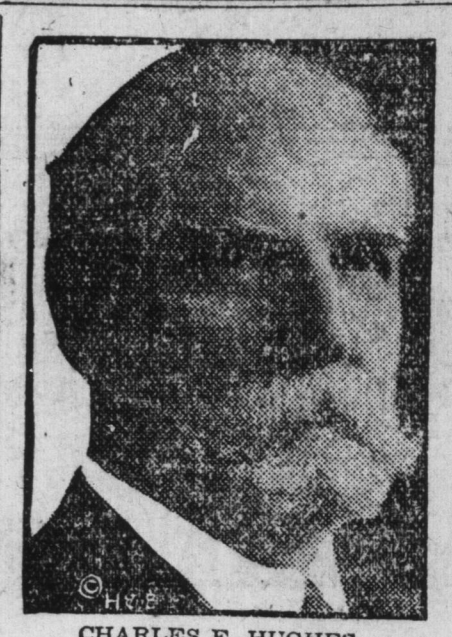
The pastor's last remarks were directed toward stories carried in local papers that County Prosecutor King had submitted evidence gathered by his investigators before a grand jury. Mrs. Adie Sheatsley's body was found in the furnace of the Bexley parsonage late in the afternoon of November 17 when the minister returned from town. A coroner made a preliminary examination and expressed belief that the woman died by suicide. Prosecutor King, however, was not satisfied with the verdict and began an investigation which lasted for several days. Failure to uncover any new information led him to accept the coroner's official suicide verdict. Prosecutor King would not discuss the evidence alleged to have been presented to the grand jury.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE ARE AGAIN FOG-BOUND

Number of Street and Rail Accidents Occur in London and Paris. London, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—London is again fog-bound. The worst fog in many years yesterday caused a number of street accidents and some deaths. Traffic stopped almost entirely. There were numerous collisions between buses in which passengers were injured. Causes Wrecks in Paris. Paris, Jan. 12.—Three rear-end train collisions occurred in the Paris railroad yards this morning during one of the heaviest fogs France has ever experienced. Nine persons were slightly hurt in one of the collisions. To Study Problem of Distribution. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—A nationwide investigation intended to clarify problems of distribution is to be launched at the first meeting of the National Conference on Distribution, which will open in this city Wednesday and will continue over Thursday. The call for the gathering was issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and has drawn a hearty response from many representatives of the manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing interests. Representatives of the "consuming public" are also on hand to take part in the conference, which is expected to name committees and outline the plans for investigation. This survey, dealing with an essential factor in the nation's economic life, is understood to have the approval of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and of a number of industrial leaders.

January White and Clearance Sale at the Parks-Bell Co.'s

The big White and Clearance Sale at the Parks-Bell Company will begin on Thursday morning, January 15th, at 9 o'clock. The store will be closed all day Wednesday so that the prices of goods may be marked down for the sale. The sale will last through Monday, February 9th. Everything in the whole store today will be reduced except contract goods. Read two pages of ads. in this paper today and be ready for this feast of bargains. Kellogg to Accept the Secretaryship. Paris, Jan. 11.—Frank B. Kellogg, the American ambassador to the court of St. James, will accept the post of the Secretary of state tendered him by President Coolidge on the resignation of Charles Evans Hughes. This date in Sport History (January 16, 1925)—The Pacific High School basketball team won its 3,745th consecutive game today.



CHARLES R. HUGHES Who has resigned as Secretary of State in President Coolidge's Cabinet.

THE DAIRY COW

There Are 300,000 Cows in the State, Producing Nearly 93,000,000 Gallons. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—That North Carolina is interested in the dairy cow is evidenced by the fact that the annual farm value of the dairy products of this state averages \$37,000,000, according to an announcement issued here today by John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist for the State College of Agriculture. There are 300,000 milk cows in the state that produce annually 93,000,000 gallons of milk, or about 41.2 gallons of milk per inhabitant, says the announcement. However, all persons in the state do not get their share of milk, it is pointed out, because much of this production is converted into butter and in the eastern counties there is a scarcity of cows. To take care of this production of milk, the specialist asserted, there are now in operation in North Carolina 75 creameries, which make ice cream, cheese, butter and pasteurized milk. These factories, it was explained, received their raw product from approximately 10,000 farmers and paid them in cash each month. "While not all cows producing milk in the state are of purebred lineage," says Mr. Arey, "we have bred one cow which has given over 20,000 pounds of milk in one year. This cow is owned by R. E. McDowell, of Mecklenburg county and is one of the leading dairy cows in the United States. She is an exception, however, because the average milk production per cow in North Carolina is less than 3,000 pounds per year. "Our great problem now is to learn how to feed our cows better; to establish better pastures and to build up the existing herds of cattle by the use of better sires. We are making progress along all three of these lines and I look to see the day, not so far in the future, when the average milk production of 3,000 pounds annually will be greatly increased. I also look to see the time when the number of milk cows will be increased by several thousand above the 300,000 now on our farms."

ORGY OF LOOTING AFTER LATEST CHINESE COUP

Soldiers of Chi Hsieh Yuan and Chang Yung Min Are Raiding the Country. Shanghai, China, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Both victor and vanquished in yesterday's coup, by which Chi Hsieh Yuan, deposed military governor of Kiangsu province, regained control of Shanghai, united this morning in an orgy of looting. Soldiers of both General Chi, whose attack was a defiance directed at the provisional government in Peking, and of the defending forces led by the Peking appointee, Chang Yung Min, ran wild through Xantao, the native city, which adjoins the French settlement here on the South. The native merchants and householders today were frantically removing their possessions into the protected foreign quarters in defense of which the volunteers corps, composed of most of the foreigners in Shanghai, had been called out. The volunteer corps, aided by Chinese merchants and members of the Chinese fire fighting brigade, was this morning making futile efforts to cope with the situation.

WILL WAGE BITTER FIGHT AGAINST DIAL

Democrats Do Not Want Him Appointed to Interstate Commerce Commission. Washington, Jan. 12.—Aroused by reports that President Coolidge plans to appoint Senator Dial, Democrat of South Carolina, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Democratic senators are preparing to wage a fight on the South Carolina senator, should his nomination be sent to the Senate, and have conveyed notice of their determination to the President. White House officials have refused to acknowledge that Senator Dial is under consideration.

Will Commercialize Boll Weevil's Plans.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The part of the boll weevil in the scheme of national defense is assuming some degree of importance in army circles. Secretary Weeks has been informed that an Ogdensburg, N. Y., company, is being organized to equip airplanes to spread poison over infested fields, and such a new outlet for production is held to be on benefit in supplying a new commercial aircraft market. Ninety-five per cent. of the airplane orders in the United States at present, Secretary Weeks said he had been informed, come from the government and either outside patronage. Supreme Court Decision. Washington, Jan. 12.—The States have no authority to compel a private carrier by motor vehicle traffic to engage in public traffic for hire, the Supreme Court decided today in a case brought by the Michigan public utilities commission and others.

WARRANTS FOR GOV. DAVIS AND RUSSELL DAVIS ARE ISSUED

Governor of Kansas and Son Are Charged With Soliciting and Accepting Bribe in Exchange For Pardon.

GOVERNOR SURE OF HIS GROUND

Says There Are No Grounds For Warrants and That the Bribe Was Plot by His Enemies to "Get" Him.

Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Jonathan M. Davis, governor of Kansas, and his son, Russell, 28 years old, were charged with soliciting and accepting a bribe of \$1,250 in payment for a pardon, in a warrant sworn out here today by Tinkham Veale, county attorney. They are charged with accepting a bribe for pardoning Fred W. Pollman, banker. County and State officers at a conference yesterday agreed that warrants should be sworn out and served on the governor and his son before the inauguration exercises at which Mr. Davis will relinquish his office. Formal filing of the charges would be welcomed as an opportunity to "clear his skirts," Mr. Davis asserted, "I don't believe there is sufficient evidence to justify the filing of a charge." He said, "However, if they want to file, let them come ahead."

The governor asserted that while his son had accepted the \$1,250 last Friday night, upon delivering a pardon to the banker, the transaction was a frame-up to hurt him politically, and that his son had returned the money when he realized what had happened. Governor Davis personally appeared in court shortly after the warrants were issued to answer to them. The bond of each defendant was set at \$1,000 and a hearing was set for January 23rd, at 10 o'clock. When he appeared in court the governor had not decided whether he would attend the inaugural ceremonies for his successor, Governor Elmer B. S. Paulen. He had prepared a brief address to be delivered as retiring executive, but his attorneys differed in advising whether he should attend.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened 5 Point Lower and Sold 12 to 14 Points Below Saturday's Closing. New York, Jan. 12.—The cotton market opened five points lower and sold 12 to 14 points below Saturday's closing under liquidation and local and southern selling, promoted by disappointing Liverpool cables. March declined to 23.74 and July to 24.26 although there was considerable covering and a little trade buying at the scale down. The opening prices were: Jan. 23.60; March 23.82; May 24.17; July 24.38; Oct. 23.85.

With Our Adversities.

You will find some wonderful dresses at clearance prices at Fisher's during his sale. Corsets at half price. Ten per cent. off all hosiery. Some big opportunities for saving await you at the Parker Shoe Store. Coat values at the J. C. Penney company at only \$9.90, made of block cut polaries, angoria polaries and other stylish cloths. Fancy sleeves, button trimmings, novelty pockets. Cline & Moose just now are making a big drive on flour. They sell Melrose, Cream of the Lake and Liberty Self-Rising. They have just received a big shipment on contracts that were made at lower prices. If you have butter fat to sell, see H. A. Casper, Concord R. 4. He will call for it. Average price paid for butter fat 45c per pound for January 1st to December 31st, 1924. Mr. Casper represents the Mooresville Creamery.

The 1925 Cross-Country Cycling Race for the international championship is to be started from Paris on the morning of February 8, the day following the annual Union in the French capital. France, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, and several other countries will be represented in the race.

At Conference



Colonel James A. Logan, observer for the Reparation Commission, will "sit in" on the finance ministers' conference in Paris.

TRIAL OF GASTON MEANS UNDERWAY AT PRESENT

Jury Is Being Chosen by Judge Lindley, Who Will Preside at the Trial. New York, Jan. 12.—A judge-picked jury will hear the testimony at the trial of Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, and his one-time attorney, Thomas B. Felder, on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice. The trial began today after many days with Means in court as the result of a bench warrant served on him at his Concord, N. C., home where he pleaded he was too ill to appear in court. Federal Judge Walter E. Lindley, of Danville, Ill., refused to permit the defendant's attorneys to question the prospective jurors undertaking the task himself. At the request of Felder's attorneys, he asked the talesmen concerning their attitude toward the Ku Klux Klan. It was said that the star government witness would be Means' former secretary, Elmer W. Jarnecke, a co-defendant, who pleaded guilty a week ago. The three were charged with having accepted \$45,000 from members of the Crager System, a stock selling organization, on the representation that they would bribe former Attorney General Daugherty and other government officials, to prevent their prosecution for alleged stock frauds.

NONE KNOWS WHERE SEALS STAY DURING WINTER

One of Nature's Secrets Which Baffle the Scientists—Animals Disappear Mysteriously. No one knows where the seals go in winter. In Alaska they begin to appear on the islands of St. Paul and St. George about the end of April or the first part of May, and toward the latter part of August or in the first weeks of September they disappear as mysteriously as they came. This is one of nature's secrets, which she may keep most successfully hid from the scientist as well as the prying eyes of the merely curious and inquisitive. Even in the days, years ago, when the seals numbered 5,000,000 or more, apparently some signal unknown to man would be given and the next day the fog-wreathed rocks would be bare, the seals having deserted the islands. With their slipping off into Bering Sea all trace of them was lost until the return the following spring. Then some morning they would suddenly reappear, depositing themselves in the water or on shore. First Anniversary Sale at Robinson's. The First Anniversary Sale at Robinson's will begin Wednesday morning, January 14. This sale will be combined with their second January Clearance Sale. The entire stock of silk and flannel Sale. The entire stock of silk and flannel sold down. They keep only the best quality of goods, and of recognized standards. See big ad. in today's paper for prices on hundreds of things this firm carries.

Require Hubby's Consent.

The New York and Cuba steamship committee has served notice that it will not transport married women to Yucatan unless they produce written consent from their husbands. Too many women have been journeying to the Mexican port just to get divorces. For dissolving marriages, Yucatan is said to heat Reno all hollow.

Agreement Reached in Regard to Reparations

SPECIAL SERVICE ON THE WORK OF THE 1925 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The Concord Daily Tribune has made arrangements to give its readers excellent service by wire every day on the proceedings of the State General Assembly. Read The Tribune every day, and get today's news today.

PLANS TO MAKE CATAWBA A GRADE A COLLEGE

Drive to Raise \$250,000 to Increase Endowment to Required Size. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 12.—Plans are under way now to make Catawba College, located here, a grade A college when it opens its doors next September. A local committee headed by H. A. Leuzer, has just been appointed to conduct the drive in this city and the surrounding counties to raise \$250,000 and other committees are seeking enough money elsewhere to increase the endowment fund to the size required by the Southern Association of Colleges to be classed as a grade A college. The plan of the school, situated on the Mocksville road, is said to be worth approximately \$400,000. The officials state that with the \$200,000 that Dr. Elmore Rhodes Hoke, president of the college, is raising in the northern states, the \$250,000 expected to be raised in the counties surrounding the school, and the \$150,000 already donated to the institution by the Reformed Church of which denomination the school is a part, that the endowment fund will be sufficiently large for the grade A rating and that it expects that the school will open next September as a full accredited grade A college.

According to the president, the school will carry the A. B. and B. S. courses and will have one of the best faculties in the state. He also expressed the opinion that students should not specialize in any subject until they had received a general training and said that for that reason he had recommended that only the general courses be included in the curriculum of the institution when it first opened.

COOLIDGE OUT FOR THE UNDERWOOD PLAN

Shoals Bill of Alabama Gets His O. K. Because of Its Leasing Features. Washington, Jan. 10.—President Coolidge is now squarely behind the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill. He let it be known between the time the Senate adjourned last night and met this morning that the Jones amendment for a commission to investigate and report to Congress does not appeal to him. Senator Curtis, Republican leader, told his colleagues early today how the President left. Soon the news spread and had a withering effect on the Wadsworth amendment and the Jones measure supporters. This afternoon when the vote on the Wadsworth amendment for a commission with power to lease came, it received five votes. Senator Curtis explained the President's attitude to the senators and representatives of the press. Coolidge's Reason Given. "The President," said he, "wants to get into conference two propositions, one for the leasing of Muscle Shoals and the other for government operation until a lease can be made. For this reason, and not because one bill was introduced by Underwood and another by Norris, the President favors the Underwood proposition, which covers the two important points in his mind." Senator Curtis added he had been for the Underwood bill from the start, and thought it should pass.

Should Right the Wrong.

Raleigh News and Observer. Representative King has introduced a measure that seeks to repeal an indefensible piece of special privilege that was placed in the laws of 1923. By reason of the whispered promise to such a law would induce millionaires to come to North Carolina, and become citizens, and make their big estates subject to the inheritance tax, and arguments of the legislators voted to exempt stock in foreign corporations from all tax. Mr. King reports that for reason of that law Guilford county lost \$40,000 tax last year. If that much can be traced, the loss is greater. By putting a premium on investing in foreign stocks there is less incentive to buy and improve lands and build houses. More than that: Exemption from all taxation has given larger markets for foreign securities. If Guilford has lost \$40,000 in these few months, it will lose many times that amount in the years to come. And not a single millionaire has been induced to become a citizen of North Carolina and there is no hope for larger inheritance taxes.

Shipping Board Committee Meets.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The House committee investigating the shipping board was called today to receive further testimony on the activities of that organization and its subsidiaries. Commissioner Plummer, vice chairman of the board, was summoned at his own request as a witness. Editor of Lynchburg News Dead. Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 12.—Walter E. Addison, editor of the Lynchburg News, died here at 9 o'clock this morning, after six days' illness of pneumonia. Kansas City Bank Robbed. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12.—Four men held up and robbed the Community State Bank here today, after forcing about fifty customers and officials of the bank to lie on the floor.

To Give 2 1-4 Per Cent. of the Receipts From Germany to America For Her War Damages.

OTHER POINTS TO BE SETTLED SOON

Under Agreement Allies Will Get Less From Germany Than They Thought Under the Dawes Plan.

Paris, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Allocation of 2 1-4 per cent. of the receipts from Germany under the Dawes plan, beginning with the first annuity, to payment of American war damages is the first definitely settled point in the discussions of the inter-allied financial conference. The other points in which the American delegation is interested are in a fair way toward settlement to the satisfaction of Washington, but considerably more negotiation is necessary, and the chances are that the plenary meeting of the conference which was postponed from today until tomorrow may be put off another day. The share to be reserved to the United States will decrease the percentages of the allies, France ceding the greater part or 1 3-4 per cent., but it is pointed out that extension of the period over which occupation expenses were spread, under the Washington agreement, compensates largely for these concessions, as it will take 50 per cent. less from the reparations payments. The decrease in percentages will be further offset by the fact that within a couple of years, after Belgium has been paid her priority in full, the Belgian percentage will fall from 8 per cent. to 4 1-2 per cent.

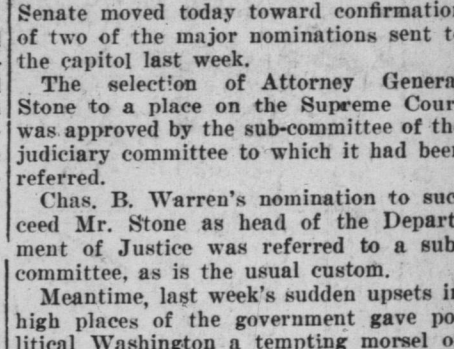
Agreement Accepted in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The tentative agreement arrived at in Paris between American representatives and the allied finance ministers has been accepted by the Washington government. Acceptance of the arrangement was made known today at the State Department, where it was emphasized that no departure from the American policy toward collection of claims under the Dawes plan from German annuities was involved. No Successor Named For Frank R. Kellogg. President Has Not Yet Named New American Ambassador to Great Britain. Washington, Jan. 12.—While President Coolidge deferred action on the selection of a new ambassador to London, the Senate moved today toward confirmation of two of the major nominations sent to the capitol last week. The selection of Attorney General Stone to a place on the Supreme Court was approved by the sub-committee of the judiciary committee to which it had been referred. Chase B. Warren's nomination to succeed Mr. Stone as head of the Department of Justice was referred to a sub-committee, as is the usual custom. Meantime, last week's sudden upsets in high places of the government gave political Washington a tempting morsel of gossip and led to many rumors of other important changes in the near future. One report even sought to explain Secretary Hughes' resignation by forecasting his early appointment to succeed Wm. H. Taft as Chief Justice, but Mr. Taft's friends indicated that he had no intention of leaving the bench until he reaches the retirement age of 70 in 1927.

Labor Board Can Compel Witnesses to Testify.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Federal Judge Wilkerson today for the second time upheld the right of the railroad labor board to compel witnesses to appear and testify before it. Counsel for the defendants, J. Maguire, local chairman of engineers on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, indicated an appeal would be taken. Does Not Want Investigation. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Aroused to public charges of liquor drinking by members of Congress, Representative Tillman, democrat of Arkansas, urged the House today not to dignify them by authorizing an investigation to determine their truth. Caught With Whiskey, One Year and \$500 Fine. Charlotte, Jan. 10.—Eloyd Dewese, city policeman caught by Deputy Vick Fesperman recently with a lot of whiskey, yesterday was sentenced by Judge Stack to one year on the roads and \$500 fine. In the new Memorial Gymnasium the University of Virginia has the largest playing floor for indoor sports of any college in the East.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



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