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### THREE NOMINATIONS

SENT TO THE SENATE BY THE PRESIDENT.

Judge Rufus W Peckham for the Supreme Court-Mr. I ivingstone's Ven zuelan Resolution-Comments on the Leading Subjects of the President's Message - Nominations Satisfactory to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-The President -day sent to the Senate the following minations: Rufus W. Peckham, of New York, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme court of the United States; Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of State, and Judson Harmon. of Ohio, to be Attorney General.

Mr. Livingstone believes that his propition ; roviding for a Congressional comnission to investigate the Venezuelan question will meet a hearty responsiveness on the part of Congress. He says the joint committee may hold its sessions in Washington and that he, himself, has in his possession all the data necessary for a thorough investigation of the dis utes. He also has, he says, a copy of a letter sent by the London Foreign Office to the Colonial Secretary of British Guiana away back n 1840, in which the British Premier gives notice to the British subjects in the colony that they must not cross the Uruan river, and if so that 4th, began to-day. the hom Government would not be re-

sponsible for the consequences. The obvious construction to be placed upon this letter, Mr Livingstone says, is that Her Maje ty's Government at the time desired to prevent any further encroachments by British subjects upon merican soil. Since that time Great Britain has projected her boundaries 300 niles to the west. This, Mr. Livingstone sserts, is a most flagrant violation of the Monroa de ctrine, and it is for this reason hat the United States mu-t intervene H- suggests that the joint committee hall extend a courteous invitation to he Bri ish Ambassador, Sir Julian Paunceforte, and to the Venezuelan Minister to appear before them and to fur nish the committee with official state ments representing their own point of

"And the British Ambassador, suppose he declines to attend what then? e was asked.

"What then?" queried the Georgia Representative, quickly, "Why we'll co shead without him. The rights of thiter and it is our duty to see that they are properly protected no matter what obstacles are thrown in our path'

"Suppose," it was suggested, "that this committee finds the Venezuelan contention to be true; that Great Britain has een encroaching upon her territory for half a century, what then will Congress "Congress," replied Mr. Livingstone.

ignificantly, "knows what it ought to lations: "Will Corgress go to the extent of declaring war against Great Britain if sh es not renounce the territory in ques

· Yes sir, Congress will. I believe that two thirds of the Republicans in this House would favor such a course and I know that all the Democrats will. And am satisfied that the same sentiment

xists in the Senate Ex Speaker Crisp, commented upon the Pre-ident's message after hearing fit read to day as follows: "I heard with some surprise and great

regret that part of the message relating to our finances. That relief is needed no one doubts. That it can be found in he direction indicated in the message I to not believe The President makes as strong an argument as can be made in favor of the single gold standard, but I do not think fairly states the case. He assumes throughout his message that our obligations are payable in golt. There is no law on the statute books justifying this assumption All bonds. ressury notes and other obligations of the United States are payable in coin— that i, gold and silver of the present standard of weight and fineness—and if the treasury would exercise the option which the law and contracts give of paying in thes metals mest convenient to it, our difficulties would be less I am opposed to the retirement of the greenbacks and Sherman notes, because t would ruinously contract our currency. Neither can I approve the propositions recommended to enlarge the privileges of the National banks I have no doubt the President honestly believes he s ight, and I krow I as honestly be

Mr Patterson, of Tennessee, said: "The message is an exceedingly able tate paper. It is tatesmanlike and couragious throughout. While listen ing to the President's patriotic review of our fereign relations, his courageous aderer ce to the principles of 'a iff reform and his Jacksonian treatment of the urrency question, I was profoundly im ressed with the stupendous blunder nany of his party associates have made in no standing by him. His party fo Leveland remains in the unshaken con-fidence of the American people." Mr Newian, (-ilverite, of Nevada),

our. Cleveland in his message indulges in the usual fallacy of all gold standard nen-that gold is a fixed and immutable standard of value. He measures gold y itself, and concludes that it does not change in value. The fact is that gold measured by the prices of other products na- constantly increased and is still inreasing in value as the use of its only competitor, silver, has diminished The tole cause of the prevailing depression is the low price of products and prop rty and the high value of gold, which measures them. There is but one way ocure this fall in prices and that is to take away a portion of the increased value of gold by restoring silver, its only

The Senate in executive session this of ternoon confirmed the nominations of Oiney and Harmon. Rufus W. Peck-The nomination appears to be satisfactory to the Senate, and there will be no ilatory tactics against the confirmation of the nominee. Mr. Peckham is a member of the Albany family of that name, and has been for some years a member of the New York Court o Appeals. He is a man of about 55 years old. He is a personal friend of both Senator Hill and S-nator Murphy and when Wheeler Packham was nominated before Senator Hill exclaimed that in was a pity the brother had not been given the honor. It is stated positively that the present nominee has the endorsement of both the New York Senators and that he will be confirmed as speedily as possible. Judge Peckham has been a consistent D-mocrat all his life, but has never been identified with

In cases where dandruff, scalp diseases,

any of the factional party quarrels

falling and grayness of the hair appear, do not neglect them, but apply a proper remedy and tonic like Hall's Hair Re-

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS. Opinions Handed Down in a Numbe

of Cases by Justices of the State "upreme Court. [Special to the Messenger.]

RALEIGH, Dec 7-The Supreme court this evening filed the following opinions: Gray vs Bailey, from Davie county, error, reversed; Powers vs Wall, from Stokes, affirmed; Burgess vs Burgess, from Alexander, error, non-suit set aside; Bank vs. Gilmer, petition to rehear dismissed, former ruling sustained; Lewis vs Telegraph company, from-Forsyth, no error: Glanton & Cotten vs. Jacobs, from Forsyth, affirmed; Flippen vs. Flippen. from Stokes, reversed: Davie vs. Blackburn, from Stokes, no error; Smith vs. Whitten, affirmed: State vs. Surles, from Johnston, no error; State vs. Mise, from Alexander, no error State vs. Snow, from Surry, two cases, no er-

SHERIFF TAMSEN'S TRIAL For Escape of the Postoffice Robbe

Remarkable Story of Witness

Vosburgh the Confidence Man. New York, Dec. 8-After many ad ournments, the trial of Sheriff Edward H. Tamsen, who was indicted in August for carelessness and incompetency n permitting the three postoffice burglars, Killoran, Russell and Allen, to es

The most important witness against the sheriff will be old Bill Voeburgh, the onfidence man and all-round crook. who will tell the jury at the proper time just how the escape of the postoffice thieves was effected. The story told by Vosburgh to the district attorney is a remarkable one. The old man is the father in-law of Russell, who is now under arrest in Belgium awaiting extradition. He visited the jail in the capacity of a preach r. It was he that suggested to the trio to be haved so as to thwart recognition when

ioner Shielda "I was told," he said, "by Russell and the others that the guys in the prison were soft marks, and, if a couple of guns could be sneaked into them, they would do the rest I got the guns, and they did the rest It was plain sailing for me. I was o good terms with Raabe and the keepers, and they never searched me when I went in. When the ing it for themselvss Senator Cockrell three got out, they of course came to of Missouri did the same on the De noexcitement blew over

rraigned b fore United States Commis-

Senator Lodge's Monroe Doctrine Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-Following is the text of the Monroe doctrine resolution of Kansas-did not relax their applicaintroduced in the Senate to day by Sen- | tion to the message from its opening to

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of its condemnation of silver coinage. America in Congress assembled, That it proper to assert, as a principle in and ordered print d. [The message in which the rights and interests of the full will be found in the supplement to United States are involved that the American Continent by the free and in dependent condition which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.

Resolved. That we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous, to our peace and safety. With the exi ting colonies or dependencies of any European power, we have not interfered and shall not interfere, but with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintained it and whose independence we have on great consideration and on just principle acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them or controlling, in any other manner, their destiny by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States. Resolved. That in acc rdance with the doctrines laid down by President Monoe, as stated in the preceding resolu tions, the United States declares that it propo es to maintain the principles em-bodied in that doctrine and will regard any infringement of it or any attempt on the part of any European power to tak: or acquire new territory on the Ameri can Continent, whether under pretence of boundary disputes or otherwise, as an act of hestility to the United States.

Resolved. That the President be requested to communicate these resolutions o the Governments of all with whom we have relations of amiry and commerce,

The Texas Ready for the sea.

NEW YORK, Dec 3-After a long delay the second-class battleship Texas steamed away from the navy yard at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and proceeded down the Narrows, anchoring off Tompengines Several engineers from the Richmond locomotive works, where the ship's engines were constructed, went with the ve sel this afternoon. After the preliminary sea trial the Texas will return to Tompkinsville, where she will be inspected by Rear Admiral Walker and the naval trial board. To all out-ward appearances the battleship suffered but little while in drydock, but a thorough test of her constructural strength will be made phortly at Gardiner's Bay, where her heavy gans will be tried.

The Bar Iron Association. PITTSBURG, Pa , Dec. 8-The bar iron manufacturers of the East and the West held an all-day meeting in this city today for the purpose of organizing the National Bar Iron association, but adjourned to night without reaching a sonclusion. The movement was not abandoned and another meeting will be held ham, of New York, nominated to be as sociated justice of the Supreme court of gapization was made to day was because shortly at the call of the executive com sociated justice of the Supreme court of the United States, is a brother of Wheeler of Peckham, nominated and rejected for the Peckham, nominated and rejected for the restern manufacturers could not see their way to accepting some of the conhe same place during the last Congress. ditions proposed in the agreement sent in May, 1894, and those chosen at Pertie out after the October meeting, This was the authority of the association to fix delivered prices at all points in the United States. Freight rates also played an important part in preventing an or-

Hoke Smith Makes a Speech,

ATLANTA, Ga, Dec. 8-Hon. Hoke Smith. 8 cretary of the Interior, addressed the Georgia Legislature to-night on the financial question. Two weeks ago ex-Speaker Crisp spoke before the General Assembly of the State in response to an invitation, Judge Crisp and Secretary Smith are recognized as opposing candidates for the United States Senate. A successor to Senator John B. Gordon will be elected next November. Judge Crisp will make his race as the free silver candidate and Secretary Smith will run as the exponent of the Clevelan financial policy. There are other candidates but they are dark horses. The real fight is between Crisp and Smith, or between the double and single standard.

### THE HOUSE'S CHAPLAIN

WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1895.

CREATES A SENSATION BY HIS OPENING PRAYER.

He Prays That the Government May be Quick to Resent an Insuit. How the President's Message is beceived by Different Members-Many Resolutions Introduced as to Our Foreign Relations.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-The duties of the United States Government in relation to affairs transpiring in other countries were the theme of various bills, resolu-Goff, from Gree e, new trial; State vs. tions and memorials presented to the Senate to-day. The alleged atrocities in Asia Minor and "the deplorable condition of affairs in Turkey," were the subj-cts of memorials from the States of Illinois, New Hampshire and Massachuetts. The recognition of belligerent rights in the Cuban revolutionists was asked by the cities of Tampa and St. Augustine, Fla and the sffirmation of the principles of the Monroe doctrine was demanded in joint resolutions introduced by Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachus tts, and Senator Cullom Republican, of Illinois. Resolutions in favor of the recognition of Cuban belligerency were offered by Senator cape from Ludlow Street jail, on July Call, Democrat, of Florida, and Senator Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, and both these Senators intend to submit their views in speeches to the Senate to-

to deliver the President's message a few noments before the hour of noon, After prayer, and the reading and approval of the journal of yesterda, the message was received and laid before the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate proceeded to read the message in the presence of a fairly full Senate There was very little pretence on the part of the Serate at arge that it was paying close attention to the message or was much interested in it. There were some exceptions, however. On the Republican side of the chamber Senators Morrill of Vermont. Davis of Minnesota, and Burrows of Michigan held printed copies of the message in their hands, and occasionally seemed to be readme. I found a place for them until the cratic side of the chamber Senators Palmer of Illinois, Morgan of Alabama Grorge of Mi-sissippi, and Harris of Tenness e were the only other D-mocratic S-nators who could be regarded as at tentive listeners. Two of the Populis Senators-Allen of Nebraska, and Peffer

Mr. Pruden, one of the President's

ecretaries, had reached the Capitol, and

was within the Senate chamber, ready

ator Lodge of Massachusetts, and re- its close; but they appeared to be more ferred to the Committee on Foreign Re-the financial question, its recommendation of the retirement and cancellation of greenbacks and silver certificates and At 1:10 o'clock the reading was finished the Congress of the United States deem | and the message was laid on the table

> this issue of the MESSENGER ] Various annual reports, and departmental communications were laid before the Senate and laid on the table. Senator Stewart, Populist, of Nevada, introduced a bill for the free and unlim ited coirage of silver and it was referred

> to the Finance committee. The 278 bil's ard 11 joint resolutions were introduced and referred One of them by Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, provides for the Government control of telegraphs One by Senator P. ff r, of Kansas, is a free coinage bill. Public buildings bills, were introduced. calling for in aggregate expenditure of \$8, 00,-000. Two of these were introduced by Senator Daniel, providing for buildings at N-wport News, Va , to cost \$100,000 and Portsmouth, Ga., to cost \$150,000.

S nator Peff roffered joint resolutions propo ing amendments to the Constituion providing for the election of the President, Vice President and Senators by the direct vote of the people, and that no change in public policy of the Gov ernment, esp cially respecting foreign relations, taxation and monerary affairs, shall take effect until approved by the p-ople at an election held for that pur-

At 8;10 o'clock p. m., after a short executive session, the Senate adjourned till

to morrow,

HOUUE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The se-sion of the House to-day introdug d the new blind chaplain, R v. Mr ouden, of Michigan. He created a dis inct sensation in his opening prayer by coupling with a pe ition for pe ce within our borders one that we shall be quick to resent any insult to the nation. This was the sentence:

"And so Heavenly Father, let peace reign throughout our borders: yet may we be quick to resent anything like an insult to this, our nation May prosperity smile on our land, and perce and happiness come into every home. So kinsville, Staten Island, to wait orders may Thy Kingdom come and Thy will from Washington for a trial of the ship's be done, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Maj Pruden, the President's executive clerk, with he President's message was announced and the document sent to the Speaker's desk. It was handed to the clerk and read. Throughout the reading which occupied over an hour, there was respectful and earnest attention given the message As the clerk neared the end of the message there was a gathering of members interested in its reading at the pit in front of the desk. At its close two or three Republicans applauded It was 1:50 o'clock when the reading was copleted

Mr. Payne, Republican, of New York, moved that the message be referred to the committee of the whole and that 5.000 copt a be printed for the use of the House—Agreed to. The House then at 2:05 o'clock adjourned until Friday next.

Missouri Democratic Committee. ST Louis, Mo., Dec. 3-The entire Democrate State committee, including those members elected at Kansas City

Maffatt tendered his resignation, was re- tion. The negro, whose name is Wil elected and then resigned absolutely.

As the Pertle Springs element is in complete control, it is believed that George W. Allen, of St Luis, will be elete of Secretary Z vely, Vice Chairm n
Carnoll, and Treasurer Rose were presented and laid on the table

WARD, THE SWINDLER To Reach New Orleans To-Day-His Immense Swindlings-Fyery Sby-

tock in Memphis Taken In

by Him.

NEW ORLEANS. Dec. 3-The steamer City of Dallas will arrive here to-morrow morning, having as a passenger the embezzler, Ward of Memphis. He will be in the custody of Chief of Police Moseley, of Memphis, who with Detective Fernand De Rance, of this city, went to Honduras for the defaulter. for whom a larg + reward was offered. It will be remembered that Ward got away from Memphis several weeks ago leaving a defalcation which was variously esti-mated, but all accounts agreed was a large one. It turns out that Ward was a regular or Jekyle and Mr. Hyde. Mr. E. M Holmes, a representative of

the Commercial Appeal. of Memphis, is here for the purpose of meeti g Ward and accompanying him and the officers back to the Bluff city to-merrow evening. Mr. Holmes says that no one has yet been able to figure out exactly what sum Ward has fleeced the peo le of Memphis and New York out of, but enough iknown to say that his stealings will amount to \$2 0,000 or more If Ward had not been so remorseless in swindling widows, the people of Memphis would probably display some sympathy for the man who so long enjoyed the respect of the community.

Mr Holmes insists that there is a par-

ticle of consolation at least to be drawn out of the Ward detail ation. He ex-

plains his peculiar statement by saying

that Ward touch d every "Shylock" in the city of Memphis and some of them caught it very hard. One of the "d-ad rabbits' (shylocks) was caught for a number of thousands. Ward promised he Shylock 30 per cent for his kindness The money lender had made such a good fleece that he concluded that he was able to tour a little ard so betook himself to the balmy climate of California for the summer. He figured that the interest on his magnificent investment would more than pay all expenses. Ward concluded that he had better make a little change for health's sake, too, and calculated that the principal borrowed from the "shark" would amicably subserve his mildest wants, and so left on an ex tended tour for Honduras. For this less and others of a like nature it is said that the good people of Memphis are now extending much sympathy Mr. Holmes said that the evening before the absconder left he went around town on a regular borrowing tour and succeded in landing a suffi i-nt number of fish to the tune of about \$20,000.

The Sun's Cotton Review. review says: Cotton rose 5 points, but lost this and declined 6 to 9 points, closing easy, with sales of 182,300 bales. at hardening, but unchanged prices. The ports received 45,2 6, against 83,464 last week In Manchester yarns were quiet, but steady; cloths quiet. Spot cotton here was dull at 1 16c decline, with sales of 204 bales for spinning and 300 delivered on contract. The exports from the ports approximated 55,000

To-day's features were : Though early prices advanced under the influence of an unexpected rise in Liverpool, an it 2 creased spot business there, a more pa cific political situation, an advance in estimate for Houston to-morrow, some Liverpool buying, and more or less local covering, partly for greater account, yet the market subsequently fell, ewing partly to rather large estimated receipts at New Orlean to morrow (12,000 to 14,000 bales) partly to dult and declining spot markets and partly to bear hammering, but more than all to an absence of outside speculative interest in cotton at the present time. Although the spot business in Liverpool is large the spot demand at the South is so small that prices are declining, yet the market is bel eved by its friends to have a firm undertone and they maintain that sooner or later the purely commercial merits of cotton will prove an ad quate foundation for a vigorous speculative campaign in the interest of better prices.

Baltimore's Big Contingent for At-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8-The Seaboard Air Line has made extensive preparations for conveying the Biltimore delegation to the Atlanta exposition. Five special trains of twenty-eight Pullman cars and five dining cars will leave Baltimore at 7:31 o'clock p m. to-morrow, arriving at Atlanta, the first section at 4 o'clock p. m. Thursday, the 6th inst. Two hundred and ninety two of Baltimore's representative people have taken passage on these specials, among them Governor Brown and staff, Mayor Hooper and city council and other Bultimore officials, Commander Emerson, of the Nayal Reserves, and Brig Gen. Stuars Brown, of the Maryland National Guard, together with numerous oth r representatives of Maryland State and city authorities The military e-cort will be represented by the Fourth regiment is command of Col. William Haward, wi h 400 men, and the Fifth regiment in command of Col. Markoe, 65 m n. On the return trip the party will leave Atlants between 11 and 12 o'clork next Saturday. Mr. Robert A Parke, g neral agent for the southern district, will accompany the party, which will make the largest movement that has been made between prominent business centres and will entipse any demonstration that has ever been made by any State at the Atlanta exposition,

The Chattanooga Southern Reorganization.

New York, Dec. 8-The reorganization c muttee of the Chattanoog Southern Railway company announces that the modified plan of reorganization submitted to the bondholders in the circular of November 4, 1895, having reber of bondholders, has been declared o perative. Notice is given that the to December 10th, 1845

Goes to the Governor For Protection. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 8-The negro ac Springs in August last, reorganized at cused of attempting to assault Miss Ham the Southern hotel here to-day. Bernard | meck, of Rome, Ga, turned up in At Corrigan, of Kansas City, was the only lanta to-day. He went to Governor At-absentee unrepresented. Chairman kinson in person and asked for protecliams, and not Harris, said that his remarks to the young woman was misunders ood, and he denied having intended

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U.S. Gov't Report



### NO TIME TO TALK.

MESSENGER BUREAU.

DEMOCRATIO POLITICIANS KEEPING QUIET.

Propositions to Democrats for a Combination Kenewed-Other Political Gossip-Illness of Judge Grabam's Daughter-The First Sheriff to Settle. Baptist State Convention-A Case of Bigamy.

RALEIGH, N C., Dec. 8. The Democratic politicians are saying little these days in this State. They do not think it a time to talk. All sorts of changes may take place between now and next May. The Republicans since the election last month, have become so convinced that they can sweep the State alone that many of them are beginning to think they ought to put up a single ticket. It is predicted that the Republicans will take the lion's share of the State fusion ticket, and even then con vince the Populists they are magnanimous Some of the Democrats who are willing to talk a little say they favor a s raight ticket by their party without compromises or concessions and declare that 100,000 Democrats are willing to go down in defeat under such a ticket rather than make any compromises. For it is no secret that some persons have made proposals to the Democrats, Those proposals were made late in the summer They have been renewed within the pathirty days. Such is the news which comes quite straight. Some Populists are begin ing to distrust the Republicans and say they do not like the tone of B--publican State Chairman Holton in the interview with him published last Sun-

Judge A. W. Graham's daughter is so dangerously sick that he cannot hold Duplin Superior court this week. Governor Carr to day notified Judge Timber lake to hold it, and the term will begin hursday.

Sheriff W. J. Hardison, of Martin county, is the first to make full settlement of State Taxes for 1895, paying in

A convict from Granville county arrived at the penitentiary to-day. The arrivals there during November were sixty-seven, which is an unusually large The Baptist State convention meets

at Greensboro day after to-morrow, Rev. D. R. H Marsh, of Oxford, presiding. This convention embraces all the counties east of the Blue Ridge, and within its bounds are about 160,000 members. This evening the annual meeting of its board of missions was held. Presi-Liverpool sold 13,000 bales on the spot dent John C Scarborough, presiding. The State board of Agriculture met in semi-annual session this afternoon, Col. W. F. Green presiding. During its meeting all the reports of officers will be made. The receipts are less than they were last year, owing to the large fall-ing off in the sales of commercial fertil-

> Several years ago a young white man here, who was a telegraph lineman, mar-ried a Raleigh girl. To day one of the witnesses attending the United states District court made inquiries regarding the young man and said the latter had married his daughter. The lineman's real wife lives h re. Her husband has

with Judge Seymour at the term of the United States Circuit court now in progress District Attorney Aycock says that he thinks the court can adjourn in two weeks. There are at least 450 principals and witnesses in cases now here They fairly swarm around the Govern ment building. The greatest number of cases is from Durham county. There are on an average of four witnesses in each case. The Republicans are making remarks about the principa's and witnesses and declare that 90 per cent, of hem are Democrats. This is not true, for all parties are represented. The docket this term is even larger than the

notable one in June. The marriage of a step-brother and tep sister in Rowan county is reported. It is asserted to be the first case on record in the State. The police at Durham have discovered

three young thieves, aged 12, 8 and 7 years, systematic in their stealing. One of three children, while trying to escape, fell and broke a log The predicted snow storm or flurry lid not materialize to-day, but ice formed

The silver question is in all sorts of things this year. It actually cut a figure in the deliberations of the North Caroina Methodist conference last week. It claimed by the Democrats that the Populists are doing no talking about i ver since the Republican victories last

Some leading Republicans here are must 'come out from among Loge Harris and Jim Young," as they say toe latter have combined to humiliate them.

Two Men Frezen to Death. ST Louis, Dec. 8-Two men were ound frozen to death in this city this norning. The body of an unknown oan, about 65 years of age, was found in maciated condition and almost without lothing. Another man, whose identity is also unknown, was found lying dead near the Wabash tracks on the outskirts f the city It is believed that the man ll from, or was struck by a train, and ied as a pesult of exposure to the cold

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