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ALL TO SETTLE
LABOR TROUBLESHon. Mr. Lemieux's Measure
Given a Second Reading.

AN INVESTIGATING TRIBUNAL

Mr. Borden For Compulsory Arbitration, But Government Considers
Such a Step Impossible.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—For nearly two and a half hours the Minister of Labor held the close attention of a well-filled House this afternoon in moving the second reading of the bill to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in coal mines and industries connected with public utilities. Stocked full of valuable information bearing on the industrial situation, covering a wide range and exhaustive in its survey of the field of labor legislation, Mr. Lemieux's speech was in itself a testimony to the resources of the department over which he presides. A better or more complete exposition of the case for legislation on the lines proposed could not have been presented, and the minister was warmly congratulated by members on both sides of the House on his effort.

Settlement of Strikes.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux then moved the second reading of a bill to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in coal mines and industries connected with public utilities. The issue involved, he said, was not a party, but a national one. The measure was both Liberal and Conservative—Liberal in the sense that it was a step forward, and Conservative in that it supplied a restraining influence on the relations which should govern capital and labor. Experience taught them that strikes and lockouts endangered life and property, and that when life and property were in jeopardy society was menaced. Then the rights of society became greater than the rights of participants on either side in any struggle, and if that was true the duty of the Legislature was to intervene. Explaining the delay which had taken place in bringing the bill forward for second reading, he said it was his desire that ample time should be afforded the public to consider the measure. The bill had been before the public since a few days before Christmas, and he was satisfied that the object he had in view had been fulfilled. He had met many large employers in the country, and without exception they were satisfied with the bill. He had also gathered the views of the press in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, and generally speaking, the papers of these countries viewed the proposed legislation with favor. He had met a great many labor associations, too, and with only one or two exceptions he had found that they gave unqualified support to the measure. The legislation was based upon a careful study of the working of similar legislative enactments in other countries for advancing on the labor question, and also upon the opinion of the highest authorities and most important commissions in industrial disputes. It was also a progression along the line of their own legislation. Mr. Lemieux proceeded to quote statistics showing the number of strikes and lockouts and the number of people affected thereby in Canada and other countries. The total number of disputes in Canada between 1901 and 1906, inclusive, was 715, and 142,627 workpeople were out. Out of every 10,000 of population in Canada 43 were immediately affected.

The Telephone Trouble.

In passing Mr. Lemieux referred to the sittings of the Royal Commission in connection with the strike of the telephone operators at Toronto, and to the fact that the Bell Telephone Company had taken back all the employees who went on strike. That showed, he maintained, that such commissions were welcomed by the people. Thanks to the commission they might expect a happy and satisfactory settlement of the strike at Toronto. Dr. Barr asked whether the girls were not going back to the eight-hour system. Mr. Lemieux said that point was not yet settled. Mr. Henderson—It was rumored that no matter what the result of the inquiry was the Bell Telephone Company would not be bound by it. Mr. Lemieux said the company made such a statement at the beginning of the proceedings, but in agreeing to take back the employees without any conditions they had gone back on their first decision. Public opinion had, he thought, compelled them to take back the employees.

No statistics, however, could describe the agony of many homes after the bloody affray at Buckingham, or the hardships, and sufferings which might have taken place in and around Lethbridge had not the coal strike been settled. No statistics could describe the intense class hatred and bitterness created by the Hamilton street railway strike. Such occurrences not only involved danger to the families of employees and employers, but to the state, and consequently the necessity for dealing with such matters was of the utmost importance. Broadly speaking, the public utilities to which it was particularly intended that this measure should apply were those industries, such as mining and transportation, which were natural monopolies, having other industries dependent upon them. It was the intention to establish a tribunal which would investigate the circumstances and give to the public an intelligent opinion upon the respective rights and relative position of the parties before any strike or lockout was declared. In

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE
TO TALK CONTAGIOUS HOSPITALA Definite Move Made Towards
Securing It—City Hall
Gossip.

Chairman Beattie has called a special meeting of the hospital committee for Saturday afternoon, when the matter of the new contagious hospital will be taken up.

Chairman Beattie stated to The Advertiser today that if anything is to be done this year the city will need to bestir itself and secure permission from the Legislature to issue debentures to cover the cost of the proposed hospital.

It will not be necessary to submit the matter to a vote of the people.

Several of the aldermen are of the opinion that while the city is securing hospital debentures, it might just as well make an effort to get authority to issue debentures for a sanatorium for consumptives.

There is a strong feeling in the city now that something in this regard should be done, and it is not improbable that the matter will be fully considered on Saturday.

No. 1 committee of the city council meets this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Chairman Beattie stated this morning that telephone matters will not likely be taken up.

It is quite likely that the council will visit Buffalo, on the invitation of the independents, before final action is taken as to the granting of a franchise.

Manager King, of the street railway, has written to City Engineer Graydon informing him that a houseowner named Davidson, who moved a house in East London last week, badly damaged several wires of the street railway. Mr. King seeks recompense out of the deposit of \$50 made by the houseowner with the city, as a guarantee that no damage would be done curbs, sidewalks, etc.

City Engineer Graydon is still corresponding with the Ontario factory inspector regarding the placing of fire escapes on certain buildings in London in which a number of girls are employed, and which Mr. Graydon thinks would turn out to be firetraps in case of a blaze. From the tone of the inspector's letter to Mr. Graydon it would appear as though that official is of the opinion that London should, through its city council, compel the placing of fire escapes on the buildings in question.

Quite a number of the men who acted as deputies and clerks at the municipal election have failed to call for their money. They will confer a favor on Treasurer Pope if they will call at once and get what is coming to them.

C.P.R. WANTS SAME
RIGHTS AS I. C. R.Asks for Joint Use of Line St.
John to Halifax and the
Local Business.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has received from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy his application in writing for running rights over the Intercolonial Railway from St. John to Halifax. The application is for the joint use of the line with the Government. The C. P. R. A. is said, wants equal privileges with the Intercolonial to do local business, as well as through traffic. Mr. Emmerson has forwarded the statement to his officers in Moncton to have them go over it and make a report. This will take a few days. It will be afterwards returned to Ottawa, when the Minister of Railways will give his reply.

JOCKEY KILLED.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The first fatality of the racing season occurred at Emeryville yesterday, when Fred Ross, a crack jockey in the early nineties, was thrown from the horse Instructor in a runaway, and broke his neck. Ross was 60 years of age.

LEADER GRAHAM AT STRATHROY;
ADDRESSES ELECTORS TONIGHT

Number of Other Meetings Arranged in Interests of Mr. D. C. Ross, Liberal Candidate.

West Middlesex Liberals should not forget the meeting to be held in the Lyceum, at Strathroy, this evening, in the interests of Mr. Duncan C. Ross, the Liberal candidate in the Provincial bye-election.

The meeting will be addressed by Hon. George P. Graham, the new leader of the Ontario Liberals, and as it will be Mr. Graham's first public appearance in the west since his appointment to the position made vacant by the elevation of Hon. George W. Ross to the Senate, he will no doubt be welcomed by an audience that will tax the Lyceum to its capacity. Mr.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

Resolution Confining Preferential Goods
to Canadian Ports Accepted.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—There was a Government caucus this afternoon to consider Mr. Logan's resolution confining British preference to goods imported by Canadian ports. It was decided to pass the resolution, but to leave the time at which it will take effect to the Government.

EXPERT TITUS
HOLDS PATENTSNo Other Concern Can Use the
Water Drilling Method He
Offers to London.

If the city of London attempts to pump water by air, it will have trouble on its hands.

This is the statement made by Mr. Silas W. Titus, of Brooklyn, the water expert, who has offered to supply the city with all the water it needs for the sum of \$25,000 per million gallons per annum, for a period of five years, the plant at the expiration of that time with all the water lands, etc., to become the property of the city free and clear.

It has come to Mr. Titus' ears that a gentleman named Shauntz, who is said, is connected with the Rand Drill Company, of Chicago, has been in London, and has told the water commissioners that he can pump water by a scheme similar to that used by Mr. Titus.

"Let him go ahead and try," Mr. Titus says in his letter, "or let anyone else try it, and I will speedily show them that I control the patents and that I will protect myself."

Owns the Patents.

Mr. Titus says it is untrue that the Rand Drill Company or anyone else, except himself, owns the patents on the machinery now being used by the city of Berlin to pump water.

"The machinery used is mine," Mr. Titus says.

He adds that Mr. Shauntz apparently wants the city of London to keep on exploring for water, at the city's expense, and that Mr. Shauntz or his company will do the pumping for the city with machinery installed by the Rand Company. If anything goes wrong, if the wells play out, the city will have to pay the piper, but if Mr. Titus' offer is accepted, the city will run no risk at all.

"In my offer I agreed to furnish the city with water, and I am still ready to carry out that offer," Mr. Titus says.

Disputes the Statement.

The Brooklynite also disputes the statement which appeared in The Advertiser, and which was credited to Chairman Darch of the water commission, that the well on the property of the London Show Case Company has been showing a flow of 400,000 gallons per day of 24 hours. Mr. Titus says he has had men watch the pumping, and he learns that in 4 or 5 hours the well was lowered 52 feet. What will happen if he keeps on pumping? he asked. He also declares that as only a three-inch pipe was used to get water from the well, it would be impossible to put 400,000 gallons of water through it in 24 hours.

A WHISKY FRAUD

London Concerns Piped It to the Duty-
Paid Warehouses.

London, Feb. 15.—A gigantic scheme on the part of whisky distillers to defraud the revenue is reported to have been unearthed by inland revenue officers. The latter, it is asserted, discovered a system of underground pipes through which whisky was conveyed from the distillery to the duty paid warehouse, whence it was distributed to the trade, thus escaping the tax of \$2.75 per gallon. The revenue authorities are said to have demanded the payment of a fine of \$3,000,000 on the smuggled liquor. The matter probably will be brought up in Parliament.

W. S. Calvert, M. P., for West Middlesex, and Mr. Duncan Ross will also speak.

A very vigorous campaign is being carried on in behalf of Mr. Ross. In addition to the meeting at Strathroy, Hon. A. G. McKay is to speak at Newbury tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. McKay is to speak at Glencoe tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, and in the evening Mr. Calvert and others will address a meeting at Napier.

Three meetings have been arranged for Monday evening at 7:30. Mr. A. P. McDougall, of Ekfrid, and Mr. Calvert are to address the electors at Middlemies.

Hon. A. G. McKay will speak at Delaware.

Mr. C. M. Smith, M. P. for Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. J. C. Elliott, of Glencoe, will be at Wardsville.



GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

Commander of the Czar's Armies in War With Japan, Whose Book Explaining the Russian Defeat Has Created a Sensation.

LABOR APPROVES THE BILL

Toronto Labor Council Has But One
Objection to Mr. Lemieux's Measure.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The district labor council last night unanimously endorsed the general principles of the Lemieux labor bill, the vital principle of which is compulsory investigation of labor disputes under Government authority. The various clauses were discussed, and the one to which the only objection was taken was the following: "It shall be unlawful for any employer to declare or cause a lockout or for any employees to go on strike on account of any dispute, prior to a reference of such dispute to a board of conciliation, or during the pendency of any proceedings in relation to such dispute before a board under the provisions of this act." After some discussion it was decided to ask the Government to amend this clause, so that the employers will be prevented from forcing a reduction of wages pending the arbitration, because the bill as it stands deprives the men of the right to strike in the meantime. It was also thought that one clause in the bill should also be amended to include unincorporated unions. Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, barrister, explained the various clauses, the benefits that would accrue therefrom and the elements of equity contained in the bill.

The employer, as well as the employee, will be enabled to know the matters under dispute on both sides, meet with the general approval of the council.

Score was very close.

Bowling Team From Ward Five Had
Only Seven Pins to the Good.

Ward 5 held the platform last night in the Young Liberal Club bowling tournament, when two teams from the east end had a tight game for honors. Team No. 2 had 76 pins to the good on the first frame, but team No. 4 came back strong, and pulled out with 7 pins. C. Young had high score with 185, and also high average with 153 for the two games. Dewar and Arthur, for the winners, bowled well.

Two other teams from ward 5 bowl tonight.

The scores:

TEAM NO. 4.

P. O'Farrell 98 150—248
B. Hawes 101 123—224
M. Landry 145 131—276
G. Arthur 154 144—298
T. Dewar 140 159—299
Total 1,345

TEAM NO. 2.

R. Brodson 140 138—278
C. Young 185 132—317
F. Duncan 114 84—198
J. Wilkey 126 145—271
C. McIndoo 149 122—271
Total 1,338
Majority for team No. 4, 7 pins.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD.

Toronto, Feb. 14-8 p.m.

The disturbance is now centered in New Brunswick, and is dispersing. Light snow has fallen today in Quebec and in parts of Ontario. The weather continues quite mild in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and is milder again in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 26-34; Fort Simpson, 38-46; Victoria, 32-46; Vancouver, 27-43; Dawson, 4 below zero; Calgary, 28-32; Edmonton, 30-40; Qu'Appelle, 19-38; Winnipeg, 2 below zero; Parry Sound, 10-32; Toronto, 35-46; Ottawa, 6-26; Montreal, 16-26; Quebec, 6-20; St. John, 12-40; Halifax, zero-40.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Feb. 15-8 a.m.

Today—Strong southwest and west winds; fair.

Saturday—Westerly winds; fine and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 22 22 Fair
Winnipeg 22 22 Clear
Port Arthur 22 22 Clear
Parry Sound 14 0 Cloudy
Toronto 12 0 Cloudy
Ottawa 2 0 Fair
Montreal 10 0 Fair
Quebec 8 6 Fair
Father Point 12 10 Fair
The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 43°; lowest, 14° above.

THIEF CHASED SEVERAL MILES;
FINALLY ELUDED DETECTIVESHad Tried to Dispose of a Stolen
Horse and Buggy—Supposed
Lucan Man.

Yesterday morning a man appeared at the livery stable of J. B. Harris, King street west, and wanted to sell the proprietor a horse and buggy.

The stranger gave his name as Thompson, and in conversation with Mr. Harris mentioned the names of Parker & Son, liverymen, of St. Thomas.

Mr. Harris became suspicious that everything was not right, and he told Thompson to call again in the afternoon.

In the meantime Harris phoned Mr. Parker, and he learned that the outfit had been hired by Thompson on Wednesday night, Thompson stating that he wanted to drive to Port Stanley.

Harris promised to detain Thompson, and when the horse thief showed up again in the afternoon, the police were communicated with.

Detective Nickle and Egelton left at once for the livery stable, but Thompson scented trouble, and despite Mr. Harris' persuasions, he drove away. The two detectives then jumped into another rig and started after him. He was traced to Lambeth, but upon arriving there the detectives learned that he had started back for London by another road.

The officers also retraced their steps

and began a search of the city for the man and outfit.

It was not long until they learned that Thompson had called at a King street hotel and exchanged his buggy for a speeding cutter, which he found in the barn.

After this episode the detectives lost sight of him, but they were not long in establishing his identity. They were furnished with the following description:

A man of medium stout build, about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, dark complexion, stiff hat, blue pants, patent leather shoes and driving a small black mare, about fifteen hands high, with a lump on front leg, and in poor condition.

From this description, the detectives learned that the man's name was not Thompson, but that he was supposed to be Sidney Mara, of Lucan, who had been in trouble here a couple of years ago for horse stealing.

A warrant has been issued for Mara's arrest.

Later.

The horse which was stolen from Parker & Son's livery at St. Thomas on Wednesday, and the cutter which was stolen from the Fraser House in this city were recovered this morning by Detectives Nickle and Rider in the possession of an east end grocer, to whom the thief had sold both horse and cutter for \$50. As for the thief he has disappeared, and although the police have done everything to locate him, they have so far been unsuccessful.

OVERTURNED RAIL
DERAILED FREIGHTAccident on Grand Trunk Not
Attended With Serious Results
—Other Mishaps.

An accident which resulted in the derailling of several cars of a through freight train occurred last night on the Grand Trunk near Merrittton, midway between Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

The mishap was caused, it is supposed, by the overturning of a rail. The train was not going at a high rate of speed at the time, and none of the cars were overturned, but a number left the track and traveled some distance on the ties.

No members of the train crew were injured, and the property loss will be trifling.

The engine attached to the London, Huron and Bruce way freight left the tracks while doing some shunting at Exeter this morning, but it was replaced without much difficulty.

A third accident happened at the freight shed siding between Wellington and Waterloo streets, last night, a car being completely overturned.

But the Grand Trunk officials look upon these things philosophically. "We expect accidents," said one this morning. "The average person not connected with a railway cannot understand how mishaps will occur, but if he knew the railroad game and also considered the many little things that are liable to cause accidents, he would look at the matter in a different light. Even if he remembered that we have about 200 passenger trains and as many freight trains every 24 hours on the middle division alone, he would not be so liberal with the criticism generally passed on the company when an accident, no matter how trifling, occurs."

NOTHING IN IT

Charges of Political Activity at Belleville Institute Not Sustained.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Belleville, Feb. 15.—The Provincial Government investigation into the deaf and dumb institute here has closed indefinitely. The evidence produced has been chiefly unimportant, consisting of petty details, the most serious of which is that tough meat had been served the pupils. Charges of political activity were not sustained.

BENNETT IS TO HAVE VAUDEVILLE
HOUSE IN HAMILTON NEXT FALL

holds Keith Franchise There, and Will Spend \$100,000, if Necessary, on the Theater.

General Manager Bennett of Bennett's Theatrical Enterprises, stated emphatically to The Advertiser today that Bennett's will have a vaudeville theater in Hamilton by the fall. He also showed the reporter a message from B. F. Keith, of New York, stating that the Bennett franchise in Hamilton still holds good.

This means that the story published in the Hamilton Herald regarding the Savoy of that city is without foundation. It was stated that the Savoy would have all the Keith bookings in the future, and that in such event it would be impossible for Bennett's to

build and maintain a theater in the Ambitious City.

The boot is on the other foot, however. The Savoy has been booking through William Morris, of New York, who has been associated with Percy Williams and Oscar Hammerstein. Now William and Hammerstein have joined the Keith forces, which means that all the Williams-Hammerstein acts will be cut away from Morris, and it is scarcely likely that the latter will be able to make both ends meet from a vaudeville standpoint.

As a result, Bennett's hold the high cards in Hamilton. They have the Keith franchise as they also have in Ottawa, Montreal and London, and henceforth they will have their share of the Williams-Hammerstein acts.

"We will go into Hamilton if it costs \$100,000 to do it," said Mr. Bennett. "We have the Keith franchise there, and the Savoy will not be able to play the Keith bookings when we open up."

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FIGHT AGAINST
DRUGGING MILKProvincial Health Officer Expected
to Inaugurate a Vigorous Campaign.

Dr. Sheard, the medical health officer of Toronto, stated yesterday that he is endeavoring to secure legislation to prevent the sale of preservatives and coloring for milk in Ontario.

"The milk preservative and milk-coloring matter are not only being used here, but throughout the country generally," said Dr. Sheard. "These for the most part are based on boron basis of boric acid has the chief property of preventing, to a large extent, milk from souring. This class is not particularly harmful. There are also preparations of ananassa and its derivatives, used for coloring milk so as to cause it to possess a richness of color, presumably from an increased amount of cream. The law does not prevent the use of these ingredients, but they are intended to deceive the public and it should be prohibited."

"Do you, in your analysis, find any traces of these adulterating substances?"

"Oh, yes, any amount."

"Which of these chemicals is injurious to children?"

"I should think that concentrated boric acid is, and it is put in the milk in such quantities as to be dangerous."

Dr. English, chairman of the local board of health, says that in London preservatives have been noticed in the milk. They were, however, preparations of ananassa, which are not injurious to health, but deceive the people as to the quality of milk they are securing.

For example, a little ananassa put into skim milk will give it a creamy, rich appearance, and a little starch will thicken it, so that it will look like cream.

Dr. Hodgetts, the provincial health officer, has taken the matter up, and it is expected that a fight against the drugging of milk will be made in every municipality shortly. London is included.

JUDGE O'MEARA DEAD

The County Carleton Junior Judge
Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Judge John Joseph O'Meara, junior judge of County Carleton, died this morning at the Russell. He was ill for a week from pneumonia. Deceased was 48 years of age. He came to Ottawa from Pembroke to fill a judgeship, although he was born in this city. Funeral takes place tomorrow to Pembroke. He was unmarried.

Fraternal Insurance Is
To Be Investigated

Hon. Mr. Graham Moves for
Inquiry as to Methods
and Rates.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A discussion on the insurance rates and methods of fraternal societies occupied the major portion of yesterday's hour-long sitting of the Legislature. It was provoked by Mr. Graham's motion for a Government inquiry and the adoption of a fixed minimum rate for fraternal insurance. After Messrs. Graham, Hoyle, McDougall, Studholme, Craig and Auld had spoken, Mr. Foy asked Mr. Graham to withdraw his motion on the understanding that the Government would consider the matter carefully and endeavor to devise a remedy if such was needed. The motion, having served its purpose, was accordingly withdrawn by Mr. Graham.

RECORD-BREAKING CROWD

South London Liberal Whist Matches
Are Very Popular.

Last night's attendance at the whist match in the South London Liberal Club was a record breaker. The rooms were crowded to overflowing, and there were nine tables in the game.

The playing was keen. First prize was won by Mr. Bert Treblecock, with a score of plus 38; second prize by Mr. R. H. Smith, with a score of plus 28.

Both prizes were donated by Mr. Angus Elliott, president of the South London Liberal Club.

Another match will be held next Thursday night.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

46 and the man went on to the rosh Feb. 14. Reported at. From. Koenig Albert. New York. Napier. Majestic. New York. Liverpool. Saxonian. Boston. Liverpool. Furness. Manchester. New York. Iberian. Manchester. Boston. Haverford. Liverpool. Philadelphia. Teutonic. Liverpool. New York. Iernia. Liverpool. Boston. Tietgen. Copenhagen. New York. Bismarck. Rotterdam. New York. Deutschland. Naples. New York. Sophia. Hohenburg. Venice. New York. Monmouth. Liverpool. St. John.

Before the orders of the day were taken up, a message from the Lieutenant-Governor was read. It recommended the consideration of certain interim estimates. The former interim appropriation was not exhausted, but the provincial auditor refused to pass the items without special grants. The items were: Revision of statutes, \$30,000; veterans' claims, \$10,000; wolf bounties, \$4,000; hydro electric commission, \$7,000; fisheries and game department, \$8,000; insurance department, \$2,000; superannuated teachers, \$63,000. The items were all passed.

Mr. Graham's Resolution.

Mr. Graham moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House, owing to the vast interests involved, the time has arrived when the Government should make a thorough inquiry into the question of life insurance by fraternal societies, with a view to establishing a safe and equitable table of rates, which shall be the minimum to be charged by all fraternal societies operating under provincial licenses or charter."

Mr. Graham said that while he did not wish to push the Government in this matter, he desired to point out the importance of the subjects. He thought it was time something was done along the line of his resolution. He was not acting in the interests of any society or individual, but in the interests of the public as a whole. He had faith in fraternal societies who aimed to furnish the poor man with insurance at cost, but the first consideration is

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