

# The Evening Times-Star

## Scrawled Message In Bottle Tells Fate of Fifty-Two Airmen

### DIXMUDE WAS ADRIFT IN TEMPEST

Letter From French Airship is Found on the Coast of Corsica.

IT IS FAREWELL

"Adieu and Vive la France," Closing Words—Gasoline Gave Out.

A Jaccio, Corsica, May 19.—"Gasoline given out. We are adrift. Wind like a tempest. Dixmude's crew. Adieu and Vive la France."

This scrawled message found in a bottle, washed up on the Corsican coast, is believed to be the last message from the ill-fated airship Dixmude, lost in the Mediterranean last December.

The French super airship Dixmude at the time of her destruction was attempting a distance and endurance record. She disappeared in a series of storms with fifty-two men aboard. Extensive search for her was made by French warships and airplanes.

The findings on December 28 of the body of the commander of the Dixmude, Lt. Du Plessis de Grenadan, off the coast of Southern Sicily, led the ministry to declare formally that the Dixmude had met with disaster. Later, charred parts of the airship were picked up and a board of inquiry reported that the Dixmude had been struck by lightning.

Another body was found.

London, May 19.—A French balloon with two occupants, which ascended at Paris on Saturday evening had a bad experience in unfavorable winds.

It drifted over the English Channel, throughout the night, was caught in a storm on Sunday afternoon.

Over the Isle of Wight and got out of control, flying very low over the Hampshire coast. One of the balloons, M. Botard, jumped or fell into the sea over Milford. He dived himself of his clothes in the water and swam ashore, a distance of about half a mile. He was much exhausted and was taken to a hospital.

The balloon reascended and drifted another 25 miles inland, landing at Broughton, Hampshire. The other occupant was not injured.

TO HOLD RACES AT MOOSEPATR MAY 24

Four Special Classes Arranged for Victoria Day—The Entries.

The first local horse racing of the season will be seen at Moosepatr Trotting Park on Saturday afternoon, May 24, at 2:30 o'clock with four special races on the programme. Fifty bushels of oats will be given as the prize in each race.

The following is a list of the owners and their horses which are entitled to race in the various classes.

FREE FOR ALL CLASS.  
One mile—Best 2 in 3 heats.  
David Hall—Rice.  
Miss Abbie Brino—Scott.  
Wilfrid C—Rice.

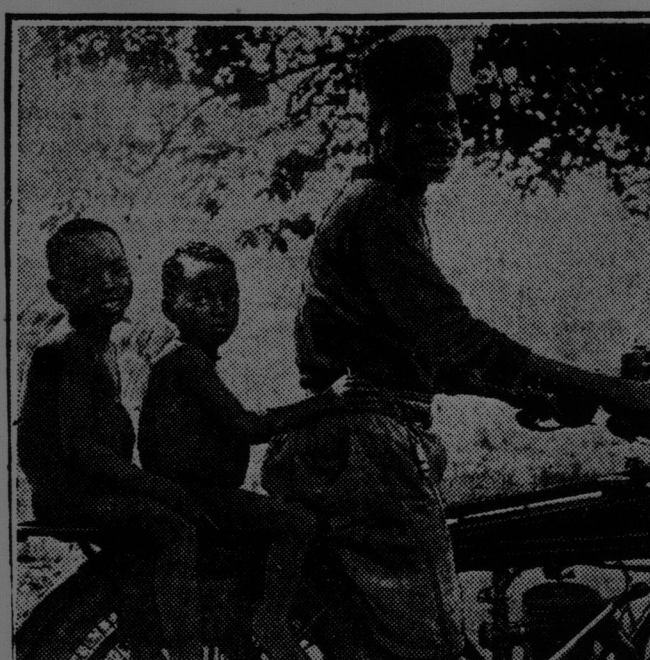
COLT RACES.  
Lady Grother—Stockford.  
Guy Spear—Scott.  
Lady Bell—King.  
Victor Bond—Bond.  
Hazelnut—Hazelton.  
Gertie Hastings—Hayes.  
The Bugler—Yerwood.

LOCAL CLASS.  
One mile—Best 2 in 3 heats.  
Clara Mac—MacNamara.  
Reginald, Jr—Ritche.  
Billy C—Seely.  
Cream Puff—King.  
Berrett—Buster.  
Wait a Minute—O'Keefe.  
Kingsvale—Stewart.

NAMED RACE.  
One mile—Best 2 in 3 heats.  
Melting Pot—Rice.  
Patched King—King.  
Forefather—O'Keefe.  
Epinus—McAler.  
Rosy B. Moss—Caples.  
Gertie McNeil—McNeil.  
The Finisher—Sullivan.  
Elsie Snow—Carney.  
Victor A—Alexander.  
Olive Oil—Conway.

BLACK GOLD WINS DERBY.  
Louisville, Ky., May 18.—West triumphed over the east for the first time since 1921 in the historic Kentucky Derby yesterday, when Black Gold, the favorite, won the race by a scant half length in a slashing drive of the wire, defeating eighteen of the best three-year-olds in training, before a crowd of 75,000 to 80,000, the greatest throng that ever witnessed a horse race in the United States.

### Even Africa Has 'Em!



You will find motorcycle cops even in the wilds of Africa. They're not quite as tough on speedsters over there, though. Here is a typical policeman along Africa's "Gold Coast" taking a part of his family out for a little ride.

### CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN HALF OF TOTAL VALUE OF YEAR'S PRODUCTION

Revenue of Fisheries, Fresh and Canned, in Province Decreases Three Per Cent in 1923.

Ottawa, May 18.—The following preliminary statement of the Fisheries of New Brunswick was yesterday issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The value of the fisheries production of New Brunswick in 1923, comprising fish marketed for consumption, fresh and canned, cured or otherwise prepared, amounted to \$4,547,498, a decrease from the previous year of \$138,162, or three per cent. The lobster and sardine fisheries together contributed over half of the total value of production in 1923, the value of the lobsters canned and marketed in shell amounting to \$1,339,155 and the value of the sardines canned and marketed fresh and salted to \$1,016,655.

Compared with the previous year, lobsters show an increase of six per cent, both in catch and in marketed value; sardines show a decrease in catch of 45 per cent, and an increase in marketed value of 44 per cent. Of the other chief commercial fishes, the quantities caught and landed in 1923 were as follows: cod, 286,751 cwt., a decrease of eight per cent; herring 251,100 cwt., a decrease of 31 per cent; mackerel, 13,455 cwt., a decrease of 43 per cent; smelts, 43,210 cwt., a decrease of 31 per cent; Salmon, 20,327 cwt., an increase of 21 per cent; and clams, 22,645, an increase of six per cent.

### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES.

Primary operations.—The amount of capital represented in the vessels, boats, nets, traps, piers and wharves, etc., employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish in 1923 was \$3,400,169, compared with \$3,316,479 in 1922. The number of men employed was 9,228, compared with 9,394 in 1922.

Fish Canning and Curing Establishments.—The number of establishments in operation in 1923 was 228, comprising 167 lobster canneries, five clam canneries, one sardine cannery and 55 fish curing establishments. Compared with the previous year, the number of lobster canneries decreased by six, and of fish curing establishments by three, a total decrease of nine in the number of establishments. The capital investment of the establishments in 1923 represented a total value of \$1,290,216, a decrease from the preceding year of \$7,313. The number of persons employed in the establishments was 2,325, compared with 2,736 in 1922.

Total value of fisheries production of New Brunswick, by counties, 1922 and 1923:

County	1922	1923	Increase or Decrease
Charlotte	\$1,421,640	\$1,466,327	Inc. \$44,687
St. John	215,769	191,838	Dec. 23,931
Albert	2,242	288	Dec. 1,954
Westmorland	480,761	542,400	Inc. 61,639
Kent	384,423	442,628	Inc. 58,205
Northumberland	871,924	739,949	Dec. 131,975
Gloucester	1,171,299	1,009,143	Dec. 162,156
Restigouche	112,246	121,361	Inc. 9,115
Inland counties of Madawaska, Victoria, Carleton, York, Sunbury, Queens and Kings	25,356	33,924	Inc. 8,568
Total	\$4,685,660	\$4,547,498	Dec. \$138,162

Value of the fisheries production of New Brunswick, 1914 to 1923:

Year	Value
1914	\$4,940,083
1915	4,737,145
1916	5,656,859
1917	6,143,088
1918	6,298,990
1919	4,979,574
1920	4,423,745
1921	3,690,726
1922	4,685,660
1923	4,547,498

### PROBE SHOOTING IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, May 18.—Dr. McMillan, coroner of Sheet Harbor, has gone to Sober Island, a small island off the coast of Halifax county to hold an inquest into the fatal shooting of

George Harnish, aged 20, of that place, which took place Friday night. From information to hand it appears that George Harnish and his brother were standing outside of Vergie's when the shooting took place. A call for medical aid was telephoned to Dr. Rawlings but the injured man was dead before help arrived.

Anything can happen. But not enough things do. Some boys are small for their age. So are some men.

### TO AUSTRALIA IN AN OPEN BOAT

Young English Engineer and Wife are Planning Adventurous Voyage.

London, May 19.—From Mounts Bay, Cornwall, to Australia in an open boat, with his wife as sole companion—a voyage of 16,000 miles—is a trip about to be undertaken by W. Thomas, a young engineer of St. Just, Cornwall.

Mr. Thomas says that he bought the boat some years ago at the Scilly Isles. She is built of steel, is 25 feet long, 8 feet beam and 4½ tons displacement, and draws about 3 feet of water.

She was formerly a ship's lifeboat, and belonged to a French bank which was torpedoed about 40 miles from the Scilly Isles during the war, when 24 of her crew drifted in her for two days before being rescued.

When I purchased her she was simply an open lifeboat," he said, "but by working at her a little at a time I have now made her into a half-decked cabin cruiser. Every thing in her, with the exception of the engine, which is a 17-horsepower Darracq, I have made myself."

Although not a sailor, Thomas was born with the sound of the Atlantic breakers in his ears, and the sea has an irresistible call for him. Sailing has been his hobby, and he and his wife have already made several long trips in the Honoluli, as he has named his boat.

On one occasion they remained at sea for five weeks, and it was this, perhaps, that put into his head the idea of the voyage to Australia.

Mr. Thomas proposes to follow a novel course. From Penzance he will cross to Brest, then to Bordeaux, through the French canals to Marseilles, on to Nice, across to Corsica and Sardinia, thence to Tunis, Alexandria, and the Suez. Arriving at Aden he will coast along Arabia to Karachi.

His idea is to hug the coast as far as possible, and stop at all convenient places. The voyage will occupy twelve months. His longest run from land to land he estimates at 800 miles.

During the voyage Mrs. Thomas will steer by day and he by night.

### CHATHAM BOY SAVED BY PALS

Louis Smith Has Narrow Escape From Drowning—Str. Alexander Leaves.

Chatham, May 18.—Louis Smith, son of Norman Smith, had a narrow escape from drowning when he fell overboard while playing Saturday. Quick action by Lester Daigle and Edgar Hachee saved him. The lad was taken to a hospital. He suffered no ill effects.

The steamship Alexander, sold to parties in Ontario, sailed Saturday for her new port. The boat is in charge of Capt. Angus McEachern, and Jos. Jimmo, Miramichi pilot. She is carrying a crew of five. The Alexander was on the Miramichi when it was transferred to the Miramichi River service and operated by the Miramichi Navigation Company.

It is expected to go on the route soon.

### ST. JOHN BOY IS PROMOTED AGAIN

Elmer A. Belding, formerly of St. John, who went to Florida last October as treasurer of the Deep Lake Development Co., in Collier County and was later made treasurer of the Florida Railroad and Navigation Company, has again been promoted and will be at the end of June end the financial department of the New York offices of Barron G. Collier. Mr. Collier has very extensive interests in Florida. Collier County is named after him, and there is a place called Everglades, on this river, a great development is in progress. Associated with Mr. Collier in it are Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and Coleman Du Pont. Their interests involve development of a virgin territory transportation, and the making of a great Florida resort of the future.

Mr. Collier controls most of the street car advertising in the United States and Mexico and has offices in a large number of cities. He is the proprietor of Ridgeway tea, owns Luna Park at Coney Island, is a director in many industrial and financial enterprises, and is also deputy police commissioner of New York City. He is a director of the Sungrave Institution, is also a high official in the Boy Scout movement and greatly interested in boy welfare. Mr. Collier visited Everglades the first of this month in his yacht, after a trip to Havana with some guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Belding were taken on a short tour of Tampa, Usipia Island, where Mr. Collier has a palatial winter home, Fort Myers, and back to Everglades.

### LONG LIVED COUPLE

London May 19.—John Taylor of Farnborough, Kent, has just celebrated his 100th birthday. His wife will be 100 next November.

### SWEDISH AIRMEN SET UP RECORD

Show Remarkably Small Margin of Danger in Their Occupation.

Stockholm, May 19.—Swedish airmen, anxious to prove to the public that there is a remarkably small margin of danger in their occupation, have just figured out that the aviators of Sweden have actually flown a distance equal to encircling the globe 1½ times for every fatality.

This record, safety surpasses that of the United States, according to Col. E. C. Erikson of the Swedish Army, who says deaths in airplane accidents in that country are more than three times as frequent for the same unit flown. Stated in terms of time, the Swedes fly 8,800 hours without a fatal accident, as against the Americans 1,170 hours.

Commercial flying in Sweden has been given a new impetus by the decision of the Postal Department to support and utilize the new air service between Malmo and Hamburg. The flying time to London will now be only six hours.

### RAILWAY LINES TO BE ELECTRIFIED

Japan Substituting Electricity for Steam on Its Railways.

Tokio, May 19.—(A. P. by mail).—The ambitious plans of the Imperial Government Railways of Japan for the substitution of electricity for steam power on all the Government railways of the country will begin to be put into effect this year. Appointment of an electrification bureau within the railways department marks an actual beginning on the programme.

The railways department will begin electrifying with the Tokaido Quatr from Tokyo as far as Kozu, 50 miles to the southwest, and also the branch line to Yokosuka, the naval base on Tokyo Bay. American equipment will be largely used in the electrification scheme.

### WEATHER MAN USES STANDARD TIME

"The best of all possible ways to lengthen your days is to take a piece of the night," is an old proverb familiar and for the inauguration of daylight saving it was an axiom that everyone was obliged to follow in St. John Saturday night.

D. L. Hutchinson, of the Meteorological Observatory, yesterday recalled the order had been issued at Ottawa in 1918 requiring all the time balls of the meteorological department to be set by daylight saving time. The order had been in force for a very short while when the admiralty interfered and the time balls were placed back on their regular schedule, to which they have adhered ever since. The time balls at Halifax and St. John have not adopted daylight time nor has the Meteorological Bureau.

It was the opinion that daylight saving time would not be considered legal in court proceedings.

### COWBOYS GO TO EMPIRE'S EXPO.

Winnipeg, May 18.—Swinging aboard the Canadian Pacific train amid whoops and yells, fourteen of Western Canada's finest cowboys left Winnipeg station this morning bound for the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, England.

A constable who found the body in the river said Miss Smith was wearing a man's hat and boots. She was seen alone like a hermit in her house in Wansworth, a suburb of London. A passion for collecting cigarette ends, pins, old boots, and anything else she found in her rambles about the streets, was mentioned at the inquest. Miss Smith had been found drowned in the Thames after handing \$4,000 in war loan and her keys to her niece.

She lived in her own house and owned six others, but had an idea that she was going to be evicted from her home in three weeks' time. In the house were 26 sacks of rubbish of every description. The place was a filthy litter that the door would not open properly.

Practically all the men were attired in picturesque sombreros hats, while some had the wild and western touch of the buckskin jackets and the cowboy boots. Bronzed by the outdoor life, they looked well equipped to uphold the honours of Western Canada in the forthcoming cowboy contest against cow-punchers from all parts of the world.

### Britain and States Can Heal Europe

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19.—(United Press).—Great Britain and the United States can heal the life of Europe by the use of common sense, humor and fair play, Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States, declared here last night before the English Speaking Union and the Transatlantic Society of America. The diplomat warned, however, against the acquisition of a feeling of superiority on the part of the English-speaking races.

### MILL WORK CURTAILED

St. Stephen, May 18.—Employee of the cotton mill at Milltown have been notified that, commencing this week, the mill will operate only Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for an indefinite period. The action came after a long struggle by the management to maintain constant operation, but existing conditions in the cotton trade made this impossible.

### LECTURES IN CHURCH.

McAdam, May 18.—Mrs. Asyough, of St. Andrews, lectured in the Union church Wednesday evening on "Chinese Civilization," the lecture being illustrated with slides of Chinese landscapes, customs, architecture and art. Mrs. Asyough resided for years in Shanghai.

### A. R. McMASTER HAS A CHANGE OF HEART

Away From Liberal Rank for Year, Brome Member to Return.

Ottawa, May 18.—Announcement by A. R. McMaster, Liberal member for Brome, Que., that he intends to return to the Liberal fold, has caused considerable discussion in political circles here. It will be recalled that last year, because of the failure of the Government to make any substantial reduction in the customs tariff, Mr. McMaster left the Liberal benches and took a seat opposite and beyond that of the two Labor members, William Irvine and J. S. Woodsworth, and declared himself an Independent.

His reason for rejoining the fold, as contained in a statement issued this evening, is that he is heartily in accord with this year's fiscal proposals, which show a substantial downward tendency in revision and also he points out that the action of Sir Lomer Gouin in "breaking his pair" and thus adding a vote in opposition to the budget, together with the expressions of feeling from manufacturers, indicate that a clearly defined tariff issue has been established and he proposes to be with those who favor greater fiscal freedom.

In Favor of Budget.

It is known that Mr. McMaster immediately after the presentation of this year's budget, expressed himself as strongly in support of it and that he would probably be compelled out of consistency to rejoin the Government ranks. He did not deem the time to be opportune, however, until the tariff resolutions themselves were submitted to the House, and that time is likely to be Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Again, Mr. McMaster does not feel free to take this action until he has had an opportunity of consulting with George W. Kyle, the chief Liberal whip, who has been out of town during the week-end. A letter has, however, been written to Mr. Kyle by Mr. McMaster announcing his intention. It is known that Mr. McMaster during this week-end conferred with two or three members of the cabinet, including Hon. Ernest Lapointe.

### HER HOME WAS ONE OF ODDS AND ENDS

Alice Smith, Hermit, Owned Seven Houses—Drowned in Thames.

London, May 19.—The owner of seven houses, and a woman of considerable savings, Miss Alice Smith, aged 68, lived alone like a hermit in her house in Wansworth, a suburb of London. A passion for collecting cigarette ends, pins, old boots, and anything else she found in her rambles about the streets, was mentioned at the inquest. Miss Smith had been found drowned in the Thames after handing \$4,000 in war loan and her keys to her niece.

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### CAR HITS TWO; DRIVES ON.

William Love, 261 Rothsay avenue, Mrs. Flood, an employee of the General Public Hospital, were injured last night when they were struck by an automobile which was speeding in the Loch Lomond road without lights showing. The accident happened near Kane's Corner, about 10:30. Both pedestrians were thrown to the side of the road and automobiles which came along soon after they were struck conveyed them to the hospital. It was found that Mr. Love was cut about the face, but his injuries were not serious, and one of Mrs. Flood's hands was hurt.

The car which struck them did not stop, and the police are working on the case to see if they can locate the driver.

### HALIFAX MAN IS HURT IN AUTO

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DR. FALCONER HEARD

President of Toronto University Delivers Baccalaureate Address.

Sackville, May 18.—Before an audience of 1,400 people, Sir Robert Falconer, president of Toronto University, delivered the baccalaureate address to the men and women of Mount Allison's graduating class in Fawcett Memorial Hall here tonight. The procession left Centennial Hall, headed by the members of the Board of Regents of the University, the faculty and following came in order of classes the students of the University, the Ladies' College and the Academy. The procession entered the hall to the strains of Lachner March Celebrate played by the Conservatory orchestra.

Following is the programme: Doxology, invocation, Hymn "Unto the Hills Around Do 1 Lift Up My Longing Eyes," prayer, Rev. J. W. McConnell, orchestra, Wiegand Lattimer, anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads," Psalm No. 1; Scripture lesson, announcements and offertory; Rev. Mr. Munroe, D.D., offertory, selection Largo Dvorak; Hymn "Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart," sermon, Sir Robert Falconer; anthem, "God so Loved the World," Shuckley; hymn "Father in Heaven Who Lovest All," Early Years of Life.

Sir Robert in opening compared the early years of life to a ship in process of construction. The master walks the deck and watches the process. Beyond the headlines he sees the blue of the ocean and he is anxious and painstaking in overseeing the building and that the ship is launched and the graduates are out in the world.

The glory of this ship is not on the stars, but in the blue. These words are in the ship's cargo, and are her timbers strong and properly planned, and can she at the end of the long voyage at last come to harbor and come with a goodly cargo.

This should lead us, said Sir Robert, to ask the question, "what is the true significance of this?" In the final lineage of the world the student is what place is that wonderful institution, the university. What is the purpose, and what differentiates you graduates from others less fortunate? asked Sir Robert. To answer this he quoted two classic authorities, Cardinal Newman and Huxley, the former stressing the humanitarian point of view that the true object of a university was to fit an individual into the sphere of life, to make him a better member of society and to give him mastery of his own endowments with this purpose, while Huxley said the object was to follow in footsteps of the great explorers of knowledge.

Pleads for Veracity.

Sir Robert co-ordinated these in an appeal for an enthusiasm for truth and a passion for veracity. Allow nothing to interfere with veracity. Some start with a theory or a creed and bend the facts to suit. Truth must be followed out to the very end. This spirit for veracity—this kind of mind—is what the successful University course should give. A fair judgment is the greatest gift a man or woman can have. Pray, he said, to be delivered from those days when one grows weary with the search for truth. Reclaim the spirit, the personal spirit of youth and make those letters mean something to you.

Sir Robert then went on to point out the significance of all this in practice in the profession that will be taken up. This question there are two sides. First, knowledge, and second, human life. To illustrate the former Sir Robert stressed the necessity of training in observation, thoroughness and exhaustiveness, (Continued on page 15.)

### YOUTH RIDES LAND OF MAN-EATER

Slays Tiger That Had Killed Fifty People in India.

London, May 19.—People of Lohohat and Kumon, in the northwest provinces of India, near Allahabad, have just been rid of a man-eating tiger which, in 18 months, carried off victims, most of them women and children.

The main road has of late been the scene of so many of these tragedies that people used it only in companies of 40 or 50.

Bruce Abbott, a youth under 20, determined to tackle the brute. A woman had just been killed, but the tiger left her body, and Mr. Abbott waited alone for many hours beside it, with rifle ready, knowing that the beast would return to its prey.

The tiger returned at dusk, and Mr. Abbott fired and wounded it, but it got away, leaving tracks of blood. To follow a wounded tiger on foot is a most dangerous proceeding, but the young fellow followed the trail for three days, never getting near enough for a shot.

On the third day he came up with the tiger, only to find it with another woman in its jaws. He fired, and the man-eater dropped its victim, who, however, died in a few hours.

Mr. Abbott maneuvered to get a good shot, and more than once had narrow escapes, but finally a bullet from his rifle pierced the brain of the brute, and it fell dead.

### SCORES SUCCESS IN LECTURE ON POET

Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson eclipsed her previous dramatic honors and achieved a splendid triumph in her lecture before the St. John Sub-division of the Catholic Women's League on the life and works of Edgar Allan Poe. Mrs. Wilson narrated the life story of the poet graphically in an impressive manner, and recited several of his poems with exceptional dramatic ability. The whole programme was given without notes of any kind.

Among the selections which Mrs. Wilson gave were "The Raven," "The Day," "Alone," "Annabelle Lee," "Ave Maria," "The Bells," and short selections from the Tannemarie poems. Miss Sarah Lynch, the president, was in the chair and the hearty vote of thanks extended to Mrs. Wilson was moved by Joseph Kennedy and seconded by Miss Genevieve Derue. During the evening Mrs. Edgar Cronin sang "The Rosary," and William Granlan sang "Face to Face." Both vocal selections were very greatly enjoyed.

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