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MOTHER MANIA IN NEW PARIS MYSTERY

Brother of Woman Accused of Brutality to Children, Says She Loves Them

AN EXCESSIVE PASSION

PARIS, March 4.—The police are still engaged with the case of the Englishman Sargent and his wife, who were arrested recently charged with the gross ill-treatment of four children whom they had adopted. Developments today indicate that the husband alone was responsible for the ill-treatment of the children.

It has been learned that Mrs. Sargent's maiden name was Josephine Savin, and she is an American. Sargent is addicted to heavy drinking, especially absinthe.

Mrs. Sargent's brother, who lived near Paris with his wife, a dressmaker, insists that there is nothing mysterious about his sister's past life. Both were born in New York, he said today, and his sister receives an allowance from her father, who is rich. He intimated that his sister's love of children amounted to a passion; it might almost be described as "mother mania."

Any ill-treatment of the little ones must be laid to the door of the husband, who frequently was not responsible on account of his condition.

M. Viraut, Mrs. Sargent's lawyer, insists on his client's disinterested love of children.

VICE ADMIRAL CERVERA DYING AT PUERTO REAL

H. G. Meadows Guilty of Grand Larceny—Duellists Both Killed.

SUEZ, March 5.—The German steamer Marienfels, from Calcutta February 9 for Boston and New York, is reported in the Red Sea with her bows down. She refused assistance and said it was intended to jettison her cargo. Help is being sent from here.

CADIZ, March 5.—Vice-Admiral Pascual Cervera is dying at Puerto Real. The last sacraments were administered to him today. Admiral Cervera commanded the Spanish fleet that was destroyed by the American fleet off Santiago, Cuba, in 1898. He was taken prisoner and spent some time at Portsmouth, N. H.

MADRID, March 5.—General Weyler, former minister of war, has been offered the captain generalcy of Catalonia.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5.—The jury in the case of Harold G. Meadows of the defunct brokerage firm of Meadows, Williams & Co., on trial on the charge of grand larceny, after being out all night returned a verdict of guilty this morning.

The brokers failed last August for over a million dollars. Meadows was accused of wrongfully appropriating $72,000 belonging to William E. Silverthorne, a lumber merchant of this city.

CLARKSVILLE, Ark., March 5.—As the result of an exchange of shots between d. Morgan and City Marshall Hugh Bone late last night, Morgan is dead and Bone is thought to be mortally wounded. Morgan, it is declared, attacked Bone while the latter was on his way to his home. Both men drew their weapons and fired simultaneously. As to the origin of the trouble nothing is ascertainable.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—United States District Attorney Kealing at Indianapolis has resigned rather than participate in the efforts of the department of justice to bring Delavan Smith and Joseph Pulitzer to Washington to stand trial for criminal libel in connections wiht publications concerning the Panama canal and railroad.

PARIS, March 5.—The police have discovered the whereabouts of the three children who were adopted some time ago by Mr. and Mrs. Sargetn, now under arrest charged with cruelty. One of these, who was born at Versailles in 1902, is being cared for in Brooklyn, N. Y., and the other two in London at the expense of the Sargents.

The magistrate before whom the case has come up has appointed three doctors to examine into the mental condition of Mrs. Sargent.

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RUSSIA'S RAILWAY POLICY CAUSING SOME EXCITEMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5—The situation at Harbin, Manchuria, arising from the apparent determination of the railroad authorities to control the local administration, has become a live issue in Russian politics. The protests of China and the United States are attracting public attention, and it is believed that a decisive stand of the railroads in Manchuria will bring about foreign complications.

Foreign Minister Iswolsky has sent a letter to Finance Minister Kokovosoff urgently advocating a modification of the railroad policy and the adoption of the foreign office's plan for the government of all towns in the railroad zone. This step was necessary because under the Russian system the administration of this roalroad is in the hands of the ministry of finance. M. Iswolsky contemplates the retirement of the railroad company from the field of municipal administration and the substitution of a government similar to that pertaining in other treaty ports, but with the participation of the Chinese residents.

M. Iswolsky proposes also that the entire question be referred to an interministerial commission.

The negotiations with China are at a standstill until such time as the policy of the government shall be determined. The foreign office outwardly supports General Horvath in closing the stores of the Chinese merchants who refused to pay taxes to Russia, but privately it is most dissatisfied with the situation. General Horvath has been informed that the foreign office has no intention of expelling the merchants in case of their continued refusal to pay these taxes.

The Novoe Vremya today sharply criticizes the foreign office for its stand in the matter, and says it believes Germany is stirring up the question for the purpose of diverting attention from the near East. The paper intimates that Fred D. Fisher, until recently U. S. Consul at Harbni, has been acting in the interests of Germany.

TO ARREST CASTRO IF HE GOES HOME

Venezuelan Government Indicts Him for Plot to Kill Gomez

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 3, via Willemstad, Curacao, March 4.—Should Senor Cipriano Castro, formerly president of the republic, attempt to return to the country he will face the possibility of arrest by the government the moment he disembarks, as he has been criminally indicted in the federal court on the charge of having conspired to effect the assassination of Senor Don Juan Vincente Gomez, the present president.

In consequence of this contingency the report that Senor Castro purposes to embark at Bordeaux on March 28 for La Guayra has been received here with much interest. It is feared that Senor Castro's presence in Venezuela would result in dangerous demonstrations against him which the police and troops would have much difficulty in putting down. It is thought that Senor Castro may first go to Nicaragua because of his strong friendship with President Zelaya of that republic.

The government is much interested in the deposed president's movements, and an effort will be made to keep track of him by cable.

Senor Castro's entire fortune is in Venezuela, and it will all be lost to him unless he returns. It is generally believed here that he will now devote his energies to protecting his interests.

John Brewer, who has been in charge of the American legation here since the withdrawal of W. W. Russell, the minister, and Mr. Doyle, secretary to W. I. Buchanan, special commissioner of the United States to Venezuela, have been given the decoration of the Order of Bolivar.

RUBE WADDELL IS AFTER A DIVORCE

Famous Pitcher Declares His Wife Has an Ungovernable Temper

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—A petition for divorce was filed here today by George Edward (Rube) Waddell, the pitcher. The document charges that Mrs. Waddell showed "a violent and ungovernable temper" at times and also that "on one occasion when plaintiff threatened to leave defendant on account of her associations with persons distasteful to plaintiff, while they were residing in the city of Lynn, Mass., defendant caused plaintiff to be attacked by a pair of vicious dogs and seriously wounded and lacerated."

Waddell is a member of the St. Louis American League ball team. Mrs. Waddell, the petition states, resides in New Hampshire.

BIG OYSTERS.

Pliny mentions that, according to the historians of Alexander's expedition, oysters a foot in diameter were found in the Indian seas. And Sir James Tennant was unexpectedly enabled to corroborate the correctness of this statement, for near Trincomali enormous specimens of edible oysters were found to measure more than eleven inches in length by half as many in width.

But this extraordinary measurement is beaten by the oysters of Port Lincoln, South Australia, which are the largest editable ones in the world. They are as large as a dinner plate and of much the same shape. They are sometimes more than a foot across the shell, and the oyster fits it habitation so well that it does not leave much if any margin.

It is no uncommon experience in that quarter for a person who is hungry to have one oyster fried in butter or in eggs and breadcrumbs, set before him. The delicacy of flavor of the Port Lincoln mammoth is famous even in that land of luxuries, and one is ample even for a hearty appetite.

BERLIN, Mar. 3.—A woman named Carlsen, who fell asleep at Flensburg, in Schleswig-Holstein, on January 23, slept steadily until yesterday morning when she work with a start. She died the next moment.

FAMOUS DOCTOR'S WIFE IS ARRESTED

Mrs. F. Schuman-Leclerq in the Tombs for Carrying Concealed Weapons

RUMPUS IN HOTEL

(New York Herald.)

Friends of Mrs. F. Schuman-Leclercq of Carlsbad, Austria, were shocked to learn late yesterday afternoon that she was the woman who was arrested with another at the Knickerbocker Hotel in the early morning hours, taken to Jefferson Market police court and later, under the name "Mrs. Margaret Ledue," was put under $500 bail on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Mrs. Schuman-Leclercq is the wife of a physicion who is well known not only in Europe but to thousands of Americans who have gone to the famous Austrial resort. Dr. Schuman-Leclercq has attained a high rank in his profession, and the Herald recently recorded that the President of France had conferred upon him the decoration of the Legion of Honor. In the home of Dr. and Mrs. Schuman-Leclercq, the Villa Koerner of Carlsbad, on many occasions hospitality has been dispensed to American visitors.

Almost hysterical because of the position in which she found herself, Mrs. Schuman- Leclercq gave a fictitious name. The activity of well intentioned friends who called at the district attorney's office to see if the case could not be adjusted without the name of the woman being used led to the discovery of her identity, and when seen in the Tombs by a Herald reporter Mrs. Schuman-Leclercq was almost beside herself with grief.

By birth Mrs. Schuman-Leclerq is a Kentuckian, but has passed much of her life abroad. Both she and her husband are persons of more than average means. Friends of Mrs. Schuman-Leclercq and her husband assert that a great indignity has been put upon a woman of high social standing through unfortunate ignorance of the law on her part against carrying weapons.

"It is all so terrible," said Mrs. Schuman-Leclercq, between sobs, "that I cannot realize it. I had hoped that my name would not get out. Had I not become hysterical over that episode at the Knickerbocker I should have been spared this shame. Being a Kentucky woman and brought up there, in the west, I have always carried a revolver with me when travelling, and almost everybody I have known here appears to do the same thing. I travel a great deal in Europe, and a woman over there considers the possession of a pistol a necessity.

"How did I happen to have a revolver with me at the time I was taking supper at the Knickerbocker? I had been out in New Rochelle, or near there, and as I am fond of taking strolls on country roads I put the weapon into my little handbag, in which I carry my purse. When I came to town I forgot to take the revolver out.

"My friend and I went into the Knickerbocker for supper Monday night. Certainly I had no thought of trying to beat a bill. I had stopped at the hotel during a previous visit and had signed bills before. I did not discover until we had finished supper that I had no money in my purse. When I signed the bill my signature was refused. When we telephoned for money it came readily, and if I had not lost my head over the happening at the table I should have escaped all this misery."

TAX ON BACHELORS.

SOFIA, Mar. 3.—The Sobranje has voted a tax on bachelors. Every unmarried man over 30 will pay an annual tax of 10 francs, in addition to all other imposts.

The proceeds of the new tax will be devoted to the purposes of education.

According to the latest statistics 27,600 bachelors will be affected by the new tax. Most of them dwell in the towns. In the villages it is the custom to marry between the ages of 19 and 24.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The cotton futures opened barely steady. March, 9.58; May, 9.55; June, 9.50; July, 9.50; Aug. offered 9.48; Oct., 9.34; Dec., 9.28.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Wall Street.—The price movement of stocks was irregular at the opening. The notable changes being on the side of gains on account of support for some of the stocks which were weakest yesterday. American Smelting shot up 1½. Amal. Copper and Southern Pacific, a point and Union Pacific, Atchison, New York and Kansas Southern large fractions.

TONY ON THE STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF

(Continued from page one.)

ANDOVER, N. B. March 4.—Never before in the history of Victoria county has the court here been so crowded as it was today. The large gallery was filled to overflowing and every inch of standing room on the lower floor was taken. Order was almost impossible. Children and crying babies seemed to hold sway. The knot of evidence is drawing tight around the prisoners and every witness serves to tighten it more. The prisoners although at times depressed seem more cheerful in the hope that Mr. Elliott, who is pleading for them, may yet give them their life.

McGinnis' Testimony

Mr. McGinnis resumed his evidence in the afternoon. He stated he had met the prisoners on the spur line going to Johnston No. 1, Saturday, a little after six, carrying a gun.

Donald Fraser, the twenty-third witness for the prosecution, was next called. His evidence was practically the same as that given by Mr. Shields.

Seymour Trafton, next called, proved a fine witness. He said: "I am a game warden in this county. I have lived in the woods more or less for 23 years. My camp is on the east bank of the Wapske. I knew the prisoners by sight and had often seen them with guns similar to those produced in court. I first saw the prisoners at Perth Junction on their way up and the day after I saw them at Amiel Johnston's camp shooting at birds and squirrels. I took the trail with Mr. McRae on Monday. We first struck the trail at East Brook hauling road. It was the trail of two men. One track showed no heel, the other a heel but no lift on the sole. We followed the trail along the right of way until we came in sight of residency 16. Then it swerved to the northwest and came in directly behind the residency. From this it continued along an old hauling road until it came out on the right of way by the dump. It looked here as if they had walked backward and forward for a while and there was also the impression as of a bag in the snow. It then branched off into the woods and came out near Beaver Lake road and continued until it came to Amiel Johnston's camp. We went into the camp, where we found the old Italian and little boy.

SITTING BY THE STOVE.

The old man was sitting by the stove. Not finding the men we were after here he went out and down a few rods to where Beaver Lake road crossed the right of way. There was a group stationed here. It would be impossible for any one coming up the right of way to enter the camp without being seen by him, but as he had not seen us enter the camp it would be possible to enter the camp from the wood without his being aware of it. Not far from this we met Chief Foster. Mr. Pearson returned with them to the camp. Between 10 and 15 minutes had elapsed from our leaving the camp until our return. The camp is used by Amiel Johnston as a sleeping camp for his men, and there is only one entrance. The stove is in about the middle of the camp. We found the prisoners sitting one on each side of the stove, Tony on the left and Leon on the right. They were both huddled well over the stove. There was snow on their coats, which had frozen into a kind of ice. Sipplpel had his feet undressed. The old man Hatch was lying up in a bunk covered, head and heels with blankets. We aroused him and he acted just like a man just awakened. Foster then arrested the prisoners.

G. MILES McRAE.

G. Miles McRae was next called. He said: "I am a constable of Victoria county. About one o'clock p. m. Sunday, Dec. 20, I received word of the murder from the sheriff and instructions to go to the scene of the murder and organize a search party and find the murderers if possible. I got to Residency 16 about five o'clock. From information received there I believed the murderers were heading for Tobique River, so went to Johnston No. 2. I stationed two men here out on the right of way. I then went on to Johnston, No. 1, and put three men on guard there. I had also an Italian shack here searched and guarded. I went on up the Wapske and ordered Mr. Johnston to watch the Tobique train. I telephoned Phillips and Burden camp, the Sisson camp, and also Farlinger and McDonald's camps to search and placed guards. I then came out at No. 1. Mr. King here joined me and we went over to No. 2, where we got Murray. From Wapske we searched every hovel and camp and even a cave that was on the bank of the river. We came to a Johnston camp, where we found three Italians The said the two men we were after had left there Sunday morning. We then went to residency 16 and left the rest of the party to take up the trail on the portage where Mr. Fraser and his party had lost it the previous evening. I drove down to Peter Crocco's, a mile and a half from Plaster Rosk. I got there about daylight. Crocco's is a sort of Italian hotel. We searched the place and sent Mr. Dennison out to search the Pagona camp. On the way back, coming toward Plaster Rock I heard Boyd and Gee call out that they had found the trail. I joined Boyd and we went into the bush. The first thing went to the station to have our checks cashed. We went to the hotel and had dinner and went back to Crocco's. We stayed there until three and then went home and got there about 5.15. On the way there we met a man who bought Sip's gun for four dollars. I got up Sunday morning at 7.30. Did not see Sip in the camp or in the bed. I went over to Polander's camp and then to some Italian camps. Was there about quarter of an hour and went in to the camp nearer Plaster Rock. I stayed there all night. Monday morning the first camp I came to was the Johnston camp, where I found Sip. I had been there about fifteen minutes when the officers came in and arrested us for killing a man. I sold my gun to an Italian near No. 1.

The solicitor asked Tony if the gun in court was his. He promptly replied, "No, sir." He said the rifle in court looked much like the one Sip had. He denied all knowledge of the knife bag or any of the other articles found. He became somewhat confused under the solicitor's scattered examination. Leon during this time seemed much disturbed and more concerned than he has yet been.

At six o'clock his honor adjourned court until 10 a. m.

NEW BRUNSWICK MAN DEAD IN COLORADO

J. Howard Crocker, of Newcastle, Succumbed After Long Illness—W. J. Witzell Stabbed at Port Arthur.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., March 5—J. Howard, eldest son of Timothy W. Crocker, of Newcastle, is dead in Denver, Colorado. His sister, Miss Bessie, left for home with the remains yesterday. Deceased was thirty-two years old. He graduated from the Newcastle High School and took the B. A. degree from the University of New Brunswick eleven years ago. After graduation he was successively principal of superior schools in Petitcodiac, Elgin and Newcastle. Then he went west for his health and taught school, and, for a short time, was a professor in a Winnipeg college. He then took up the study of law and was nearly through when his health gave way and he went to Colorado and became manager of his cousin's ranch. His health at first improved, but he took worse this week. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Earl, of the Royal Bank, Cuba; Frank, of Chicago; and Waldo, Bessie and Florence, of Newcastle.

Word has been received by George Witzell, that his son, W. J., was stabbed by Charles Leisha, an Assyrian, at Port Arthur. The extent of the injuries is not known.

BE UP TO DATE OR FAIL.

A physician tells me that he goes through his medical library every year and throws out a lot of books which have become useless to him because the new, up to date, the more progressive, are pushing out the old.

We all know that some of the scientific books published are useless a year after they appear in print. There never was a time in the history of the world when the new in every line of endeavor crowded out the old as it does today.

If you examine your business thoroughly you will probably find old fogy methods, obsolete ideas and cumbersome ways of doing things—a lot of red tape in your methods.

Remember that nothing else is improving faster than business methods. If you are keeping books as they were kept a quarter of a century ago, if you are using the same business system, you will find that you are away behind the times.—Success Magazine.

THE TRACES OF THE BEASTS.

On every side in the Malay wilds the traces of the beasts—which here live as scheduled, as safe from molestation, as did their ancestors in pre-Adamite days—are visible on tree trunk, on beaten game path and on the yielding clay at the drinking places by the hurrying stream. Here a belt of mud nine feet from the ground shows that an elephant has rubbed his itching back against the rough bark of a tree, and, see, coarse hairs are still sticking in the hardened clay. There a long, sharp scratch repeated at regular intervals marks the passing of a rhinoceros. Here, again, is the pad mark of a tiger barely an hour old, and the pitted tracks of deer of all sizes and varieties surround the deeply punched holes which are the footsteps of an elephant. —Cornhill Magazinne.

LOCAL NEWS.

A new departure of great benefit to cash buyers of dry goods is to be announced in tomorrow evening's papers. Remember to read the special advertisement of F. W. Daniel and Co., Charlotte St., before you come out shopping on Saturday night.

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Social and Personal

Mrs. J. W. Daniel entertained the Arts Club at her residence, Princess Street, on Tuesday evening.

Miss Upham, of Sussex, is visiting Mrs. G. L. Tapley, Douglas Avenue. Mrs. Tapley entertained informally at the tea hour on Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Upham.

Rev. G. D. Ireland, of Woodstock, was a visitor to the city this week.

Mr. Reginald Lee is visiting his mother, Princess Street.

Two rinks of the Moncton ladies curling club visited St. John this week. On Tuesday they played the St. Andrews ladies and were defeated, and on Wednesday they lost again to the Thistle ladies. The Moncton team was composed of Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. White, Miss Newman, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Pick, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. Givan. The visiting ladies were entertained by both of the St. John clubs, while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neill, of Fredericton, were at the Royal for a few days this week.

The many friends of D. B. Pidgeon will be pleased to know that he was able to take a short walk this week.

Mrs. R. S. Ewing is visiting friends in Schenectady and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith entertained a number of their friends at bridge at their home, King Street East, on Tuesday evening.

Hampton Paragraphs:—Miss Margaret Evans entertained a few of her friends at five o'clock tea on Monday last, among those present were Miss Ruddick, Misses Maude and Belle Brittain, Miss Turner, Miss Ethel Fowler and Miss Flossie Peters. Miss Hattie L. Barnes gave a pleasant party to a number of her friends on Saturday afternoon and evening last. Miss M. E. Travis entertained a few of her friends at five o'clock tea on Monday of last week. Among those present were: Mrs. H. F. E. Whalley, Mrs. G. O. D. Otty, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Hannington, Mrs. E. J. Evans, Mrs. N. M. Barnes and Miss McLean. Mrs. T. M. Barnes was hostess to the whist club Friday evening treating the members to a sleigh drive before the card playing commenced. Mrs. R. H. Smith entertained the members of the whist club on Tuesday evening last. Mrs. Myrtle Carvell, who has been the guest of Mrs. Myles Fowler, for some time past, left on Friday morning for Boston. Miss Edith Humphrey is visiting in Sackville. Mrs. W. Langstroth entertained at whist on Thursday last.

St. Stephen Paragraphs: Another full winter month has been rounded out with much of interest tosociety in general. The most prominent social affair of the week-end was the bridal party given by Mrs. J. Skiffington Murchie, Mrs. George A. Murchie, and Mrs. Helen Harmon at Mrs. J. Skiffington Murchie's home on Hinckley Hill on Friday afternoon from three until six o'clock. Mrs. Skiffington Murchie and Mrs. Harmon received their friends, with Miss Angherton, of Woodstock, as guest of honor, in the handsome drawing room. Mrs. George Murchie, greatly to the disappointment of the many guests, was confined to her home through illness and was thus unable to attend. A number of friends happily surprised Mrs. Helen Granger on her birthday. A basket supper was enjoyed, and of course there was bridge in the evening, since it is now so popular at all social functions. Miss Vesta Moore entertained a number of friends at tea Saturday evening. Miss Emma McCullough was hostess of the bridge club of which she is a member Friday afternoon. The neighborhood bridge club met with Mrs. Harold Purves Monday afternoon. Mrs. John G. Murchie has issued invitations to a large bridge party this afternoon in honor of Mrs. J. M. Johnston, who is her guest. The hours are from three until six o'clock.

St. Andrew's Paragraphs: Mrs. N. M. Clarke gave a ladies' and gentlemen's bridge party on Thursday evening last at her extremely pretty home. Mrs. Geo. J. Clarke was the guest of honor. G. Harold Stickney entertained a few gentlemen friends on Friday evening with duplicate whist. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed. Miss Emily Donahue and friends numbering about fifty enjoyed a very pleasant progressive euchre party at Ira Stinson's rooms on Monday evening. Miss Stella Britt captured the ladies' prize, and Arthur Gove the gentlemen's prize. Consolation prizes were given Miss Lou Stinson and Cecil DeWolfe. An elegant supper was served at midnight. Miss Elsie Armstrong returned Saturday from St. John where she has enjoyed a visit among relatives and friends. Miss Carrie Gardiner will leave this week for Montreal, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. W. Nesbitt for one month.

OSCAR S. STRAUSS WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

NEW YORK, March 5.—A special Washington despatch to the Times says:—President Taft has offered the Embassy to Japan to Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet, and Mr. Straus has accepted it. He will succeed Thomas J. O'Brien who became Ambassador at Tokio in the fall of 1907. Mr. Straus has had considerable diplomatic experience, having been Ambassador to Turkey under President Harrison, and is the author of several works on the subjects of International Law and Diplomacy. In his capacity as Secretary of Commerce and Labor Mr. Straus has had a great deal to do with the handling of the delicate subject of Japanese immigration into this country, and has handled the matter with conspicuous success.

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BOYS' BOOTS, 98c, $1.08, $1.18, $1.28, $1.38 $1.48 and $1.68.
MEN'S BOOTS, 98c, $1.18, $1.38, $1.48, $1.68, $1.98, $2.48 and $2.98.
MEN'S RUBBER BOOTS, best $4.25 grade, $3.48.
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