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RUSSIANS RETREATING FROM PORT ARTHUR

Viceroy Alexieff Decides to Fall Back on Harbin Which Will Be Strongly Fortified--Recognizes Impossibility of Protecting Long Line of Communication.

New York, Feb. 19.—A cable from the Viceroy's correspondent in Berlin says Viceroy Alexieff has determined to fall back on Harbin, leaving Port Arthur to work out its own salvation.

Alexieff takes this step in view of the utter impossibility of maintaining and protecting a line of communication 1,200 miles long, and as vulnerable to attack as the railway through Manchuria.

The Viceroy is fully confident that Port Arthur can withstand a long siege. He is now fortifying Harbin, and will use it as the base of a great offensive.

The announcement that Harbin, and not the "impregnable" Port Arthur, will be the base of future operations has been received with consternation in Russian military circles.

It has caused a sensation more painful than the calamities which have befallen the Russian fleet, as, more clearly than any event that has occurred, it reveals the formidable nature of the enemy to whom Russia is opposed.

The feeling of alarm and despondency grows deeper at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The police have good reasons to believe that the revolutionaries are taking part in the so-called patriotic manifestations.

MANY TROOPS ARRIVE.
Over One Hundred Thousand Soldiers Expected at Harbin in Course of Few Days.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Matin, who has reached the centre of the Russian military concentration at Harbin after great hardships, due to the trans-Siberian railway trains without halts, they began firing at them. The forts began to fire also, and the utmost confusion prevailed.

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Full accounts of the firing by Russian ships on the British steamer Hsi Ping at Port Arthur show that the Russians have given out today, according to the British steamer Ching Ping and German steamer Promo, to extinguish their lights and fires. Russian warships then arrived, and, finding three vessels in the bay, they began firing at them.

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THE PORT ARTHUR FIGHT.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor, giving details of the fight on February 9th at Port Arthur. It does not enumerate the Russian casualties, and says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, and accounts for their not following up the attack.

After giving a full list of the ships engaged, with the names of their commanders, Admiral Alexieff says: "According to the reports of the commanders, the men fought exceedingly well, on which account, in virtue of the Imperial authorities have conferred six orders of the Order of St. George on each ship for first and second class warships having crews of over 200 men, four crosses on each company of all other ships of the second class; one cross on each torpedo boat, one cross on the station at Golden Hill, which operated under the heavy fire of the enemy, four crosses on battery No. 15, three on battery No. 13 and one cross on the gunner who, though severely wounded, returned to the battery."

"Our losses were, of the squadron, five men killed, 16 wounded, 17 men killed and 16 wounded, of the fort and garrison, one man killed, one severely wounded and five men slightly wounded.

In announcing the above to Your Majesty, I am pleased to be able to add that the naval and land forces in the Far East are inspired by the heroic wish to meet their insolent foes here, and to be able to fulfill their duty in the sight of their adored ruler, and, firm and unshakable, to fight for the honor and glory of their beloved fatherland."

"After the night torpedo attack, the Japanese fleet, consisting of 16 warships, appeared at 10 o'clock in the morning off Port Arthur. Its appearance was noted by the coast signal stations, as well as by the ships of our squadron, which lay in the outer roads fully prepared for the battle."

"The Russian squadron consisted of five battleships, five first and second class cruisers and 15 torpedo boats, under the command of Vice-Admiral Stark and Rear-Admiral Utkhtonski. The coast batteries immediately prepared to receive the enemy. Our squadron weighed anchor in order of battle, and upon the first shot being fired by the enemy, the fleet and batteries replied simultaneously with a lively cannonade. The most exposed to the enemy's fire were the ships of the squadron Battery No. 15 on Electric Hill, and Battery No. 13 on Golden Hill. Other coast batteries, principally Nos. 17 and 18, were also under fire."

"The following vessels took part in the battle: In the front line were the battleships Stropovsk, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Stark and commanded by Capt. Jakovlev; the battleship Sevastopol, Capt. Chernykh; the battleship Potemkin, Capt. Spirid; the battleship Peresvet, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Utkhtonski, commanded by Capt. Bolsman; and the battleship Poliborn, Capt. Kasanovich, which lay at anchor, having been damaged in the torpedo attack of the night before. They likewise participated in the fight, as did

all the surplus war material on vessels at home and abroad is being replaced as rapidly as possible. Especially interest is taken in the equipment of 60 battleships with the new 12-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,500,000. These are the most modern and most powerful guns in existence in any navy, and they are capable of throwing an aimed shot accurately a distance of 16,000 yards.

Similar reports of military activity are received from other countries. For instance, Spain is preparing for possibilities. The Spanish minister of war informed a newspaperman yesterday that he was mobilizing the military forces at his disposal, and said: "Although the Russo-Japanese result does not concern us, we must be prepared for all eventualities."

According to the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail, the Emperor of Japan has declared his intention of giving the treasures of the palace to the Bank of Japan for the purposes of war funds. Other dispatches from Tokio confirm the great success of the inland war.

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the transport Angara, Capt. Suschanin. "There were also engaged the torpedo boats of the first and second divisions, under the divisional commanders, Matusevich and Druet, as follows: Vannietti, Capt. Simon; Vladistina, Lieut. Karzef; Bolvo, Capt. Yeliseiev; Hestranin, Capt. Scherbin; Poshchadnii, Lieut. Lukin; Ushshelii, Lieut. Polanski; Hunosli, Lieut. Reichter; Golinski, Lieut. Schelling; Razsvetchi, Capt. Stenoff; Rysholnii, Lieut. Korullief; Silby, Kodorovitch; Sterguschchi, Lieut. Kusmankarsvayef; St. Storchzevof, Capt. Kichin Smyel, Capt. Schütz, and Scitii, Lieut. Kusmenkovaf, Jr.

"Throughout the fight the torpedo division lay to the right of the squadron a distance of from 10 to 15 cebelari (a Russian sea measure), awaiting orders. The land batteries were under the general direction of Major-General Baloff, commander of the Kwan Tung garrison of artillery.

"It is still difficult to ascertain the result of the battle, but according to reports made to our ships it may be assumed that several vessels of the enemy's fleet sustained damage, which explains why they avoided further fighting, although they were much superior to us in strength, according to reports of the commanders, etc., as already cited."

Official confirmation is given that an attack on Port Arthur, February 16th, was repulsed after heavy fighting on both sides. According to the story this attack was intended as a feint to cover a landing at Taitalen bay, but it failed because the Russian's guns were placed with great foresight so as to command the shore. Russian experts say the Japanese evidently hoped that the adjacent group of Elliot lakes would cover this movement, as they did the same thing during the Chino-Japanese war, landing simultaneously at the lakes and Kia Chou, thus cutting off Port Arthur from each side of the Liao Tung peninsula.

The general's frank statement in his bulletin of this morning on Russia's unpreparedness, owing to Japan's sudden precipitation of hostilities, and warning the Russian public of the necessity of immediate victory, confirms the opinion which has existed here, that Russia will not act on the defensive until her army is fully mobilized and the equipment of the commissariat is in perfect working order. There are already over 300,000 men in the field, and this number will be largely augmented. About 50,000 men are required to guard the railways.

A telegram received here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamchatka Company's steamers Kolk and Bagov, with 10,000 Japanese troops at Wanson, which place, as was known some days ago, was made the point of the landing of the enemy.

The steamship Edward Barry, belonging to the North British Steamship Company, ran the gauntlet of Japanese ships arriving at Port Arthur, and, with the help of the Japanese, landed its cargo at Port Arthur the day after the bombardment. All non-combatants have been ordered to leave Vladivostok. The Russians disconnected the Vladivostok cables.

Repairing Warships.
Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of February 9th, are rapidly proceeding. The battleships Retzian and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons. The mishap was not so great as it might have been.

Jap Fleet Intact.
London, Feb. 18.—The Japanese legation here has received an official dispatch from Tokio to-night saying it is not true that any Japanese vessels had been destroyed so far in the various naval engagements, and that all necessary repairs have already been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact.

This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kia Chau after a skirmish, in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners, and declares that the Japanese made no attempt to land at Pigeon Bay. It says the Japanese forces up to the present time made no attempt to land at any point where they could come in contact with the Russians, and that consequently all reports of land actions and Japanese losses are untrue.

Russia and Hay's Note.
London, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says W. M. Kokovoff, Imperial secretary of state, has been appointed finance minister. M. Kokovoff was at one time the assistant of M. DeWitte, the former finance minister.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle says the committee now sitting at St. Petersburg, charged with the revision of the laws in force against the Jews, proposes to recommend that in ten provinces of Poland, Galicia, and Casanovia, the Jews be granted unrestricted rights, these rights shall now be restricted in every respect to conform to the regulations obtaining within the "Pale of Settlement." Under this ruling Jewish merchants and professional men will be deprived of the right to employ Jewish clerks and assistants. As it is almost impossible for Jewish merchants to carry on their business without Jewish clerks and assistants, and as more than half a million Jews reside outside the "Pale of Settlement," few of whom, if

these restrictions enforced could remain. It is believed that an unexampled emigration of Jews will result if the recommendations of the committee are put into effect.

The incident is general in British diplomatic circles that Russia is about to defy the United States in almost a similar manner to that in which it involved itself with Japan. The note of Secretary Hay by which it was designed to guarantee the integrity of China, has caused a profound sensation in St. Petersburg, and the charge is openly made that the United States is planning to become dominant in China. That Russia realizes this, and that she will follow out her old-time diplomatic methods, is shown by the intimation that she will soon send a reply to the United States note to the effect that, with certain "inconsequential" limitations, she accepts the position taken by the note.

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INTERNAL TROUBLES.
Revolutionary Party at Work in Russia and Further Disorders Are Feared.

New York, Feb. 18.—A cable from London to the Times says: "Pandemonium has reigned for several days at Rostoff. The revolutionary party is vigorously at work. The state of affairs in the Caucasus is also unsatisfactory. The government is apprehensive of an extension of the work of provision, all of which are required for the troops.

The Manchurian, and especially the Trans-Baikal railways, cannot cope with the demands for transportation. The men are required to guard the railways, and many are waiting at the stations, suffering from the cold and hunger.

The Chinese are quiet and are bringing up their hands playing in the value of paper money, which in some places is altogether refused."

NOT CONFIRMED.
Private Advice Reach St. Petersburg That Japanese Landing Party Was Repulsed by Russians.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—To-day and to-morrow, the closing days of carnival week, will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. There will be little rejoicing. Such a carnival time is not remembered. There has been no festivities and no gay sleigh parties to the islands. Instead, people gather about the hands playing in the streets of follow the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur have yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to report an attempted landing, which was repulsed.

An official communication announcing Russia's withdrawal from participation in the following terms: "The minister of foreign affairs hereby brings to the notice of the inhabitants at St. Louis that, in view of the refusal of merchants and manufacturers, owing to existing circumstances, to send exhibits to America, the Russian government has recognized the necessity to decline to participate in the aforementioned exposition."

The Novoe Krenya, in a leading editorial, criticizes Secretary Hay's proposal in relation to the neutrality of China, saying it does not see why Russia cannot agree to it, if it means only Chinese neutrality. The document argues to protect Russia from a flank attack.

The Novoe Krenya says: "And recognizes her exceptional position north of the Great Wall, but the note stands or falls with the reality of Chinese neutrality. So long as China honestly and successfully maintains neutrality, Russia will be unwilling to violate it."

The document argues that the extraordinary war expenses, the Bourso Gazette says it believes the present is a favorable time for an income tax, which will not meet men with opposing views. The general readiness of the nation to share the burden imposed by the war.

The Russian government has abolished the censorship in the case of all telegrams going abroad.

COMPLICATIONS FEARED.
Action of France Regarded as Significant and Britain is Preparing for Contingencies.

Buffalo, Feb. 19.—An afternoon paper publishes the following cable: "London, Feb. 19.—Lloyd's is to-day asking a premium of 30 per cent. against

COSSACKS ATTACKED JAPANESE IN KOREA

Number of Troops Reported to Have Fallen into Hands of Russians--Mikado's Warships Sighted off Port Arthur on Thursday--France Trying to Stir Up Trouble.

an outbreak of an Anglo-French war within the next three months. This high rate is based on the fact that France has not given a formal declaration of an attitude of neutrality towards the Far Eastern belligerents, beyond a vague statement by Foreign Minister Delcasse. In fact, the French government, instead of giving such an assurance has allowed Russia to use (Hull), which is in the French colony at the head of the Red Sea, as a base of rendezvous for her fleet. This is contrary to the usage of other neutral powers.

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RUSSIANS CROSS THE YALU.
Informs Russian Commander That He May Remain in Port Only Limited Time.

Madrid, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived at a Canary island port. The authorities have notified her commander that his ship may remain in port for a limited time, but that he cannot be provided with coal in quantity more than sufficient to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

The Premier denies the report that the British government hinted to Spain the necessity of adopting measures to strengthen the borders of the Korean peninsula, asserting that no diplomatic negotiations whatever have been received on the subject, and that the military measures taken were a step required by the most elementary prudence.

FRENCH NEUTRALITY.
Officials Anxious to Observe Regulations Without Embarrassing Russia.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is announced officially that the French government has issued instructions relative to the observance of neutrality and that practically they are the same as those issued by the late Admiral Beaumont, the former minister, concerning the observance of neutrality during the Spanish-American war.

But it is pointed out that the French navy laws contain no positive requirement that belligerent ships shall leave a neutral port within 24 hours, and that, therefore, this matter is one of regulation by custom, instead of being a legal requirement as under the British navigation laws. No change has yet been announced relative to permitting Russian squadrons to remain at Jihuiti, French Somaliland. The authorities are evidently desirous to fully observe the requirement of neutrality without unnecessarily causing offence or embarrassment to a power with which France is closely allied.

RUMOR AFFECTED MARKET.
Report Reached Berlin From Paris of Fall of Port Arthur.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Prices on the bourse to-day were somewhat strong during the first four hours, but later were affected by rumors from Paris that Port Arthur had fallen.

SHIP GOING FOR MISSIONARIES.
Will Be Taken to Wanson by Sea, Travel by Land Being Considered Dangerous.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Dominion government is somewhat afraid of the position of missionaries at Ham Chung and Song Chin in Korea, and a cable was sent to the British government asking that the Admiralty send a vessel to bring them down to Wanson. Lord Strathcona took the matter up with the foreign office, and a cable was received from him at the state department to-day stating that whatever steps were possible to relieve the missionaries would be taken by the Admiralty without delay. It is thought that this is the only way to reach the missionaries, as for them to travel by land would be exceedingly dangerous.

RUSSIA'S REPLY.
To Secretary Hay's Note Regarding the Neutrality of China.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Hay to-day received by cable from Ambassador McCormick the reply of the Russian government to the proposition relating to Chinese neutrality. It is considered by the department to be responsive to Secretary Hay's note, and its substance has been communicated to the governments of Japan and China.

Secretary Hay has been informed that Edwin V. Morgan will not be granted an exequatur by the Russian government authorizing him to act as United States consul at Dalny. Mr. Morgan is now on his way from Washington to his post. He will sail from San Francisco and

touch at Yokohama, at which point the state department will be able to advise of a month hence, the course to pursue. This decision on the part of the Russian government was not altogether unexpected, but it is nevertheless the subject of grave consideration by the state department officials. Secretary Hay regarded the matter of sufficient importance to warrant a personal visit to the White House this morning, where he represented the facts to the President.

Up to this time a decision has not been reached as to the answer to be made the Russian government. It is said that the reasons assigned for the declination to receive Mr. Morgan are entirely impersonal. In fact Mr. Morgan having been for several years one of the American secretaries at the embassy at St. Petersburg, is regally very popular with the Russian officials, who would be glad to receive him as a consul if present considerations did not forbid.

But, it is explained, the reason for Russia's action is purely military. The Russian officers desiring that there shall be no foreign officials on the Liao Tung peninsula during the progress of hostilities. They fear that they may not be able to afford such officials a proper measure of protection in times of violence.

It is also suggested that the United States consul would be charged with responsibility for the protection of the Japanese there would be many chances for severe friction, which it is desirable to avoid.

RUSSIANS CROSS THE YALU.
London, Feb. 20.—The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports that 1,500 Cossacks are crossing the border near Wija, and that Cossack scouts have already advanced into Korea as far as Anju.

Cablegrams received here from Shanghai declare that General Ma, who is protecting the borders of Chi Li province, wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent the Chinese troops at Sin Ming Tung from crossing the border and engaging the Russian military warships at the railway.

No great importance is attached to the stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the continent of alleged intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia, France and Germany in the Far Eastern war, the belief being that it is to the interest of the Americans to take steps that the struggle be localized. As Germany and France joined with Russia in 1905 against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to repeat the same policy in the present difficulties. Argument is, therefore, made that it behooves Great Britain to be prepared for any and all eventualities.

Russian dispatches record the rapid growth of the anti-British feeling, one saying that many English boys have been withdrawn from Russian schools owing to insults, and there is evidence that the Americans intend to take the position of the British residents would be very dangerous should Great Britain become involved in the Russo-Japanese issue.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that after an interview with the Japanese consul at Seoul, he is of the opinion that the Japanese intend to go out to sea, threatening otherwise to attack them at their anchorages. A protest was made by the captains of the French cruiser Pascal, the British cruiser Tal-

bot and the Italian cruiser Elba. The captain of the United States gunboat Vicksburg alone refrained from protesting.

The heroism displayed by the crews of both Russian warships so impressed the foreigners present that many of them wept, believing the Russians were going to certain destruction. As the Varig and Korietz steamed back of the foreign vessels the crews manned the sides and cheered continuously, and the strains of the Russian national anthem accompanied the Russian sailors as they went into battle.

As soon as the Russian ships approached the mouth of the harbor, the Japanese poured their fire upon them. Every gun took part in the terrific cannonade, which lasted for one hour.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Varig, severely damaged, and the Korietz returned to their anchorage.

The Russian officers and crew behaved splendidly. Three times flames broke out on board the Varig while she was under fire, and each time they were extinguished as coolly as if the men had suffered no injury. The Japanese squadron lost many men. Two Japanese cruisers were severely damaged and one torpedo boat was sunk.

"For four hours" the correspondent continues, "we remained in the harbor, expecting the Japanese to enter and renew the attacks. The injuries of the Varig being so serious it was impossible for her to fight any longer, and in order to prevent the Japanese from getting the vessels they were sunk and the tender Sungari was burned."

All the Russian survivors of the engagement were taken on board the foreign warships present, excepting the Vicksburg. The Japanese admiral demanded the surrender of these men as prisoners of war, but the foreign captains refused to do so. People here are eloquent in their praise of Capt. Roundel of the Varig, who after inflicting all the damage he possibly could on the enemy sank his own ships.

"There is no question of Russia making a protest against the Japanese admiral's attack as being a breach of Korean neutrality, as Korea, being occupied by Japanese troops, has lost her neutrality."

The official report of the Chemulpo fight is being awaited. It is expected that one officer and thirty-three men killed, two officers slightly wounded and seven men severely wounded. There were no losses on board the Varig. The crews of both ships behaved nobly.

The Russian government to-day abolished the censorship upon all news and other telegrams going to and from the telegrams addressed to foreign sources originating in the different parts of the Empire, Vladivostok for example or Odessa, were formerly telegrams sent to St. Petersburg to be passed on. The internal censorship is to be retained, but foreign despatches are to be entirely free. Inasmuch as a state of war exists, telegrams from the theatre of hostilities will be subject to the same kind of military censorship enforced in all countries under similar circumstances.

New Commander-in-Chief.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—War Minister Kougapan, who has been in the Far East, will be appointed commander-in-chief of the army operations there, and Vice-Admiral Makaroff, who is now on his way to Korea, will be appointed commander-in-chief of the navy.

Rear-Admiral Jessen has been appointed to succeed Rear-Admiral Vladivostok squadron.

There is no advice that Vice-Admiral Alexieff will not retain the viceroyalty in the Far East. It is possible that the active direction of officials' movements may pass out of his hands.

LICENSING AND POLICE BOARDS

APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR THE PROVINCE

Ald. Grahame and George W. Russell Named Police Commissioners for City of Victoria.

This week's Gazette contains the list of appointments to the licensing board and the police commissioners. They are as follows in the cities:

Victoria. License Commissioners—Ald. F. W. Vincent and John T. Croot.

Police Commissioners—Ald. H. M. Grahame and Geo. H. Russell.

New Westminster. License Commissioners—Joseph Henry and Geo. Turnbull.

Police Commissioners—Ald. A. J. Holmes and W. Norman Bole.

Nanaimo. License Commissioners—Ald. Charles Barnes and J. E. Piper.

Police Commissioners—Ald. Thomas Hodgson and Wm. Fenton.

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Trail. License Commissioners—Ald. J. P. Byers and R. M. Perdus.

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Vernon. License Commissioners—Ald. J. W. Glover and J. F. Cameron.

Police Commissioners—Ald. A. Rogers and Jas. Stodders.

Revelstoke. License Commissioners—Ald. George S. McCarter and W. S. Newman.

Police Commissioners—Ald. J. McLeod and Robert Gordon, J.P.

Kamloops. License Commissioners—Ald. J. I. Robinson and Jas. A. Gill.

Police Commissioners—Ald. J. D. Lander and W. E. Wood.

Vancouver. License Commissioners—Dr. W. J. McGuigan, mayor; Ald. Alex. E. Garrett and W. Taylor.

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Esquimalt. H. P. Bullen, of Oakdale, Esquimalt; J.P.; G. W. Stuart, of Hatter Park; Colwood; John Muir, of Sooke, J.P.; chief license inspector, Supt. F. S. Hussey, of Victoria.

North Yale. M. P. Gordon, of Kamloops, J.P.; John R. Mitchell, of Kamloops; Wentworth F. Wood, of Kamloops, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable E. T. W. Peare, of Kamloops.

Atlin. Almeron S. Cross, of Atlin, J.P.; Jules Eggett, of Atlin; A. Eraser, of Atlin, S.M.; chief license inspector, Chief Constable W. Owens, of Atlin.

Cowichan. David Alexander, of Duncan; James Ness, of Nanaimo, J.P.; Donald McPherson, of Colwood, chief license inspector, Constable A. H. Lomas, of Duncan.

North Victoria. C. W. Cundell, of Salt Spring Island; Washington Grimmer, of Pender Island; Julius Brethour, of North Saanich; chief license inspector, Constable A. M. Ego, of Plimner Pass.

West Yale. William Dodd, of Yale, S.M.; John Turner, of North Bend; James Wardle, of Hope, chief license inspector, Constable J. F. Sayre, of Lytton.

Alberni. Thomas Kirkpatrick, of Alberni; John Reid McLaughlin, of Alberni; John Orr, of Alberni; chief license inspector, Constable C. A. Cox, of Alberni.

Ashcroft. Frank J. Boulter, of Spence's Bridge; J. T. Smith, of Ashcroft; Isaac Lehman, of Ashcroft, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable J. W. Burr, of Ashcroft.

North Nanaimo. Thomas Haggart, of Wellington; R. Wallis, of Nanase Bay, J.P.; Duncan A. McMillan, Englishman's River; chief license inspector, Constable D. Stephenson, of Nanaimo.

Fernie. Wm. H. Whimster, of Fernie; Arthur Wellesley Bledsall, of Fernie; William Shaw, of Morrissey Mines; chief license inspector, Chief Constable J. H. McMillan, of Fernie.

Cranbrook. James McBride, of Cranbrook; Allen Doyle, of Fort Steele; Edward Hill, of Doyle; chief license inspector, Chief Constable J. H. McMillan, of Fernie.

South Victoria. Edwin John, of South Saanich; Walter S. Loveland, of Lake district; John Sinclair, of Cadboro Bay; chief license inspector, Sergeant P. S. Murray, of Victoria.

Skema. Thomas A. Wilson, of Port Essington, J.P.; Alex. C. Cunningham, of Port Essington; Gordon Lockery, of Port Simpson; chief license inspector, Constable H. Berryman, of Port Essington.

Revelstoke. Florence McCarty, of Revelstoke; Abraham E. Kincaid, of Revelstoke; A. Johnson, of Revelstoke; chief license in-

spector, Constable R. A. Upper, of Revelstoke.

Ymir. James A. Kelley, of Nelson; John Graham Devar, of Ymir; Henry Kearns, of Ymir; chief license inspector, Chief Constable W. H. Bullock-Webster, of Nelson.

Slocan. Wm. H. Davidson, of Slocan; John Williams, of New Denver; Wm. F. Lawlor, of Slocan; chief license inspector, Constable J. T. Black, of New Denver.

Boundary Creek. Hugh Cannon, of Grand Forks; Michael Feeny, of Grand Forks; John Harvey, of Grand Forks; chief license inspector, Constable L. A. Dinamore, of Grand Forks.

Comox. Chas. H. Tarbell, of Cumberland; Jas. A. Carlew, of Cumberland; Thomas Turnbull, of Cumberland; chief license inspector, Constable J. Thompson, of Cumberland.

Barkerville. Wm. Albert Johnston, of Quesnel, J.P.; James Lavelle, of Barkerville; F. Tregellis, of Barkerville; chief license inspector, Constable George Walker, of Barkerville.

South Nanaimo. Henry Blair, of Ladysmith; Joseph Jeffries, of Ladysmith; George Taylor, of Northfield; chief license inspector, Constable G. Cassidy, of Ladysmith.

East Lillooet. Wm. Saul, of the Mound; Wm. Walker, of Bonaparte; Hugh P. L. Bayliff, of Chiloquin; chief license inspector, Constable Robert Pyper, of Chiloquin.

West Lillooet. John Marshall, of Lillooet; Wm. Durban, of Lillooet; Robt. D. Cumming, of Pavilion; chief license inspector, Constable R. A. Hume, of Lillooet.

Dewdney. George Alderson, of Coquitlam; J. B. Cate, of Mission; W. J. Ferris, of Maple Ridge, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable A. W. Lane, of Mission.

North East Yale. T. J. Cuminsky, of Vernon; Edwin Weddel, of Kelowna; Isaac Heard, of this city; chief license inspector, Constable E. C. Simmons, of Vernon.

South East Yale. R. H. Parkinson, of Fairview; A. Megraw, of Camp McKinley, J.P.; Edward Bullock-Webster, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable R. B. Vener, of Camp McKinley.

Ainsworth. Neil F. McKay, of Kaslo; Hugh McPherson, of Trout Lake; George Branton Batho, of Ferguson; chief license inspector, Constable W. H. Bullock-Webster, of Nelson.

Richmond. Wm. Shannon, of Vancouver; James Morton Drummond, of Moodyville, J.P.; John W. Dowling, of Moodyville; chief license inspector, Constable Colin S. Campbell, of Vancouver.

Chilliwack. W. H. Gammon, of Chilliwack; J. C. Robertson, of Chilliwack; Louis R. Aucutt, of Abbotsford, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable F. S. Spin, of New Westminster.

150-Mile House. Robt. Borland, of 150-Mile House; Stephen Thorne Hall, of 150-Mile House; chief license inspector, Constable F. Rose, of 150-Mile House.

Soda Creek. Wm. Adams, of Soda Creek; Chipman Harper Smith, of Soda Creek; Hugh P. L. Bayliff, of Chiloquin; chief license inspector, Constable R. Pyper, of Chiloquin.

Windsor. J. C. Pitts, of Fairmount; Jos. Lake, of Atjalmer; Andrew Green, of Wilmer; chief license inspector, Constable Colin Cameron, of Wilmer.

Nicola. Edwin Burr Hall, of Princeton; F. E. Conroy, of Granite Creek; Charles E. Thomas, of Princeton, J.P.; chief license inspector, Constable H. Hunter, of Princeton.

Golden. G. B. McDermott, of Golden; Charles A. Warren, of Golden; chief license inspector, Constable G. H. Aston, of Golden.

Notice is given that the Port Steele, Atlin, and Nelson districts are cancelled, and that the following are established in lieu thereof, namely: Fernie District—All that portion of the Fernie electoral district, not in any municipality, to be known as the Fernie electoral district.

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ORANGE GRAND LODGE. Per Capita Assessment Increased to Sixty-Five Cents.

As announced in last night's Times, officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge met on the evening of Tuesday's session at Ladder. The lodge decided to increase the per capita assessment from 25 cents to 65 cents per head. This increase has been met with approval of all the subordinate lodges. The increased revenue will provide for travelling expenses to the Grand Lodge meetings for all Grand Lodge officers, a representative of each district and representatives of the county and subordinate lodges. Under the former regulations the delegates all paid their own expenses.

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CONSIDER AFFAIRS OF THE HOSPITAL

DIRECTORATE HOLD A REGULAR MEETING

Notified of Late Mr. Brackman's Generous Bequest—Reports of Various Committees and Officials.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Jubilee hospital directors held their regular monthly meeting last evening in the board of trade rooms. There were present: President, R. S. Day, H. D. Heimeken, K. C. Alex. Wilson, I. Braverman, R. Brett, W. Humphrey, T. H. Twigg, P. T. James and J. Foreman.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce notified the board that they did not have their regular monthly meeting last evening in the board of trade rooms. There were present: President, R. S. Day, H. D. Heimeken, K. C. Alex. Wilson, I. Braverman, R. Brett, W. Humphrey, T. H. Twigg, P. T. James and J. Foreman.

The board decided to reduce the account due the hospital by Miss Hardy, a nurse at Chemunus, by one-half, but determined that this must not be taken as a precedent.

Matron M. C. Macdonald's application for a week's holiday was granted. Dr. Hasell reported that in January the number of patients admitted to the institution was 77, number of operations treated, 120; total days' stay, 1,715; total daily average, 55.10. He also reported that six of the nurses had passed the recent examination with very high percentages ranging from 76 to 88 per cent. Received and filed.

The following donations were reported: Mrs. H. J. Helms, of the Ladies' Aid Society, \$10; Mrs. M. J. Helms, of the Ladies' Aid Society, \$10; Mrs. M. J. Helms, of the Ladies' Aid Society, \$10.

The directors passed a resolution warmly thanking Messrs. Turner, Beaman & Co. for their splendid gift of a hospital heater, which is now in use in the large institutions in England. The firm ordered it in the Old Country especially for the Jubilee hospital.

The house committee reported that they had considered a proposal for altering the drainage system, and recommended that a portion of the work should be undertaken at once. They also reported that it was necessary to make arrangements for furnishing the rooms of the Strathcona wing.

In connection with the furnishing of the Strathcona wing it was suggested that perhaps some of the societies might like to furnish a room, in which event the board would be very willing to name the room after the society doing so. Any society or organization so desirous of full information will cheerfully be given upon application to the secretary or any of the board.

The financial committee reported the approval of accounts for January 1904: J. P. Gardner, chief license inspector, Constable R. Pyper, of Chiloquin.

The grounds committee presented a verbal report, and requested permission to proceed with the replanting of the grounds around the new wing, and the sum of \$125 was appropriated for this purpose. The committee was also authorized to get the necessary grubbing and a new road to the wing was authorized. The action of the committee hiring a Chinaman to dig the kitchen garden was commended.

The house committee was authorized to close a contract with T. Cattell for paint and meat safe underneath the office.

The board then adjourned.

MORE APPOINTMENTS. Made by Government—Rules For Enforcement of Workmen's Compensation Act.

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THE ALSEK DIGGINGS. A Dawson Minister Describes the Country—Its Physical Features.

Rev. John Pringle, who returned to Dawson from the Alsek diggings a few weeks ago, advises no man to go into that country before March. He believes the country a good one to prospect, but nothing has been done so far, he says, and he has met with the approval of all the subordinate lodges. The increased revenue will provide for travelling expenses to the Grand Lodge meetings for all Grand Lodge officers, a representative of each district and representatives of the county and subordinate lodges. Under the former regulations the delegates all paid their own expenses.

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places as to warrant the belief that no deep diggings will be found.

The Alsek diggings were made in which bulldozers weighing several tons indicate that there has been a great rush of waters down these streams at some times.

On the east side of the lake the hills are rounded and rolling, and offer no difficulty in crossing over into the Alsek valley.

On an island near the head of the lake Rev. Mr. Pringle had an opportunity of noting the make-up of the beach, and found that since the predominance of the Christmas creek banks of gravel 75 feet in height with sediment which was very good looking, were encountered. It was in the creek bed near a bank of this gravel that Mr. Fullerton got his prospects.

In going to the diggings in the early part of December only three roundhouses were recorded on the Alsek, and to return a full dozen were doing business.

LEAVING THE CITY. Rev. R. B. Blyth Forced to Resign From Congregational Pastorate Owing to Ill Health.

Rev. R. B. Blyth has been forced, through ill health, to resign his position as pastor of the Congregational church. He will bid adieu to his congregation on Thursday evening and within a few days afterwards will leave Victoria.

For some time Rev. Mr. Blyth has suffered from a throat affection. This he has been unable to cure, and he had to leave the city in the hope that the change of climate might have a beneficial effect. He had been a member of the Victoria club, but after a short stay the trouble again came back.

After consulting specialists he decided that it would be absolutely essential to quit Victoria. The medical experts gave as their opinion that such only would restore him. Upon his arrival in Victoria he communicated the position of affairs to the congregation, and they accepted his resignation with reluctance.

Rev. Mr. Blyth will not attempt to preach on Sunday; in fact he was advised by the specialists not to return to Victoria, and his return might be disastrous to his chances of recovery. A song service will be held in the church on Sunday evening. In addition to well known hymns, the choir will sing "The King, whose will be given by W. D. Kincaid, Mrs. Gresson, and Miss Scoville. During the evening Rev. Mr. Blyth will bid farewell to the congregation.

He will return to California in the hope of restoring his health. The retiring pastor of the Congregational church in this city. Since he assumed charge of the church it has made remarkable progress. Not only has he become very popular in the city, but throughout the city he has won the respect and esteem of all classes.

HAS MARKED EFFECT ON MINING INDUSTRY. John Keen Tells of the Benefit of Lead Bounty in the Upper Country.

John Keen, president of the Provincial Mining Association, is in the city preparing for the opening of the convention on Monday next. The meeting will, he thinks, be a splendid one and he expects a good representation from the upper country, and a proposition will likely be made at the convention to hold a midsummer meeting in the interior. This would afford an opportunity to the residents at the coast to a knowledge of just what operations are being carried on there. Some of the great interior mines and works are being opened up, and the meeting would be of an educational value.

President Keen says that the interior is showing indications of an awakening in the mining industry. In this the Dominion government is doing a very important part. Its full effect is not yet being felt, nor will it be for some time. Many low grade properties are being opened up, and it is to be expected that the lead bounty will be of great assistance in the early stages of these properties. Mr. Keen points out, this assistance is of the greatest value. In any municipality to be known as the Fernie electoral district.

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ROBERTS ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER

CORONER'S JURY FINISHES ITS PROTRACTED LABORS

Chief Engineer DeLaunay Charged With Negligence—Recommendations for Regulation of Shipping.

(From Friday's Daily.) The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Capt. George Roberts, of the steamer Clallam, at this morning's session of the inquiry. Chief Engineer DeLaunay was censured for negligence, and several recommendations calculated to provide against similar disasters were included as riders.

After the examination of the only witness, S. Sea, who had inspected the upper works of the ill-fated vessel, Coroner Hart clearly summed up the evidence in a brief address, and the jury retired. Their deliberations lasted about an hour, after which they returned and presented their verdict which in full is as follows: "Our verdict is that the said Louis Harris, Minnie Murock, Jessie McDuff, Gathelie, Jeanne Geraldine Galleley, Nathaniel Pell Shaw, E. Harry Joy, Margaret Isabella Gill, William Cherritt, Remo Lehman, Charles W. Thompson, E. Lockwood, Hattie Mae Mary Bayne, Prince, Harvey Sears, Albert Kimmans, Oliver, Delle C. Sullivan, Peter LaPlante and R. J. Campbell did come to their death at a point on the coast of Vancouver Island, about four miles southeast of Trial Island, by drowning and exposure, and that George Roberts, the master of the said steamer Clallam, did feloniously and unlawfully kill and slay the said persons against the peace of Our Lord the King, his crown and dignity."

The jurors also find that the chief engineer of the steamer Clallam is deserving of censure for being negligent in his duties in not keeping his pumps in proper working order.

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"And the jurors do recommend: (a) That a more thorough inspection be made of all vessels by competent and qualified inspectors, and that the carrying of rockets and other distress should be made compulsory.

(b) That the Dominion government be asked to keep a larger and more powerful boat for quarantine service in place of the tug Earle, now in commission, which could be used in case of impending disaster.

(c) Also to have a light placed on Trial Island."

S. Sea, a ship carpenter, who examined the upper works of the Clallam at trial, was first called. He had carefully looked over the deck and had found no bolts or fastenings to secure it to the hull.

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Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND... The city council held a special meeting Friday to consider the estimates.

It is expected duck shooting will be good in the marshes up along the E. & N. railway, and in the inlets and lagoons for the next few days.

The Chinese Reform Association of this city received Friday a telegram from the Chinese Reform and Women's Reform Association of Portland.

The forty-first anniversary of the Knights of Pythias in this province was celebrated by Far West Lodge, No. 3, Friday.

A prominent local Liberal is being somewhat embarrassed these days by his appointment to the collecting times in the anti-government press.

Scott DeLaunay, chief engineer of the late steamer Clallam, who has been revoked by the Seattle board of inquiry, will appeal to Supervising Inspector Birmingham, of San Francisco.

The Cloverdale Athletic Association held a concert in Tennyson Road hall on Friday, J. T. Ross, president of the club, presided.

James Douglas was fined \$20 in the police court on Saturday for assaulting a Chinese. The judge who is the scavenger, made a mistake in the place to which his orders had directed him.

The manager of the Seamen's Institute gratefully acknowledges the receipt of reading matter during the month of January from the following:

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Japanese Ports Are Strongly Protected

—Rev. H. J. Wood on Sunday invited in matrimony at his residence, Kane street, Mr. Chas. P. Clifty, of Hinton & Co., and Miss Grace Dorothy Greenwood, daughter of Mrs. Kingsley.

—Save money by patronizing a home company. The premium rates charged by the Mutual Life of Canada are considerably lower than those of American companies.

—At a meeting of the committee appointed by the school board to look into the matter of the expenditure of \$10,000 appropriated for the purpose of increasing the school accommodation, it was decided to recommend the building of four rooms to the Central school.

—The funeral of the late Robert Fairful took place yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Whyte. The pall-bearers were: E. M. Whyte, Chas. McKie, J. Pettigrew, W. G. Campbell, A. Cameron, and R. Nichol.

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J. B. A. A. Beat Vancouver at Ball—Victoria Team Vanquished at Hockey.

J. B. A. A., 20; Sixth Regiment, 15. The result of the provincial level match between the teams of the drill hall on Saturday night was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

There was a great deal of difference in the style of the two teams. The victors played a comparatively loose game, but they were able to score ten points in a great deal of useless play.

A description of the play was given by the referee, who stated that the play was watched carefully by the referee and his assistants.

Further information of horses, cattle, sheep and swine into Canada, (1) grades and stockers; (2) pure breeds.

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Overcoats and Raincoats, Fancy Vests and Smoking Jackets, Half Price For Cash. B. Williams & Co.

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J. B. A. A. Beat Vancouver at Basketball - Victoria Team Vanquished Terminals at Hockey.

THE SPOKANE REPAIRS. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Alaskan excursion steamer...

THE BAIRGE SIDNEY. Nelson McDonald and another Victorian have chartered the Vancouver tug...

CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS. The following subjects will be discussed at the first annual meeting at Ottawa...

Should Canadian records of pure stock be made national in character? Should the Canadian government...

Should stallions be registered and certificates of fitness from the national association? Introduced by...

ARMY SUPPLIES. Supplies Are Arriving Frequently at Halifax For Canadian Strongholds.

Dispatch from Halifax says: "Every steamship line coming into this landing heavy explosives and big...

SUDDEN DEATH. Ship, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Cyrus David, of the district, near Brandon, suffocated while driving home in a...

BOHNS. Nelson—At Nelson, on Feb. 14th, the body of Percy Wilkinson, a school teacher...

NEW DENVER. At New Denver, on Feb. 12th, the wife of H. Clever, of an 18th...

MAILED. ROOF-THEATRE—At Yale, on Feb. 19th, Rev. C. Croucher, Arnott Wood...

ALL-WEALS—At Kamloops, on Feb. 15th, Rev. H. S. Akhurst, of Cornwall and Miss Louise Wells.

DEAD. At Rossland, on Feb. 14th, Geo. Smith, aged 35 years.

AT NEW WESTMINSTER, on Feb. 12th, Mrs. W. J. Cameron, aged 60 years.

AT REVELSTOCK, on Feb. 12th, Mrs. M. Smith, aged 40 years.

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quites of Nanaimo and the V. W. A. A. team is certainly too absurd to be seriously considered by sportsmen.

Should this opportunity not be given, the winners of your cup and the present so-called provincial championship can only hope to earn well-deserved contempt...

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Club, which, however, was very thoroughly enjoyed by the thirteen members in attendance...

Everything Points to a Large Attendance and Successful Convention.

The Provincial Mining Association will open its annual convention on Monday next in the city hall.

The Capitals claimed that both goals made by the V. W. A. A. team were unfair. Before the first was scored it was contended that the ball went behind the goal line...

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WILL BE GRANTED IN THE YUKON TERRITORY The Parties Holding Locations May Have Them Cancelled if They Fail to Carry Out Obligations.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—There will be no more hydraulic mining leases in the Yukon. An order-in-council has just been passed rescinding the regulations for the disposal of mining locations in the Yukon territory...

Application will be made next session for an act to incorporate a company under the name of the Crawford Bay & St. Mary Railway Company.

The pilotage commissioners of New Westminster district, when it shall be chartered, will be George Major James Nelson, Walter P. Gilley, all of New Westminster.

REORGANIZATION BRANCH. Vancouver Sends a Full Complement of Delegates to the Mining Convention To-Day.

The Vancouver branch of the Provincial Mining Association has been reorganized, as mentioned in Saturday's Times, with the following officers: C. F. Jackson, president; H. T. Lockyer, secretary; and T. J. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

On Monday the question of the incorporation of the association will come up for discussion. A committee consisting of J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland; A. O. Galt, of Rossland; and S. S. Brown, of Nelson, are preparing a draft bill for the purpose, which will come before the convention.

LECTURE ON WAR. Lieut.-Col. English Delivered Address on Conflict Between Russia and Japan Last Evening.

In an interesting lecture Friday night Lieut.-Colonel English predicted that the first pitched battle of the Russo-Japanese war would take place in the Yalu valley, eight miles east of the Yalu river.

His opening remarks dealt with the telegraphic reports to the effect that Port Arthur was being evacuated by the Russians. He held that this was not entirely correct.

Reorganization was then proceeded with, and the above officers elected. The following were elected delegates to the convention: Messrs. J. T. MacAdam, J. Findlay, Geo. Walker, F. Richards, C. Sweeney, G. Sheldon, Williams, E. P. Gilman, and Honor. R. McLennan.

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ROSSLAND NOTES. A special cablegram to the Miner says that the Le Roi annual meeting passed off most successfully in London.

John Carl is the name of the Indian who was brought down on the steamer Neil, as a material witness in the Jap murder case from Rivers Inlet, to which, crime his two companions confessed to a Methodist missionary.

Monday was pay day at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and the company which the Railway Act applies, for the work of the said railways, or for running power over the same on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the said companies.

A little over two weeks ago Mrs. Holder, of the Strand hotel, reported to the police that a number of articles had been stolen from her lady's coonkin coat.

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COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Chinamen Accused of Murder Must Appear Before Higher Tribunal.

As far as the city police court is concerned the Chinatown murder case is at an end. Yesterday afternoon Magistrate Hall committed the accused, Wong On and Wong Gow to appear before a higher tribunal.

ROSSLAND CAMP. Last Week's Ore Shipments—Le Roi No. 2 Concentrator Operating Steadily.

Rossland, Feb. 20.—Normal conditions existed here all the week, with the result that the ore shipments were again large. The output for the week ending to-night follows: Le Roi, 5,376 tons; Centre Star, 1,850 tons; War Eagle, 2,500 tons; Kootenay, 210 tons; Jumbo, 2,500 tons; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 340 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 570 tons; Spitzoo, 200 tons; total for week, 9,659 tons.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS. Signalling Class, Under Lieut. McTavish, Will Parade on Friday Evening.

Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, has issued the following orders: The following man, having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned, and will assume the regimental number opposite his name: No. 194, G. James A. Shanks, February 17th.

GENERAL NEWS. The marriage of Mr. Henry Allan Gardner, eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Bennett Cornwall, of Adams Bay, B. C., to Louise Francis Primrose, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Fleetwood Wells, of Kamloops, B. C., was solemnized at St. Paul's church, Monday evening.

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