





## STEAMER SERVICE.

## Annual Meeting of the M. S. N. Co., at Chatham

The annual meeting of the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company was held in the Town Hall, Chatham, on Tuesday afternoon. Hon. John P. Burchill, president, was chosen to preside, and Mr. M. S. Hocken was appointed secretary.

President Burchill read the directors' annual report, which stated that the year's business had not been as satisfactory as they might desire.

Business on the down-river route was not as good as they had a right to anticipate in view of the improved service provided by the Company, but this was largely accounted for by the unusually cool and wet summer, which interfered very much with excursion and tourist travel.

The up-river route business had been very successful, and in view of the improved service, the directors look forward to a continuance of the satisfactory conditions which have prevailed there.

The ferry service showed a falling off as compared with last year, a condition of affairs for which the directors say they are unable to account.

To meet the public demand for improvements in the service given by the Company on the river, the directors, with the sanction of the stockholders, incurred a large liability, but they say that with the different boats now up to date and in good order, the business of the Company should be conducted for some years to come without much extraordinary outlay. Meantime, to cover the expenditure incurred the directors have negotiated a loan of \$15,085.55 from the Bank of Nova Scotia, secured by the personal note of three of the directors, and the boats have been mortgaged to them as security for this amount.

The directors feel that if some effort were made to increase the capital stock and induce a more general public interest, it would be of much benefit to the Company.

In addition to the written report read by the president, he referred to the dredging done at Neguac, and the removal of rocks at Burnt Church, at which latter place the Company had suffered loss in the past by the breaking of the propellers. This, it was hoped, would be obviated in the future.

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The Neguac dredging was not yet completed by the Dominion government, but would, no doubt, be finished next summer. The local government, through the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, had improved the river off the ferry slips and the approaches thereto by dredging.

The Company has been obliged to abandon the part of the south side service at Escuminac, owing to the directors being unable to have the service between the boat and shore satisfactorily performed. The landing there was comparatively impracticable under existing conditions, but by having some dredging done inside of Bay du Vin Island a landing could be secured at John O'Beir's point, which would serve the Escuminac traffic.

The statement of the running operations of the Company's boats showed that the Ferry steamer, "Sybella H." had lost \$157.84; the "Alexandra" had made a net gain of \$182.57 on freight and passenger traffic, but a loss of \$467.80 on the steward's department. The steamer "Miramichi" had a net profit of \$986.74.

The gross earnings and expenses of the three boats were:

"ALEXANDRIA."	
Earnings	
Passengers	\$4,019.82
Freight	2,331.82
Total	\$6,351.64
Expenses	3,169.05
Net earnings	\$182.59
Steward's dept.	
Meals to passengers	\$ 709.47
" " crew	335.00
Total	1,144.77
Expenses	1,612.27
Net loss	\$ 467.80
"MIRAMICHI."	
Earnings	
Passengers	\$3,954.62
Freight	218.27
Total	\$4,172.29
Expenses	3,185.55
Net earnings	\$ 986.74
"SYBELLA H."	
Gross earnings	\$2,342.42
Expenses	2,500.26
Net loss	\$ 157.84
Repairs to and rebuilding of the steamers (not included, of course, in the foregoing accounts) cost—	
"Sybella H." (repairs)	\$ 637.45
"Miramichi" (rebuilding)	5,919.56
"Alexandra" (repairs)	803.62
Total	\$7,360.63

The value of the steamers is \$29,202.01 and coal, oil and repair stock on hand, and uncollected subsidy and freight bills make up a further sum of \$2,797.19, or total assets of \$31,999.20, which is balanced by the capital stock of \$10,200, loan account of \$15,085.54 current account, bills due, profit and loss account, etc.

The director's report and accounts and auditors' report thereon were unanimously passed and a vote of thanks tendered to the directors for the diligence with which they had transacted this year's business.

There was a good deal of discussion on the subject of the best means for increasing the stock subscriptions. It was felt that many of the people of the Miramichi—especially those who lived



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by the Company's service—had failed to recognize that it was their duty to encourage the Company's enterprise by more generally subscribing stock. If the \$15,000 loan, for which the bank was paid six per cent. were furnished to stockholders, they would be receiving that percentage in dividends, instead of it going to outside capitalists.

It was also felt that in view of the amount spent by the Company in providing so greatly improved a service the government might fairly be asked to increase the subsidy now granted until the part of the service for which it was received was on a paying basis.

Director W. C. Winslow thought that if the people generally—such as those of Escuminac, for instance, who make unreasonable demands upon the Company—who thought the Company was making money, knew that a few public spirited men put their money in the enterprise in order to provide an efficient and creditable service on the river, and some years received no return therefor, they might be less inclined to grumble and, perhaps, would assist the Company by taking stock.

Director W. B. Snowball showed that the Company had no reason to take a gloomy view of its future. He showed that it was not fully equipped for an efficient service and had great value for all its liabilities, but was paying the bank the dividend which stockholders would receive if they would only put money into the enterprise.

Messrs. M. S. Hockes, B. Flanagan and W. C. Winslow were appointed a committee to solicit further stock subscriptions. Several of the directors and stockholders present said they would more than double their stock.

A vote of thanks was passed to the local government for dredging at and near the ferry slips.

The old board of directors were re-elected as follows:

Hon. J. P. Burchill, W. C. Winslow, W. B. Snowball, John MacDonald, Alex. Fraser, R. Flanagan, M. S. Hocken.

Messrs. D. G. Smith, and Jas. Johnson were appointed auditors.

President Burchill referred to the good service rendered in the past year by the manager, Capt. John Bullick and after some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the directors Hon. J. P. Burchill was re-elected president, Mr. W. C. Winslow was elected vice-president and Mr. M. S. Hocken, secretary.

Capt. Bullick was continued as manager.—Advance.

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His New Year's Reception in the  
Winter Palace, Yesterday.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—I desire and intend to do all in my power to maintain peace in the far east.

These were the words which the Czar spoke to the members of the diplomatic corps at the New Year's reception held in the winter palace at noon today.

The Czar made a lengthy round of the great white hall with its beautiful colonades in which the representatives of the various countries assembled. His majesty chatted freely with everybody and at considerable length with several of the diplomats.

Keen curiosity was exhibited all over the room when his majesty approached Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister to Russia. The conversation between the Czar and the minister was cordial and extended. His majesty emphasized the high value which he places upon the good and neighborly relations between Japan and Russia, not only now but in the future, and expressed his unshaken hope that a mutually satisfactory settlement of the difficulties between the two countries would be arranged.

Minister Kurino left the reception profoundly impressed with his majesty's words.

It had become known here through the foreign office that Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, had been instructed to assure the United States government that Russia would not interpose objections to the commercial treaty between China and United States or impede American rights or interests in Manchuria. His majesty referred to these instructions in a lengthy conversation with Ambassador McCormick and laid much stress on his desire that Russia and the United States should live on the terms of intimate and cordial friendship which had existed for so many years and which it was his special desire to maintain. He most emphatically disclaimed the slightest inclination to hinder the

developments of American commerce.

Ambassador McCormick inquired concerning the Czarina, and was gratified to learn that her recovery was proceeding and that no concern was felt regarding her condition.

Mr. McCormick presented Spencer F. Eddy, secretary of the embassy, and Lieutenant Commander Roy Campbell Smith, the U. S. naval attaché to the emperor and the empress mother.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister, informed the Associated Press correspondent that the Japanese reply had been handed to Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, and that he (Mr. Kurino) would present Count Lamond, the Russian foreign minister, with a duplicate copy. The minister said he was not authorized to state the terms of the reply, but he said that it ensured the continuance of negotiations concerning the far east as far as Japan was concerned. There has been no substantial change in the Japanese proposition nor the Russian counter proposal since they were so lucidly set out by the Associated Press in a semi-official despatch from Peking last week.

PEKING, Jan. 14.—Wu Ting Fang was today appointed to be junior vice president of the foreign office as the result of an audience with the dowager empress, who asked for Wu Ting Fang's views on China's best policy. The appointment will please most of the legations as it enables them to deal with a diplomat trained in foreign methods, speaking English and able to grasp the questions presented to him. Wu Ting Fang, who has held an exceedingly gloomy view of the government's weakness since his return to Peking, now has a position in which he can exert influence for reform, although rank and age generally out-weight ability in the Chinese government circles.

Brigadier General H. T. Allen, U. S. A., chief of the Philippine constabulary, has arrived here from Manila. He formerly was military attaché at St. Petersburg and will join the Russian army as an observer in the event of war.

### FEBRUARY NUMBER

New Idea Women's Magazine an important and timely article in the February number of the NEW IDEA WOMEN'S MAGAZINE is entitled "An American Girl as an English Peeress". It is written by Michael White, an Englishman, who speaks authoritatively upon the subject, and who presents his opinions attractively. A second chapter of a symposium called "The Happiest Day of My Life" will find many appreciative readers. A special article upon butter-making under the heading of "The Country Women's Friend—the cow," by Kate V. Saint Maur, is practical and useful. The stories are bright and interesting, and the entire table of contents is a feast to whomsoever partakes of its good things as offered.

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## JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Relation of Powers are Un-  
changed.

The Position of France, Russia For-  
wards Treaty.

TOKIO, Jan. 14.—It is said that Japan's answer to Russia latest note is not in the form of an ultimatum, and it is described as moderate in terms but resolute in tone. It is said to be largely devoted to a discussion of affairs connected with Korea, Japan having been strongly advised not to fight over Manchuria alone. Foreign Minister Komura visited officially today the Marquis Ito, chief of the privy council, and subsequently called upon Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, and it is generally believed here handed him in person the Japanese reply.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Minister Hayashi received this morning the text of the Japanese reply to Russia. It does not contain an ultimatum, but reiterates Japan's original wish that Baron Hayashi terms a modification upon a minor point. The question of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and Japan's sphere of influence in Korea are reinstated upon.

Minister Hayashi said to a representative of the Associated Press: So far as I can see, the relations of the two powers regarding the dispute are practically unchanged. I have no indication of the reception this note is likely to meet at the hands of the Russian government, but I expect the negotiations will continue for several weeks.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—A diplomat interviewed by the Echo de Paris says that the French engagements with Russia do not include military intervention in the Far East, but that the extremely unlikely event that Great Britain would be obliged to help Japan, according to their treaty engagements France and Russia would take measures to safeguard their interests as provided by the convention signed in March 1902.

PORT SAID, Jan. 14.—The new Japanese cruiser Kasaga, which arrived at Port Said yesterday from Genoa, has left for Suez.

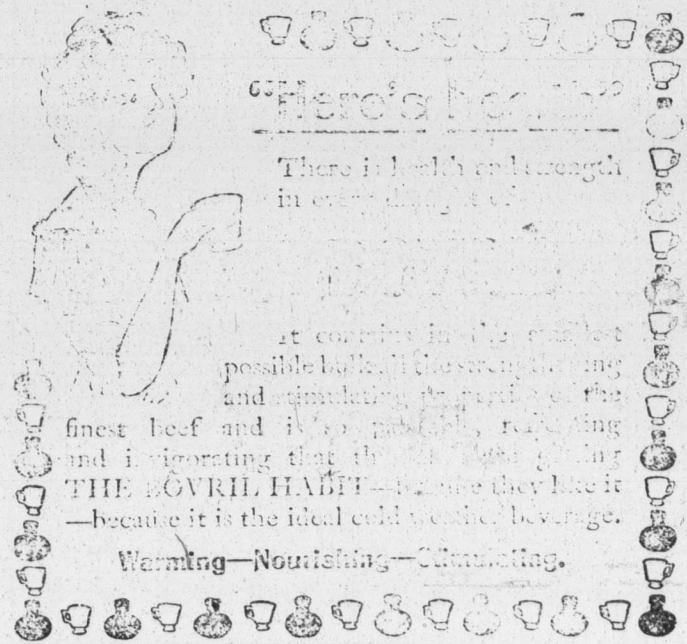
The Japanese armoured cruiser Niasin, which sailed from Genoa with the Kasaga, has just arrived here.

It is stated by officers of the Niasin that the reports of an attempt to destroy their ship at Genoa are entirely false.

TIENTSIN, Jan. 14.—A telegram to the railway administration here received yesterday from New Chang, says Russia is increasing the garrison there.

In the next few days 2,000 more troops are expected to arrive.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—The intention on the part of certain European powers to find means to prevent the Russo-Japanese controversy drifting into actual war, as intimated in these despatches yesterday, has begun to assume definite proportion, though until today these means were confined to an exchange of views between the cabinets of London and Paris.



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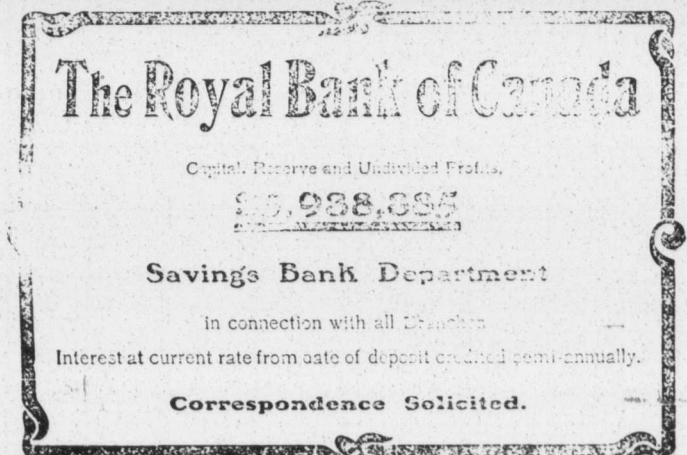
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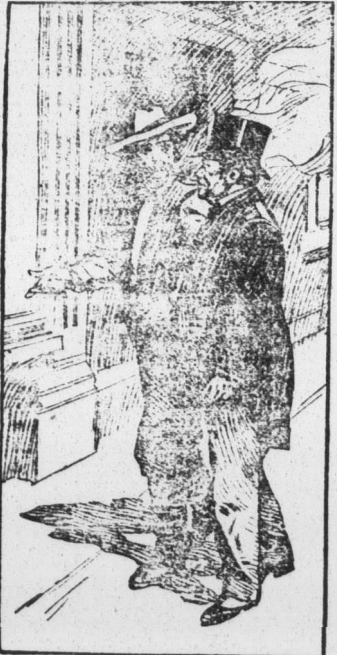


# ABNER DANIEL

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Miller brought up the subject again with easy address. "I mentioned your proposition to my clients—the



"That you are," said Pole. The proposition that they allow you the refusal of the hand at one hundred thousand, and they have finally come round to it. As I told them, they could not possibly market a thing like that as easily and for as good a price as a company regularly in the business. I may have been wrong in giving such advice, but it was the way I felt about it."

Without realizing it, Wilson tripped to another hole dug by Miller's inventive mind. "They couldn't do half as well with it," the Boston man said. "In fact, no one could, as I told you, pay as much for the property as we can, considering the railroad we have to move some—there and our gigantic facilities for handling lumber in America and abroad. Still I think, and our directors think, a hundred thousand is a big price."

Miller laughed as if amused. "That's five dollars an acre, you know, but I'm not here to boom Mr. Bishop's timber land. In fact, all this has grown out of my going down to Atlanta to borrow twenty-five thousand dollars on the property. I think I could have saved time if I hadn't run on you down there, Mr. Wilson."

Wilson frowned and looked at his ears. "We are willing," said he, "to make the loan at 5 per cent per annum on two conditions." "Well, out with them," laughed Miller. "What are they?"

"First," said Wilson slowly and mechanically, "we want the refusal of this property at one hundred thousand dollars."

Miller's indifference was surprising. "For what time of time do you want it?" he asked. "For the property at that figure," he said almost in a tone of contempt.

"For a hundred years," said Wilson, with a frown. "That's a long time," said Miller, with a frown. "It is a long time," said Wilson, with a frown.

"That's entirely too indefinite to suit me," said the lawyer. "Do you want to have the property up on a hook for a year, if you didn't attend to it in a year, you're in my hands, and I'll have it as long as I want it?"

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the courthouse, but that need not attract attention. I don't blame Mr. Bishop," went on Miller in a half confidential tone. "These people are the worst gossips you ever saw. If you meet any of them, they will tell you that Mr. Bishop has busted himself wide open by buying so much timber land, but this loan will make him as solid as the Bank of England. The people don't understand his dealings, and they are trying to take it out on him by blasting his reputation for being one of the oldest men in his country."

"Well, that's all, I believe," said Wilson, and Miller drew a blank sheet of legal cap paper to him and began to write. Half an hour later the papers were signed, and Miller carefully handed Wilson's crisp pink check on a New York bank to Mr. Bishop.

"There you are, Mr. Bishop," he said, with a smile. "You didn't want any one else to have a finger in that big pie of yours over there, but you needed money, and I'll tell you as a friend that a hundred thousand cash down will be about as well as you can do with that land. It takes money, and lots of it, to make money, and Mr. Wilson's company can move the thing faster than you can."

"That's a fact," said Wilson in a tone that betrayed self-gratification. "Now we must all pull together for the railroad." He rose and turned to Miller. "Will you come with me to record the paper?"

"Certainly," said Miller, and they both left together. The Bishop family were left alone, and the strain being lifted, they found themselves almost wholly exhausted.

"Is it all over?" gasped the old woman, standing up and grasping her son's arm.

"We've got the money," Alan told her, with a glad smile, "and a fair chance for more."

The pink check was fluttering in old Bishop's hand. Already the old self-willed look that brooked no interference with his personal affairs was returning to his wrinkled face.

"I'll go over to Craig's bank and deposit it," he said to Alan. "It'll take a day or two to collect it, but he'll let me check on it right now for any reasonable amount."

"I believe I'd ask him not to mention the deposit," suggested Alan.

"Huh! I reckon I've got sense enough to do that."

"I thought you intended to pay off the mortgage on our farm the first time," ventured Mrs. Bishop.

"We can't do it till the note's due next January," said Bishop shortly. "I agreed to keep the money a year, and I mean to make it hold to it. But what do you reckon I care as long as I've got some'n to meet it with?"

Mrs. Bishop's face fell. "I'd feel better about it if it was clear," she faltered. "But the Lord knows we ought to feel thankful to come out as we have. If it hadn't been for Alan—Mr. Miller said that Alan—"

"If you all hadn't made such a eternal row," broke in Bishop testily, "I'd a had more timber land than this. Colonel Barclay has as fine a strip as any I got, and he's bantered me for a trade time an' agin."

Abner Daniel seldom sneered at anybody, no matter what the provocation was, but it seemed impossible for him to refrain from it now.

"You've been lookin' for the last three months like a man that need more land," he said. "Just no funder back 'an last night you 'lowed of you could get enough for yore folly to raise the d-d off'n yore farm you'd be happy, an' now you're a-frettin' because you didn't buy up the sides of the earth an' give nobody else a foothold. Let me tell you the truth, even if it does hurt a little. Ef Alan hadn't thought of this here railroad idea, you'd 'a been the biggest human parasite that ever lay 'n 'is own grave."

"I hadn't said nothin' to the contrary," admitted Bishop, who really took the reproof well. "Alan knows what I think about it."

Then Bishop and his wife went to Craig's bank, and a moment later Miller returned, rubbing his hands with satisfaction.

"We got through, and he's gone to catch his train," he said.

"It worked as smooth as goose grease. I wonder what Pole Baker said to him, or if he saw him. I have an idea he did, from the way Wilson danced to our music."

"Heer's Pole now," said Abner from the door. "Come in heer, you triflin' loafer, an' give an account o' yore self."

"I seed 'im makin' for the train," laughed Pole, "an' so I sneaked in to see what you was doin'. He walked like he owned the town."

"It went through like lightning, without a hitch or a bobble," Abner told him.

"You did noble," said Miller, while Pole and Alan were silently clapping hands. "Now I told you we wouldn't forget you. Go down to Wimbley's and tell him to give you the best suit of clothes he's got and to charge them to me and Alan."

Pole drew himself up to his full height and stared at the lawyer with flashing eyes.

"That will suit me," said Miller. "Mr. Wimbley will have the public

Alan Bishop a favor, but I'm no danger of anybody kin look me over after I've done a little one an' pay me for it in store clothes. I don't like that one bit, an' I ain't afeard to say so."

"I didn't mean any offense, Pole," apologized Miller most humbly.

"Well, you wouldn't 'a' said it to some men," growled Pole. "I know that. When I want pay for a thing like that, I'll just go to that corner of the street an' look down at that rock pile whar Alan found me one day an' paid me out jest to keep me from bein' the laughin' stock of this town."

Alan put his arm over his shoulder. "Rayburn didn't mean any harm," he said gently. "You are both my friends, and we've had a big victory today. Let's not have hard feelings."

Pole hung his head stubbornly and Miller extended his hand. Abner Daniel was an attentive listener, a half smile on his face.

"Say, Pole," he said, with a little laugh, "you ain't done nothin' but an' tell 'im not to wrap up that suit. I'm a-owin' him a bill, an' he kin jest credit the value of it on my account."

Pole laughed heartily and thrust his big hand into Miller's.

"Uncle Ah," he said, "you'd make a dog laugh."

"I believe you're right," said Abner significantly, and then they all roared at Pole's expense.

The next day Alan received the following letter from Dolly Barclay:

Dear Alan—Rayburn Miller told me in confidence of your wonderful success yesterday, and I simply cried with joy. I know—I felt that you would win, and this is, as he says, a glorious beginning. I am so proud of you, and I am so full of hope today. All our troubles will come out right some day, and now that I know you love me I can wait. Rayburn would not have come so much to me, but he said while he would not let me tell father anything about the prospective railroad, he wanted me to prevent him from selling his tract of land near yours. You know my father consults me about all his business, and he will not dispose of that property without my knowing of it. Oh, wouldn't it be a fine joke on him to have him profit by your good judgment?

Alan was at the little postoffice in Elmira when he received the letter, and he folded it and restored it to its envelope with a heart filled with love and tenderness. As he walked home through the woods it seemed to him that everything in nature was ministering to his boundless happiness. He felt as light as air as he strode along. "God bless her dear, dear little soul!" he said fervently.

CHAPTER XVII.

ABOUT a week after this transaction, action Rayburn Miller went to Atlanta on business for one of his clients, and while there he incidentally called at the offices of the Southern Land and Timber company, hoping to meet Wilson and learn something about his immediate plans in regard to the new railroad. But he was informed that the president of the company had just gone to New York and would not be back for a week.

Rayburn was waiting in the rotunda of the Kimball House for his train, which left at 10 o'clock, when he ran across his friend, Captain Ralph Burton of the Gate City guards, a local military company.

"Glad to see you," said the young officer. "Did you run up for the ball?"

"What ball?" asked Rayburn. "I am at the first of it."

"Oh, we are giving one here in this house tonight," answered Burton, who was a handsome man of thirty-five, tall and erect, and appeared at his best in his close fitting evening suit and light overcoat. "Come upstairs, and I'll introduce you to a lot of strangers."

"Can't," Rayburn told him. "I've got to leave at 10 o'clock."

"Well, you've got a good hour yet," insisted the officer. "Come up on the next floor, where the orchestra is, anyway, and we can sit down and watch the crowd come in."

Miller complied, and they found seats on the spacious floor overlooking the thronged office. From where they sat they could look through several drawing rooms into the ballroom beyond. Already considerable number of people had assembled, and many couples were walking about even quite near to the two young men.

"By George!" suddenly exclaimed Miller as a couple passed them. "Who is that so funny looking blond? She wears like a queen."

"What?" asked Burton, looking in the wrong direction.

"Why, the red-headed beauty." "Oh, that one," said Burton trying to think. "I know as well as I know anything but her name is Adele."

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