

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

CURRENT TOPICS

SOUTH AFRICA.

Almost the only news allowed to come regularly from Ladysmith through British sources relates to the progress of the siege, the intestinal disease that follows a defective food supply and insanitary conditions. According to the bulletin the deaths from the disease in Gen. White's force for the six days preceding the battle of last Saturday were thirty-three, and on the latest day reported numbered ten. When the British public finds the war office bulleting this news and nothing else they are warranted in taking it as an admission of the grave if not desperate situation of Gen. White's army. No doubt hundreds of his men are down with the fever, and all must be reduced in health by the siege, which has now lasted fifty-five days. The strain throughout has been far more severe than ordinary service at the front. Indifference may be bred as to the frequent rain of shells, but the utmost vigilance is necessary, especially at night. Much of the time must be spent in trenches or burrows. Rations lack variety and freshness, for nothing comes from the outside. Long ago the men ran out of tobacco, which, next to food, is a necessity to the soldier. He can exist without it, but in a state of constant discomfort.

BOER SINEWS OF WAR.

Active recruiting for the Boer army in various parts of the world, as well as the presence at the front of numerous educated soldiers of various nationalities, indicates that the Transvaal war chest is well filled. Two classes of men outside can be secured by the Boers. These are the adventurous spirits ready to accept a bonus for any sort of dangerous service, and the others are the haters of England. The question is how are they to reach the burgher lines, and the English are kept busy watching the different avenues. Once the two republics in South Africa were poor. But of late years few governments have been as well supplied with revenue. The most productive gold mines in the world are in the Transvaal republic, and the greatest existing diamond mines just beyond the western border of the Orange Free State. These have attracted a large population. The two little republics control all the details of taxation, and have secured an ample share of the extraordinary stream of nature's treasures.

OUR NAVY.

W. R. Hearst, the former editor of the New York Journal, has written an able editorial designed to show the need of a large navy. He assumes that we cannot avoid raising a navy to equal to that of Great Britain. He makes a specialty of our lake cities. He thinks some 300 gunboats and torpedo boats could be sent into the lakes through Canadian canals before we were up in the morning, to demolish Chicago and other lake cities. This is somewhat feverish. It supposes that we must be taken by surprise. It presumes we are of no account along our borders, for preparation or retaliation. What would such a fleet do with our forces occupying any of the riparian Canadian borders? Great Britain does not throw away fleets that way, certainly not all she has of any one class.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

The Illinois Association of Domestic Science was organized two years ago, and now extends to fifty counties in that state. It was organized "to meet the domestic needs of women on the farm." The association meets from time to time at various places and opens a school for a few days. Each county has the privilege of sending one girl to study cooking and other forms of domestic economy under the instruction of experts. These young women are supposed to carry the light back to their homes and neighborhoods. Besides these are subsidiary clubs in counties and townships, where further instruction is given. The praiseworthy feature in this seems to be, not the domestic science taught, but the social life obtained in the clubs.

RUSSIA'S MENACE TO ENGLAND. The movement of a Russian army corps from Tiflis to Koshk, which gets Russia a little nearer to Afghanistan than she has hitherto been in force, is naturally attracting a great deal of attention throughout Europe, especially in England. England promptly demanded the reason of the movement, and Russia surely but promptly declared it was for the purpose of testing the capacity of its new railroad, and the result, as the diplomats of that country say, has fully equalled all expectations as to the value of that road as a means of conveyance. This is Russian answer with a vengeance.

GRAND CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Democratic national committee has a great campaign fund for this year. It is understood that this fund at present amounts to one-half a million dollars. The idea to get a fund like this was furnished by an obscure member of the faith, who buried all his political hopes in the bitter fight that followed the committee's previous efforts. When the fund was raised, it was all the more so, as the Democrats

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.

Table with market prices for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Eggs, Butter.

MILWAUKEE.

Table with market prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Butter, Eggs, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

ST. LOUIS.

Table with market prices for Oats, Wheat, Corn, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

KANSAS CITY.

Table with market prices for Wheat, Oats, Corn, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

TOLEDO.

Table with market prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Cloverseed.

NEW YORK.

Table with market prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats.

PEORIA.

Table with market prices for Oats, Corn.

CASUALTIES.

Nashua, N. H.—Alonzo Blanchard, his wife and William Mooney were burned to death in the two-room board shack in which they lived, ten miles northwest of this city. Butte, Mont.—Joe Melvich and Joseph Maxwell, working in the Colson-Parrott mine, were instantly killed by the explosion of a blast that had hung fire. Anna, Ill.—Mrs. Adolphus Henley was struck and instantly killed by an Illinois Central passenger train. Dassel, Minn.—Nine business houses and most of their contents were burned. The loss on buildings and stock will reach \$50,000, with insurance of \$29,650. Kansas City.—Fire losses for 1899 are placed at \$206,260 by the fire department authorities. Of this amount, \$57,606 was on buildings and \$148,654 on contents. Lafayette, Ind.—The big refining house of the Indiana Oil Tank Line company was destroyed by fire, together with fifty barrels of lubricating oil. The estimated loss is \$12,000; insurance, \$3,000.

CRIME.

Canton, Ill.—Joseph Roller shot and killed Sandy Dillinger at Dunfermline, near this place. The men had quarreled because Roller had shot at a dog belonging to Dillinger. Holland, Mich.—Peter Berg, aged 67, a retired miner, hanged himself at the residence of his son. Middleboro, Ky.—At Hindman, Knott county, Rev. Wesley Hall shot and killed Mrs. Lucinda Isaacs because she refused to marry him. Hall then committed suicide. Rome.—Luigi Crispi, son of Sig. Francisco Crispi, the distinguished Italian statesman and former premier, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for the theft of jewelry from Countess Cellere in April of 1896.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rome—Prince Alfieri, commander of the papal guard of nobles, is dead. Clinton, Iowa.—A. T. Wheeler, attorney and leading democrat, died of paralysis, aged 75 years. Vancouver, B. C.—One of the biggest mining deals on record in British Columbia was consummated in the transfer of the White Horse copper claims to the Rothschilds for \$2,000,000. Philadelphia, Pa.—Inability to secure bituminous coal in sufficient quantities is necessitating the shutting down of some of the manufacturing concerns in the Schuylkill valley. Cincinnati, Ohio.—The creditors of the late Archbishop Purcell decided to petition the courts for the removal of the trustees of the estate. Beloit, Wis.—While kneeling in the services at St. Thomas' Catholic church, Michael Egan, an early settler, fell dead. New York.—Joseph Choyinski has decided to train for his return match with "Kid" McCoy at Lakewood, N. J. Boston, Mass.—Among men mentioned for the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is former Gov. Roger Wolcott. Vancouver, B. C.—The local press says that the Great Northern railway is to continue its line from South New Westminster to Vancouver, making Vancouver, with its magnificent harbor possibilities, the terminus of the road. Des Moines, Iowa.—Former Gov. F. H. Drake, of Centerville, Iowa, for whom Drake university of Des Moines is named, increased his donations to that institution \$32,500. Washington.—The latest official report upon the foreign commerce of China shows that the imports into that country were, in 1898, 159,637,000 kilograms. Saginaw, Mich.—The purchase of the McCaskey Brothers' washboard factory in Okemos by the Saginaw Manufacturing company is said to be the best thing that has happened to the town.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Week's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

TALK ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Senator Pettigrew Attacks the Administration for its Policy in the Philippines—Limit Cost of New Indianapolis Public Building.

Thursday, Jan. 11.

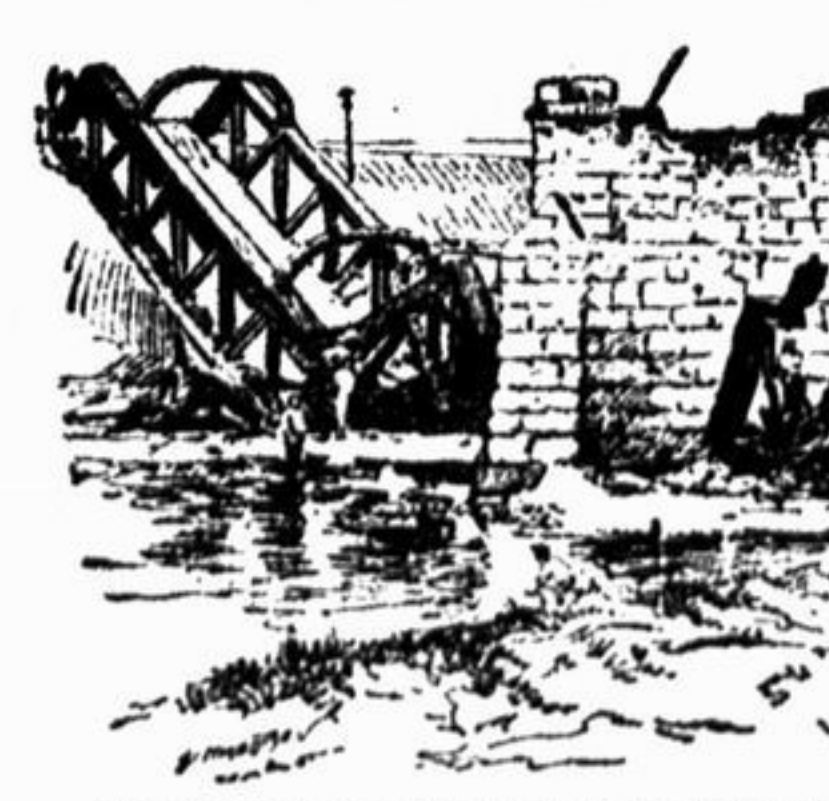
The senate listened to a debate on the Philippines between Mr. Lodge and Mr. Pettigrew, the former urging full publicity on all matters connected with the issue and the latter bitterly attacking the administration. Heard Mr. Stewart in opposition to the currency reform bill. Passed the bill conferring additional authority upon the director of the census. Passed the bill increasing to \$2,500,000 the limit of cost of the new Indianapolis public building. Adjourned to Monday, Jan. 15.

The house was not in session.

Friday, Jan. 12.

The senate was not in session. In the house Mr. Sulzer (dem. N. Y.) presented for immediate consideration

THE BOERS AS BRIDGE DESTROYERS.



RAILROAD BRIDGE AT FRERE BLOWN UP BY THE BOERS.

a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of nine members to investigate the relations of the secretary of the treasury with certain New York national banks, and the transactions relative to the sale of the New York customhouse. Mr. Dazell (rep. Pa.) objected on the ground that the resolution should go through the box in the regular way. He then asked unanimous consent, but Mr. Hopkins (rep. Ill.) objected. Adjourned until Monday, Jan. 15.

Saturday, Jan. 13.

The senate spent most of the day in debate on various Philippine resolutions. Mr. Pettigrew concluded his speech begun last week, vigorously attacking the administration. Mr. Wolcott replied, scoring the Dakota senator. Consideration of the financial bill then resumed. Mr. Rawlins spoke in opposition to measure.

Mr. Cannon (Ill.), from committee on appropriations, reported urgent deficiency appropriation bill in the house, and gave notice he would call it up for consideration Tuesday. Resolution adopted calling upon secretary of state for information relative to the status of the agreement between Great Britain and United States which prevented United States from building, arming or maintaining more than one war vessel upon great lakes. Rest of day devoted to consideration of District of Columbia business.

Fire Loss of Millions.

The Russo-American Naphtha company's shops, warehouses and oil pond, near Moscow, Russia, were destroyed by fire. The loss will run into the millions of rubles.

Change the Convention Date.

The Illinois republican state committee voted to postpone the date of state convention from April 10 to May 8 in deference to the requirements of the primary law.

Demand Made on Turkey.

A positive demand has been made on the sultan's government for the payment of \$40,000 indemnity for the assassination of Frank Lentz, an American citizen.

Fire at Council Bluffs.

A blaze in the building of the Union Transfer company at Council Bluffs, Iowa, which spread to adjoining buildings, caused a loss which will exceed \$100,000.

Russia Ready for War.

Russia's preparations for war are all taken. In Siberia, as close to the frontier of British India as is possible, 250,000 men are now assembled.

Brazil Files a Protest.

Brazil has addressed a protest against the decision of the arbitration commission in the Venezuelan affairs affecting Brazilian territory.

Dewey to Visit Chicago.

Admiral Dewey has decided to become the guest of Chicago May 1, the anniversary of the battle of Manila.

Attack on Prussian Ministry.

All parties in the German landtag united in attack on Prussian ministry for punishing members who voted against the canal bill.

One Hundred Smallpox Cases.

It has been discovered that about 100 cases of alleged chicken pox at Clay City, Ind., southeast of Terre Haute, are small-pox cases.

Wealth of the Boers.

The total resources and liabilities of the Boers of the United States are given as \$7,975,543.72.

FIGHTING NEAR CALAMBA.

Col. Bullard Drives Filipinos from Strong Intrenchments. Col. Bullard, with the Thirty-ninth infantry, moving in three columns from Calamba, with two guns, attacked ten companies of insurgents strongly intrenched on the Santo Tomas road. They resisted stubbornly, making three stands. Twenty-four of the rebels were killed and sixty prisoners were taken. One American was killed and two officers slightly wounded.

Death of Monitor Hero.

Lieut. Samuel Howard, U. S. N., the pilot and last of the officers and crew of Erlesson's monitor during her engagement with the confederate iron-clad Merrimac, died at Washington.

Good Haul for Robbers.

At Owensville, a small town ten miles east of Princeton, Ind., the private bank of McGinis, Teal & Co. was entered and about \$15,000 in currency secured by the robbers.

Kruger Appeals to Burglers.

President Kruger has issued a proclamation calling upon all burglers to take up arms and march to the front.

To Resist European Aggression.

There is talk of a combination of South America to resist European aggression.

Carnegie Library for Ottumwa.

Andrew Carnegie will probably present Ottumwa, Iowa, with a \$50,000 library. He makes it conditional that the city give \$5,000 a year to maintain the institution.

Michigan Defeats Chicago University.

Debate between the Universities of Michigan and Chicago on municipal ownership of street railways was won by the former, which favored private control.

Santa Fe Raises Wages.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company has granted the conductors and brakemen what amounts practically to a 15 per cent increase in wages.

Scotfield for Vice President.

The Madison (Wis.) Journal, the official republican organ, prints a letter in which Gov. Edward Scofield is proposed as a vice-presidential candidate.

To Complete Moody's Work.

Plans for carrying on the work of the late Dwight L. Moody have been perfected, and active measures will at once be begun to raise \$3,000,000.

Fifty Exposed to Diphtheria.

In Elwood, Ind., fifty pupils of a kindergarten were exposed to a severe case of diphtheria through ignorance of the presence of the disease.

Britain Buys Krupp Guns.

Great Britain is said to have bought 240 Krupp guns that were supplied about two years ago to one of the southern European states.

Lives Lost in Earthquake.

There was an earthquake in Palembang, a Dutch province in the island of Sumatra, which caused the death of twenty-one natives.

Want the Law Amended.

Interstate commerce commission has asked congress to amend the law and make its enforcement possible.

American Ordnance in Favor.

Orders from abroad have taxed the capacity of American ordnance factories and increased prices.

Bribery Charges in Omaha.

Members of Omaha school board are charged with accepting bribes for granting contracts.

Favor Nomination of Roosevelt.

Republican leaders in Washington are said to favor Gov. Roosevelt for the vice presidency.

Nicaragua Canal Bill Approved.

Nicaraguan canal bill approved by the house committee; bill appropriates \$140,000,000.

Gen. Dabney Maury Dead.

Dabney H. Maury of Richmond, Va., the oldest confederate general, died at Peoria, Ill.

Favors for Cuban Vessels.

Senate committee approved the bill to give Cuban vessels rights in American ports.

France Will Make Demands.

The French cabinet will demand indemnity, free bait fishing rights in Newfoundland, and territory in Africa from England.

For Temperance in Indiana.

The Anti-Saloon league of Indiana will inaugurate a vigorous temperance crusade in each of the ninety-six counties in the state.

Ten Killed by Dynamite.

Ten persons were killed by a dynamite explosion in a private house at Villars, near Bordeaux, France.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil—The bubonic plague is officially declared to be only sporadic in this city.

Vienna—In the Klaidno coal district in Bohemia a general strike of miners began, and only 180 of 11,000 men are at work.

Adelaide, South Australia—The bubonic plague patient is recovering, and no new cases are reported.

Lewistown, Ill.—The Fulton county grand jury, in session here, returned an indictment holding William R. Thomas of Vermont on a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jane Fowler, last May.

New York—The transatlantic steamship lines have increased their passenger rates between New York and Europe, owing to expected heavy travel during the Paris exposition.

Buffalo—John J. Albright announced to the board of directors of the Buffalo Fine Arts academy his intention to present to the city an art gallery to cost about \$300,000.

Washington—Consul Skinner at Marseilles reports that the olive crop in Italy, France and Spain is practically a failure and will hardly reach 30 per cent of the average.

Springfield, Ill.—The city council, by a unanimous vote, passed a resolution extending their sympathy to the Boers in their present war.

Boston, Mass.—Halsey J. Boardman, formerly president of the Duluth & Winnepeg Railroad company, is dead at the age of 65 years.

Toledo, Ohio—Judge Pratt granted a temporary injunction restraining the mayor and city clerk from selling the city natural gas plant to Kerlin Brothers for \$225,000.

Port Said—Charles E. Marcum, formerly United States consul at Pretoria, left here on board the steamer Konig for Naples on his way home.

Barcelona—An epidemic of grip has seized the town, and the mortality has increased.

Chillicothe, Mo.—The Nelson Kneass Monument association has been organized for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave of Nelson Kneass, the musical author of "Ben Bolt."

Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Theobald, aged 58, was burned to death and her daughter, Lucinda, aged 28, was so badly burned she cannot live, by the explosion of a lamp.

Joliet, Ill.—All three of the rod mills of the Illinois Steel company have resumed work after a shut-down of two months to make repairs. About 350 men were given work.

Chillicothe, Mo.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to give Chillicothe \$25,000 for a public library building if the city will provide the site and \$3,000 annually for running expenses.

Springfield, Ill.—The state board of pharmacy at its annual meeting elected William A. Dyche, Evanston, president.

New York—Mayor Van Wyck signed the resolution of "sympathy with the people of the Transvaal in their fight for freedom" adopted by the municipal assembly.

Berlin.—Twenty persons were fatally burned at the burning of the village of Jakutow, near Lublin.

Chicago.—Burglars entered the clothing store of Berthold Uebele & Sons, stole cloth and clothing worth \$1,600, and, blowing open the safe, took \$600 in currency.

Sioux City, Iowa—Gov. Shaw, on behalf of the state, offered \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of John E. Robson. The total reward now is \$1,200.

Black Point, Ont.—Three children of Thomas Brown—Thomas, Jr., aged 19 years; Margaret, 21, and Jane, 17—were drowned while skating on the Lake of Bays.

Denver, Colo.—Thomas Linton, one of the most prominent Masons in the United States, died. He was born in England in 1828. He has been tyler of the Masonic grand lodge of Colorado since 1873.

Paris.—The manager and artist of the paper La Caricature, who published a cartoon grossly caricaturing Queen Victoria, were acquitted of the charge of outraging public morals.

Washington.—Congressman Prince introduced a bill in the house asking for an appropriation of not less than \$100,000 for a government postoffice building at Sterling, Ill.

Oxford, Miss.—News reached here of a disastrous fire at Taylor, ten miles south of here, on the Illinois Central railroad. The flames swept away every store in the little town.

Butler, Ind.—While Frank Caseber and George Carpenter were racing their horses the animals collided, killing themselves instantly. Carpenter was killed and Caseber cannot recover.

Florence, Ala.—Judge W. B. McClure, judge of the Probate court of Lauderdale county, was assassinated.

Boston.—Col. George W. Moses, president of the First Ward National bank, has been named by Comptroller of the Currency Dawes to be permanent receiver for the Broadway National bank.

Denver, Colo.—The Davis iron works burned. Loss, \$100,000; insured.

FREE TO EVERYBODY.

The microscope and chemical analysis have proved beyond the question of a doubt the presence of disease germs in the blood, differing in shape and appearance, according to the nature of the disease. Anything relating to their presence, or, better still, their removal is consequently of interest to our readers and we therefore call attention to a very interesting little book, recently published by M. R. Zaegel & Company, in which the author clearly demonstrates the cause of these little enemies of mankind, and gives a practical home treatment by which, without impairing the health of the smallest child, they can be removed from the system. As this booklet will be mailed free to any reader of this paper, together with a free sample of enough roots and herbs for two weeks' home treatment, we advise all to make application at once by writing to M. R. Zaegel & Co., P. O. Box 831, Sheboygan, Wis., enclosing in their letter one two-cent stamp to pay the postage on the free sample. Following the rules of health laid down in this book, and using the roots and herbs as directed, means the eradication of disease germs from the blood, the presence of which cause rheumatism, headache, stomach, liver, kidney and bowel complaints.

Our Modest President.

It is rather curious that while every president to whom the project of adding to the white house has been mentioned has been favorable to such a thing, not one has given his consent to the introduction of a bill for that purpose. President McKinley has recently requested Senator Culom to renounce his intention of fathering such a bill.

There is a Class of People.

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Several hundred thousands of Americans find the American Monthly Review of Reviews very useful and helpful reading. In the political year it becomes fairly necessary. In no presidential year will this be more true than in 1900, with the many important problems created by the country's new colonial duties. In Dr. Shaw's editorial survey of the month, in the timely contributed features, in the departments reviewing the other magazines of the world, the alert reader finds each month a full and accurate presentation of the political news, with able discussions of the economic and social questions which are interesting everybody. The authoritative character-sketches of the presidential candidates and other notable figures appear at the hour when public interest is greatest in these subjects. The portrayal of current history in the best caricatures of each month is not the least attractive of these many helps to a right understanding of one's own times, and one's own public duties. Each number is illustrated with nearly a hundred timely pictures.

The new theatre which Messrs. Hayman and Davis are now erecting in Jackson boulevard will be called The Illinois. After many names had been proposed and their suitability thoroughly considered, The Illinois was decided on by a majority of those interested in this new theatre for Chicago. From every point in the state, as well as from prominent people in the city of Chicago, Manager Will J. Davis has received congratulations upon the happy selection of the name. Those who at first objected to the name have, after consideration, come to view it with favor, and it is now almost beyond the question of a doubt that the beautiful structure will be known throughout its existence as the Illinois Theatre.

Mr. Francis Wilson has met everywhere he has presented "Cyrano," his new comic opera by Victor Herbert and Harry B. Smith, with his customary success. Since it was produced at the Knickerbocker Theatre in New York, it has been entirely rewritten and now it is classed with Mr. Wilson's greatest successes. Reports come from Philadelphia, Boston and Washington that Mr. Wilson has been greeted by the largest audiences that he has ever played to. The advent of the opera and Mr. Wilson's forthcoming engagement in the Columbia Theatre, January 28, his first engagement in this house, is one of the features of the season's attractions.

Improvements on Nature.

Celery is derived from smallage. Filberts, etc., are improvements of the hazelnut.

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It is estimated that the population of Italy includes about 50,000 Jews.

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