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READER THINKS OLD AGE PENSIONS SHOULD BE \$25

Also That Age Should be Reduced to 60 Years. Many Old People Having Very Poor Time with Relatives, He Thinks.

The following letter has been received from a reader of The Advance who while giving his name as an evidence of good faith, does not want his name to appear in print for obvious reasons: Timmins, April 19th, 1930.

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.
Dear Sir:—Now that the Old Age Pensions have come into force in Ontario, I would like to say that in the first place the pension is not enough. It should be at least \$25.00 or \$30.00 per month, and it should be given at the age of 60 years, as there are so many old people living with their daughters and sons-in-law and are not welcome. Old people do not want charity if they can avoid it. Often they are not able to worry along with the second generation of children, whereas if they had \$25.00 or \$30.00 a month they could have a room of their own and be away from the noise of children. Another thing, it must be admitted that they often cause disturbance among their sons and daughters which causes the home to be broken up, as every man wants to be by himself after he is married, for a while anyway.

No mother-in-law should stay with her daughter after the latter is married, only for about three months, anyway, as they are very seldom welcome. So the better plan would be to give the pension to old people at the age of 60 years, and \$25.00 per month, rather than have them living with sons-in-law who are not good to them, causing quarrels in the home and making it unhappy for young women.

So, "Live and Let Live" be the motto from now on.

Ontario Citizen.

In reference to the above letter The Advance would like to endorse the suggestion that the pension should be \$25 or \$30 per month instead of \$20 as at present. Certainly \$20 is not enough. In 1926 when Liberal speakers in the election campaign tried to make capital out of the proposed Old Age Pension legislation, The Advance pointed out that \$20 per month was not enough. It would appear now, as it did in 1926, that the pension should be \$30 per month. The Dominion Government is responsible for the restriction and even with the \$20.00 per month clause the provinces are asked to finance half of the cost. This creates much injustice as another clause in the act makes the regulation that unless a pensioner has lived twenty years in Ontario he can not get even the twenty dollars, though he has been all his life a good Canadian. For instance a man born and brought up in Quebec and coming to Ontario say ten years ago, before the pension was even mooted, can only receive ten dollars per month under the legislation. Where the pensioner comes from a province where the Old Age Pension is not in force a dollar a month is taken off the pension for every year less than twenty that the pensioner has lived in Ontario. This clause was designed to prevent people moving to Ontario or other province where the pension is in force so as to come under the provisions of the act. The truth seems to be that with the free interchange of labour and residence between people of the provinces the Old Age Pensions should be Dominion-wide in effect. The Dominion should look after a matter like this. Along the Transcontinental at the present time there are literally scores of old people who moved there in good faith and without thought of any pension at the time. If they have only lived five years in the province they only receive five dollars per month. They are many sad cases of this kind where old folks are much disappointed. They may thank the Dominion Government for evasion of its responsibility to Canadians.

As for giving the pension at the age of 60 years that is a more debatable question. It might be well if there were some latitude allowed in regard to the age when pension is applicable. Some men are older at 60 than others at 70 years. With some industries refusing to employ men after they reach the age of 45 years it is pertinent to ask what is to be done for loyal citizens from 45 to 70 years of age. Perhaps an unemployment insurance plan would deal with this feature of the problem. The present Dominion Government has publicly announced that it will not enter into any unemployment insurance plan with any Conservative province, which means that Ontario is debarred from the unemployment insurance scheme for the present future. With the change of government that seems certain to be coming in the Dominion, at the approaching election, some adjustments may be made in the Old Age Pension better for all concerned.

Chas. Grill, for several years a popular resident of Timmins, but who moved from here to St. Thomas where he conducted a jewelry store, more recently moving to Toronto, was a visitor to Timmins on Saturday where he was warmly greeted by old friends. While in Timmins Mr. Grill conducted a jewelry store in the Dr. McInnis block being first with the W. N. and P. H. Stock firm and later in business on his own account. He was a playing member of the Timmins Citizens' Band, active in the I.O.O.F., and prominent in other musical and fraternal circles. He had been in Kirkland Lake previous to his visit here and in that newer camp he had also met many old friends from Timmins.



NEW GERMAN LEADER ADMIRER OF COMMUNISM
Dr. Otto Landsberg, as he recently appeared at the time of his selection as new leader of the radical Socialist party in Germany. Dr. Landsberg is former Justice Minister of Germany. Although rejecting any suggestion of anarchy, the Radical Socialist Party is adopting the doctrine of Communism with reservations.

Can Any of the Timmins Cornish Folk Read This?

A Timmins Cornishman has sent The Advance a report of the annual dinner of the London, England, Cornish folk, held in the Hotel Cecil. He wonders whether many, or any of the Cornish folk in Timmins can read and properly translate into current English the greeting given at the banquet to Lady Haig. It may be noted here that Lady Haig, widow of the famous Field Marshal, and herself one of the best known women in the country, was the chief guest at the annual dinner of the London Cornish. The event of the evening was the parade of Cornish characters, headed by Dolly Pentreath, played and spoken to the life by Mrs. George, of Redruth, who welcomed Lady Haig in the Cornish language. Her greeting was as follows:—

"Lowena dheugh why a venen whek geseguh vy agas dascor tokyn adhyworth atear bro ger ny ha ny a dalgwelg of dhe vas kemeres geneugh orth kernow rag carenga."

It is this greeting that the Cornish friend questions whether many here can translate. Next week The Advance will give the translation of the greeting. Any who send it in previously will be duly credited with the feat. In the meantime Cornish folk here, whether they can translate the greeting or not, will be interested in reading further reference made in the newspaper clipping sent in by the friend of The Advance mentioned. The newspaper report says:—"This old Cornish greeting was written by 'Hal Wyn' (Mr. R. St. V. Allin-Collins).

Then Dolly, a smuggler, a fisherman, a tin miner and a Cornish maid named Floral Day, presented Lady Haig with flowers and fruit, tin and a lobster, and a "buzza" of pilchards, while the whole company sang "Trelawny," led by Mr. Robert Radford, the famous baritone. In reply, Lady Haig said she thanked the true Cornish people for the way they spoke through Dolly Pentreath and she only wished she could answer in the same tongue. "I left Cornwall when I was a child. I often wish I had seen more of it then, but my father was abroad for many years. But I have often been to Cornwall since, and I know what a dear beautiful country it is. Now, I am mostly Scottish, as I had a Scottish mother, and I married a Scot, but I still love the land of my birth." When Lady Haig finished Miss Diana Trevanion, the Cornish soprano, sang "Annie Laurie" in honour of Scotland. The chairman (Mr. George Lory) one of the founders of the association announced that he had sent the following telegram to the Prince of Wales in Africa:—"Three hundred Cornishmen and Cornish women send loyal greetings to their Duke." The Prince had replied through his private secretary:—"Prince of Wales sends his cordial greeting to the members of the London Cornish Association assembled at dinner tonight." Mr. F. J. Dunstone, secretary, read a message from the Transvaal Cornish Association stating that the Prince was in Johannesburg on the day of their annual meeting, which he attended and brought them greetings from the homeland. Sir Arthur Carkeek, Redruth, proposed the toast to Cornwall, our home, and the London Cornish Association. Speaking of Glyn Valley, where Lady Haig came from, Sir Arthur said it was generally known that it was there that J. M. Barrie found the fairy, Tinker Bell, whom he afterwards put into Peter Pan.

Other speakers mentioned in the newspaper report included:—Mr. John Kinstan, Rev. J. R. Parkyn, Mr. William Kittow, Mr. Justice Hawke, Mr. George Lory.

The tables were decorated with flowers sent by various Cornish people. Cornish cream, saffron cake, and pasties, pilchards and crabs, broccoli, a tin miner's outfit and a claymaker's outfit were displayed in the reception rooms. There were many distinguished people present for the occasion, and messages of regret for inability to attend were also received from Cornish people of eminence in the world.

The first straw hat to be worn this year in North Bay was seen in that new city last week, the wearer being Post Office Inspector Ross.

Forest Operations the Most Dangerous Kind

The annual report of the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Commission, points out that of the grand total of 25,610 accidents reported, indemnities were paid in 21,377 cases, 18,728 for temporary total incapacity, 2,497 for permanent incapacity and 152 for fatal accidents. No award was made in 5,404 cases, for reasons of the slight character of the injury, the failure to make a claim, or the fact of the employer being not subject to the provisions of the act.

Forest operations according to the findings of the Commission appear to be the most dangerous type of labour, work in factories and workshops being proportionately less. It is also remarkable that the preponderant number of accidents are sustained by workmen under the age of twenty-one years, and the question is put by the Commission as to whether this is due to inexperience or to the more or less natural carelessness and recklessness of youth. Every effort is being made to ensure safety of workers in the Province both by the officials of the Provincial Government and the industrial employers, by the introduction of safety devices and the carrying out of a vigorous educational campaign.

Bruises and contusions head the accident list, with cuts and lacerations coming in second place and fractures third. Injuries to the hands and feet by far exceeded those of other characters. It is curious to note that not a single case of accidents to the teeth was reported throughout the entire year.

The Commission held sittings in 1929 in the districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three-Rivers, Chicoutimi and Arthabaska and special investigations were held in the district of Hull. Hearings are held in special cases only since it is deemed neither necessary or desirable to hold them in all cases of accidents as the situation may be adjusted between the employer and the injured party frequently to mutual satisfaction.

WILL EXTEND AREAS FOR TRAVEL PERMITS IN NORTH

As a result of the success attained by the application of the system last year, the Department of Lands and Forests is extending the travel permits areas this year. While the definite boundaries of the restricted area has not yet been made public, W. B. Greenwood, district forester, in charge of the North Bay Forestry branch, stated that travel permits will be necessary in the whole North Bay inspectorate, from the gate on the Ferguson highway north, to 40 miles north of Elk Lake, east to the Ottawa river, and west to the C.N.R. The settled or semi-settled districts, however, are not included in the travel permit area.

Forest rangers will be stationed at points of entry into the area while the ranging force will be supplemented at various points by special time issuers. In addition, every ranger will be supplied with permits, so that if anybody gets into the area without a permit he will have an opportunity of getting one. Mr. Greenwood stated that after the system has been in force a long enough time to prevent misunderstanding, then, the first traveller who is caught without a permit in the bush shall incur a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$300 and be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days.

In order to cover the Temagami lake district properly, every resort owner in that particular section will be supplied with permits and they will be held responsible to see that their guests are so equipped. According to the regulations in force this year, it will be necessary

for all guides to carry travel permits. Nor will lumber operators or bush workers be allowed to roam at will. Every operator will be furnished with numbered badges and his bushmen will carry one of these badges. This will result in closer co-operation between the forest rangers and the operators. Should a fire break out in any section, the Forestry branch will know if there are any bushmen working in the vicinity, whom they might press into service as an auxiliary force.

During the off season, extensive improvements have been made to the forest fire fighting equipment of the local branch. Two new radio broadcasting stations, capable of sending and receiving messages, have been added. One is located in the district office, while the other is in the tower situated near the entrance to the West arm of Lake Nipissing, in the Township of Latchford.

Four new steel towers have been erected. One at Silver creek; the second, north of Mattawa; a third in Gowanda and the fourth on the Montreal river, in Pequet Township. Forty miles of new telephones have been constructed and the local office is now connected by its own line with Chudleigh and Silver creek.

A new chief ranger's headquarters has been established at Latchford with George Adair, former deputy chief ranger, in charge. New headquarters have also been established at Field, where Deputy Chiefs C. McKinnon and L. Thompson will be stationed.

Some idea of the number of persons who will be affected by the travel permit regulations may be obtained from last year's records of the local branch which show the following number of permits issued: Ottawa Valley, 450; Temagami lakes, 1,176; Ferguson highway, 18,268; Latchford, 7,105; and Cooks Mills, 11,163. Of the permits for the Ferguson highway, 2851 were issued to cars from outside the province.

The Kirkland Lake Northern News says:—"Mrs. W. L. Bates, of Chapat-Hughes, brought a pansy into The Northern News office on Monday afternoon which she had found growing on the south side of her house. The pansy was picked on Saturday, April 12th, from a root planted last year against the side of the house and which had remained in the ground throughout the winter. Along with the purple bloom Mrs. Bates brought some leaves of the plant which show that it is in a strong, healthy condition."



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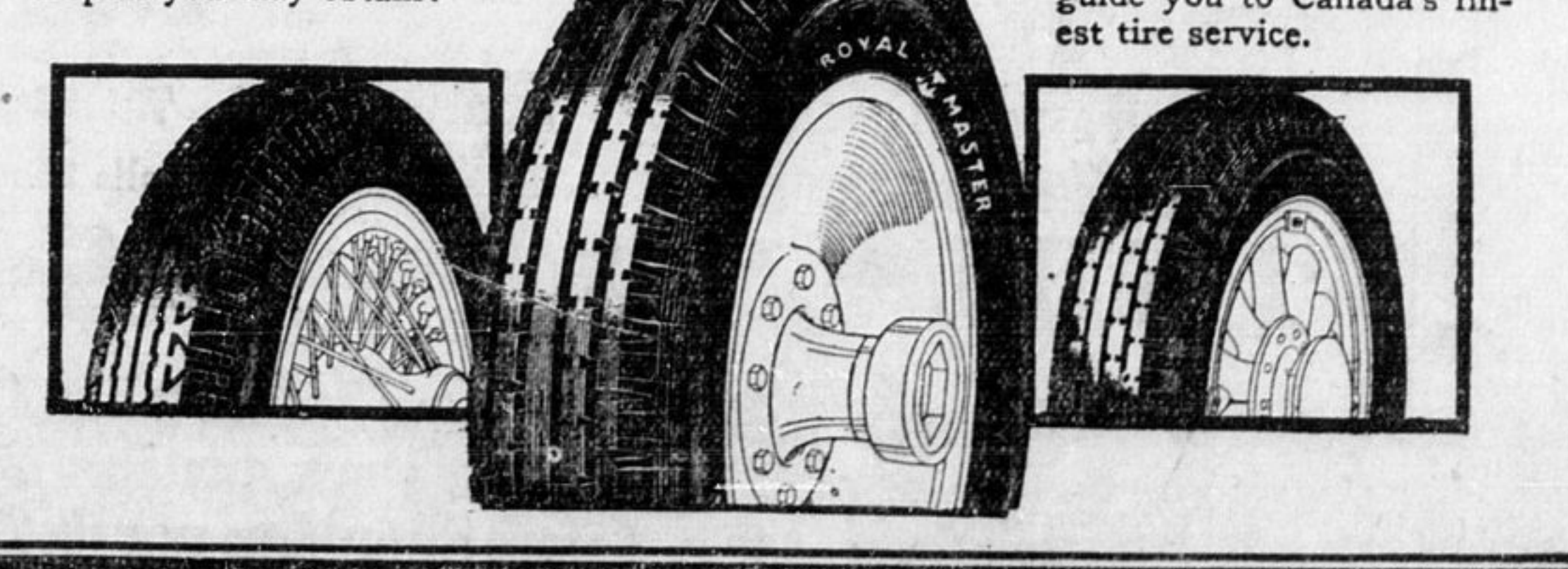
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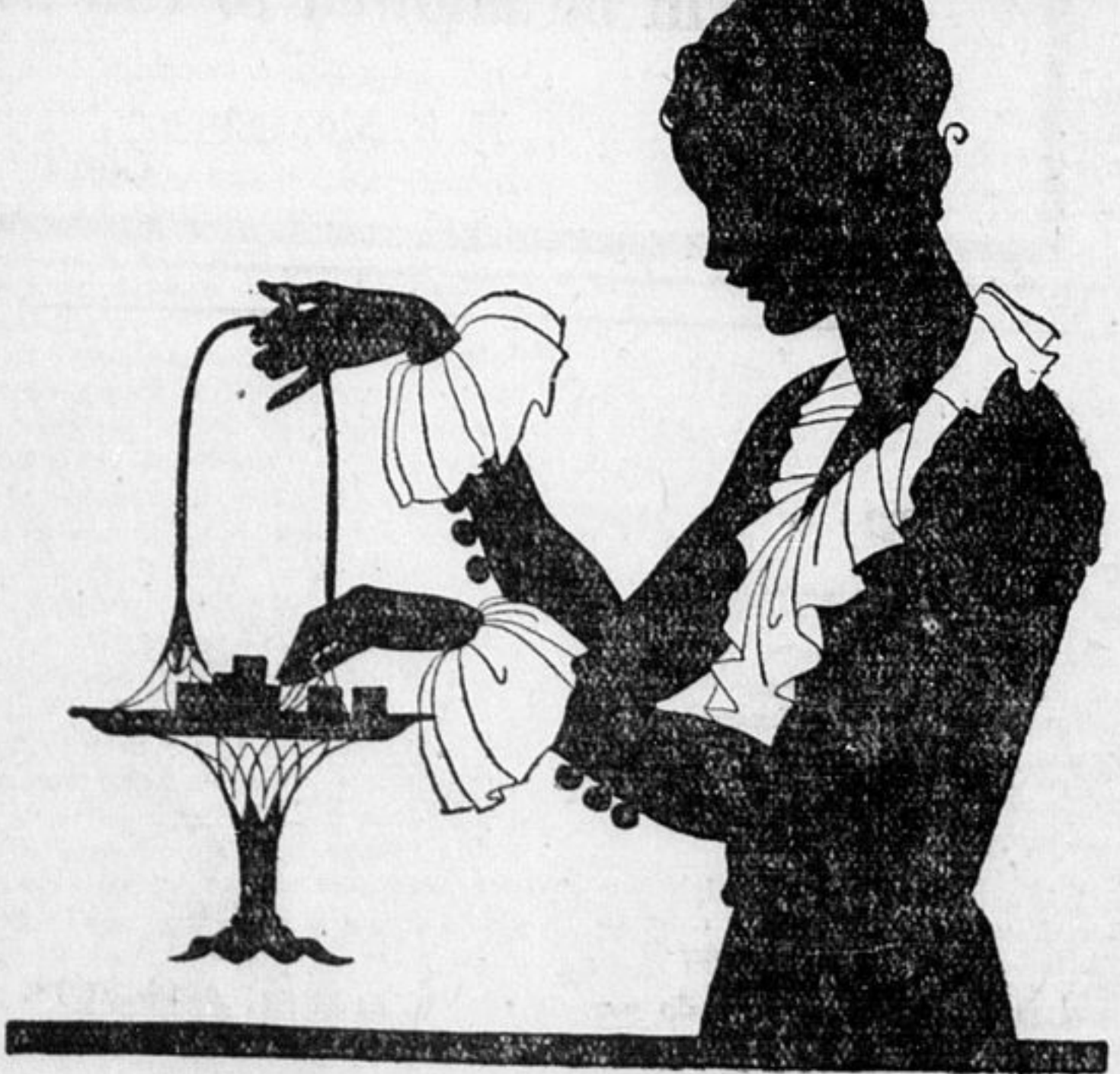
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