

HOW LABOR GETS "SOMETHING NOW" BY WAY OF THE RALPH SMITH ROUTE

And the Sad-Eyed Tax-Payer Foots the Bill to the Great Glory of the Party in Power.

The readers of the Clarion will remember the Royal Commission of last year, which has been more fully termed a "royal inquisition," inasmuch as its purpose was undoubtedly to inquire into the political convictions of the working people of this province, with the object in view of thwarting such political action as the workers might be inclined to take, which would in any manner threaten the economic supremacy of the present ruling class. It has been openly charged that government is distinctly a class institution, and that its every act is for the purpose of defending the interests of the particular economic class in human society, which may at the time be in possession of it. As the ruling class becomes relatively even smaller in numbers than they over whom its rule is exercised, and its rule becomes of necessity more arbitrary and brutal, it is forced to deal generously with its retainers in order to insure their fealty in carrying out the indecent, impudent and dirty schemes by which alone can the economic domination of the present capitalist class be maintained. It is well known that the present governments are without exception nurseries and hot-beds of graft. From top to bottom they are just a room for which they stand to correct any wrong to be done by the government, but which is merely a business machine, and in just like any other capitalist concern. If an individual or capitalist concern is especially objectionable to work to do, such as might jar upon

the finer conceptions of honor and manhood, it may easily become a matter of necessity that such finer feelings should be dulled by perhaps a generous application of that politesse which is so common in the weakening of the moral fibre; the politesse of cash payment. It is no accident that governments are a prolific field for graft. The work they have to perform, that of holding a ruled class in subjection often times calls for work of such a nature as to be actually repulsive to manhood, and therefore to refuse to overcome any scruples entertained by those who are lacking in strength of moral fibre it becomes necessary to offer up. The cunning among the purchasable soon "get wise" and perchance become positively exorbitant in their demands. Knowing that the great majority of men are prone to shun that which is tainted with dishonor, these cunning ones take advantage of the situation by getting in on the graft. However distasteful it may be to the ruling class, they will do it, and they will not get out of it. It is imperative that it be done, and there are not many who are willing to sacrifice themselves, outside of a humble grade of government employees, the price rules high. Among the humbler grade of government employees, the interest of the ruling class in no way jeopardized. The average

worker may in a dim way realize what he gets out of "royal inquisitions" or other capitalist creations, but the average taxpayer seldom ascertains what such indulgences cost him. He may be a Liberal and accuse the Conservative party of extravagance, or vice versa. In order to throw some little light upon the manner in which public (?) funds are disposed of in the ordinary course of capitalist government, we submit the following, taken from the report of the auditor-general of Canada, being the cost to the taxpayer of the aforesaid "royal inquisition" of 1902:

Rents	84 00
Advertising	26 30
Typewriting	20 00
Serving Subpoenas	33 95
Witness fees	95 75
Papers	7 75
Constables (what for?)	80 25
Transporting baggage, livery and "small outlay"	100 00
Gifts to train hands	9 00
Leather case	14 00
Leather trunk	25 00
Grand Total	\$8,128 00

Chief Justice Hunter drew his usual salary of \$5,000 per year, also \$1,691.75 for travelling and living expenses, making a grand total for the year of \$6,691.75. Of such a record the most ravenous taxpayer might be justly proud.

As the onerous duty of sitting on the commission seems not to have interfered with the equally onerous pulpit practice of his reverence, the Rev. Elliott S. Rowe should have been in a position to attend the 67 days to have contributed something to the foreign missionary fund for the purpose of converting the heathen to the idea of wearing Manchester Cotton and drinking Scotch whiskey. Presumably he put his \$2,345.00 to some equally holy use.

MacKenzie King puts in 83 days at \$5 per day, but it does not seem to interfere with his duties as Deputy Minister of Labor, for he drew down

his regular yearly salary of \$3,000.00. The insignificant amount of \$621.25 for Mr. King's traveling expenses may be accounted for by the fact that he is Deputy Minister of Labor, pays his railway fares in Canada. Otherwise this ridiculously small sum would have been considerably larger. The rumor that Mr. King went each day to Ottawa for lunch is not true.

Mr. Giddens, the stenographer, drew pay for 83 days, at the same time his regular salary from the Department of Labor. At the traveling expenses fell short of Mr. King's is probably due to his having walked a portion of the way.

That "board, wine, cigars, etc.," on board the D. G. S. Quadra is most interesting item. It opens before us a window for reflection that would take much time to properly cultivate. It would be interesting to know the relative amounts of board, wine and cigars used, and what particular bearing each had upon the eminent, yet conclusions eventually arrived at by the "inquisition." Was there more "board" than "wine and cigars"? Was there more "cigars and board" than "wine"? Was there more "wine" than "cigars and board"? How much of the wine went down each respective neck? More especially that of the Victoria preacher?

Just what the \$80.25 worth of constables was for does not seem clear in so far as the "keep watch of the wine, and see that the Quadra's crew

MODERN LEG-IRON CIVILIZATION

A Route to Slavery, Deceit, and Dishonesty.

War-bitter, unrelenting war was declared on the tramp nuisance this morning by Magistrate Williams in the police court. The fact of the matter occupied the dock and had to answer to the charge of vagrancy. All three were caught sleeping in a boxcar on the C. P. R. last evening, and none had any visible means of support.

His worship remarked that he was puzzled regarding the best method he could adopt to abate the tramp nuisance, and decided, after a little reflection, that six months' imprisonment with hard labor, in each case, which is the maximum penalty for vagrancy, would be about the best way of giving these gentlemen of the road to understand that Vancouver was the wrong place for them. His worship was assisted in forming his determination by the fact that the local police have information that a whole army of tramps is bound for this city in small detachments, now scattered along the C. P. R. and other routes.

The C. P. R. Chief McLeod, of the C. P. R., said they were a great nuisance to his company on account of their habit of sleeping in boxcars. Finally Magistrate Williams decided that six months with hard labor would be calculated to discourage any tramps who might be heading this way, and passed sentence accordingly. Two more vagrancy cases were disposed of in the same way, and the court got down to the drunks on the list, who were quickly got rid of.

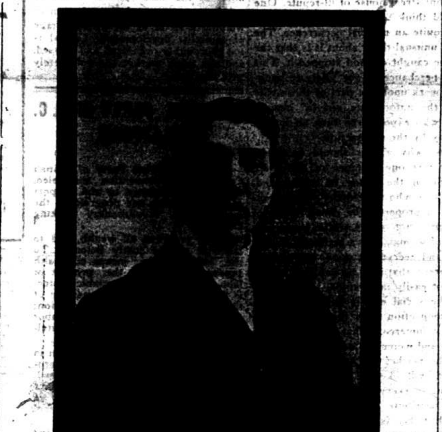
The foregoing clipped from the Vancouver Daily World of August 27, should be brought to the attention of every working man throughout the Dominion. The consequences and brutal ruling class who accused system of human enslavement and exploitation demands a resort to such determination and the resolute treatment of its helpless victims, will soon make appeal, through its various political parties, for a continued "lease" of power, to exact its "pound of flesh" from the quivering body of an enslaved working class. This appeal will be made to the members of that working class upon which with the most terrible and contemptible of the fendish cruelties, of which those recorded above are but a feeble sample. The men elected to place of power in government for the purpose of protecting the interests of capitalist directly in treatment of its helpless victims, will soon make appeal, through its various political parties, for a continued "lease" of power, to exact its "pound of flesh" from the quivering body of an enslaved working class. This appeal will be made to the members of that working class upon which with the most terrible and contemptible of the fendish cruelties, of which those recorded above are but a feeble sample.

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Comrade J. C. Watters, of Victoria, has been nominated by the Socialist Party of that city, as its candidate for a seat in the Dominion House at the forthcoming election.

Comrade Watters was the candidate at the Provincial election last fall and polled a surprisingly large vote, when the peculiarly conservative character of the Victoria constituency is taken into consideration along with the fact that the Socialist movement in that city was of recent birth, he being the first candidate to be put up at that point.

Comrade Watters is a level-headed, close and careful reasoner and thoroughly well versed upon every phase



J. C. WATTERS

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They were victims of circumstances over which they had no control. The workers had been driven off of the land upon which they had formerly lived, and in order that the same might be turned into sheep pastures, by the ruthless robbers who had seized possession, and maintained it by force. It might be well to mention right here that the choice collection of aristocratic bric-a-brac possessed by England today is descended from the vulgar and unscrupulous robbers who plundered the English workers of their land, and turned them into vagrants. From double leg irons and six months at hard labor to a brand upon the forehead, or to the gallows, is not a far cry, especially when it is recognized that the same spirit of ferocity lurks behind capitalist property as lurked behind that of feudal lordship. Property of the olden type, "A" is devoid of common sense, of honor, or of even common decency and humanity as to sentence

STRENUOUS LIFE IN COLORADO

Law and order? Damned! Don't say.

The following from the Miners' Magazine is so striking as a striking illustration of the joys of the "strenuous" life in Colorado at the present time under the wise domination of the "law and order" party, that we loudly of "law and order." The leading figures in this affair were no less persons than A. E. Carlton, president of the First National Bank of Cripple Creek, and J. C. Newman, the same bank; Nelson Franklin, former mayor of Cripple Creek, and other shining lights in the firmament of local respectability. Through local afternoon and 8 o'clock this evening, officials were included among the "deportees," and even the deputy sheriff who was supposed to be in charge of the party during his chief's absence from the city, was placed under practical arrest and his authority ignored, while this wrecking of property, and other violence was going on, it would be unseasonably to discuss the affair as an outrage, for surely the solid business

element of Cripple Creek do not wrong. All of these wrongdoers were committed in Colorado and were placed to the credit of the Western Federation of Miners, which according to capitalist authorities, has been organized for "highly patriotic" purposes.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 20.—A wholesale deportation of union sympathizers from the Cripple Creek store in this city and a full-scale strike of it and authorities powerless to do anything toward restoring order was what happened between 8 o'clock this afternoon and 8 o'clock this evening, when a mob of fully 1,000 or 1,500 armed men took possession of the store and the authorities. All afternoon men began to congregate on the streets of this city, principally Bennett avenue.

A little after 8 o'clock the various

a man to be branded or hanged, for no other offence than being unable to find employment, would be well qualified to deal out double leg irons and six months at hard labor for no greater offence.

The three men receiving such harsh sentences were guilty of the heinous crime of sleeping in a boxcar of the C. P. R. As though the discomfort of having to sleep in such a place was not sufficient punishment for being out of work and out of funds, the result of nineteenth century teachings of Christian civilization prompts the administering of six months at hard labor to fill to overflowing the cup of misery of these unfortunate members of the only useful class that exists in human society.

Such callous indifference to even the promptings of common decency should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of a savage. The youth Blyth, when questioned, stated that he slept in the boxcar because he did not have a room in a bed. Nothing appears to have been offered in any manner contradicting his statement, or going to show him possessed of criminal tendencies. Upon whom should the blame rest but the six months experience under this brutal sentence should result in arousing within him that feeling of hatred and revenge that is almost sure to follow in the wake of injustice and oppression, and that would urge him on to a criminal career?

According to McLeod, these tramps are a "great nuisance" to his company on account of their habit of sleeping in boxcars. This may be true, but honors are even on that score, for the "company" and all other capitalist concerns are a nuisance to the working class, inasmuch as they stand between the working class and its "daily bread." Just as the lead thieves of old England stood between the workers and the land which at that time was the sole means of their sub-

stance, so do the capitalists of today stand between the workers and the means of subsistence (resources of the earth and machinery of production) which have given this position by equally brutal means.

This nuisance of capitalist ownership and rule can be abated only in the hands of an intelligent working class, by the seizure of the political powers for that purpose, and sooner it is done the sooner will the danger of wearing "leg irons" be removed.

The tramp is one of the logical fruits of the present system of property which is based upon the enslavement of labor. It is but a part of the daily grip of the capitalist and will continue so long as labor is capitalized, and profit remains the motive which prompts its wheels to revolve.

It is too much to expect of the capitalist press, that it will ever point out anything which would tend to uplift the race. Rarely, if ever, does it give its attention to its own intellectual height, however, that legislation and courts learned the lesson, and it is time to make men good by legislative capacity, and not by such a degree. So long as conditions remain such as to prevent men from obtaining sleeping accommodations balancing their own beds, they will ever find themselves of such other as they are able to obtain. So long as conditions remain as they are today, under which an after-impunity for all who deprive the workers of their daily bread, there will be little sympathy without money with which to pay for beds; men "according to the statement" being "the only means of Christian civilization," will be arrested. These modern statesmen and judges are beyond question no better than those of the days of old England, and their methods are just that could be said of their sub-

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PROPERTY.

A conception of property that is quite common is, that, in almost many instances, it is something that once created is handed down from generation to generation. This may in a sense be true, but a careful scrutiny of the case will show the value supposed to be attached to property in natural resources, and machinery of production, to be located in quite a different place, and these forms of property being merely the means of obtaining control or possession of it. Landed property may be handed down from generation to generation. Land, however, of itself, possesses no exchange value, no matter how richly stored with natural resources. It is the presence of a working population that gives to land its exchange value. The exchange value of land, taken as a general proposition, is determined by the amount of surplus value the owner may be able to extract from the workers, who carry on industry by converting its resources into usable or at least saleable things. Land, therefore, without exchange value itself, becomes an instrument by means of which the owner is enabled to transfer the exchange values produced by working people into his own possession, without giving anything in return. Land which the owner sells aside for individual use does not so figure, because it is not a part of the means of production in the capitalist sense while so used. Capitalist property in the instruments of wealth production, factories, mills, railways, etc., is purely the product of labor. It is continually undergoing the process of reproduction, even the more durable portion of it being entirely replaced by new at least every few years. The lifetime of the more durable parts of it is only prolonged even these few years at the expense of new labor expended upon it continually in the shape of repairs.

The most property in the shape of food, clothing, etc., the things of daily consumption, is produced and reproduced each year, and much of it several times during that period. Capitalist property is purely an instrument for the purpose of controlling labor, the only force that creates wealth from the earth's resources, and transferring the wealth so created into the possession of capitalists without cost to them. The value or capitalization of any capitalist concern is determined by the amount of labor it can command; and the magnitude of the surplus value it can pilfer from it. The bonds, stocks, title deeds and other evidences or certificates of capitalist property that are transferred from hand to hand, or passed down from generation to generation, are merely the title deeds to labor. In the factories, mills and workshops of the capitalist industry these deeds are put upon record in the sweat and blood of slaves.

Once capitalist property is stripped of all sham and pretense, and its hideous nakedness exposed to the working people, its victims, their superstitious reverence for it will of necessity speedily vanish. They will be only too willing to abolish it, and substitute the Socialist system of property under which labor shall be free. Their will property become what it should be, a means of securing the comfort and protection of those who create it.

The means of capitalist government is to divide the present system of property into the most terrible

consequences to mankind in so doing they act without scruple and without conscience. In fact, scruple and conscience are not attributes of material interests. Let no one be disturbed over the question of whether it is right or wrong for the present system to continue; or another take its place. It is purely a question of power, egged on by material class interest. So long as the capitalist class interest can marshal to its support the control of the legislative, executive and judicial powers of government, it will demonstrate its system of property to be right, against all who may dispute the claim.

When the working class, aroused to its material interest, shall through the exercise of its political rights, have marshaled these powers in its behalf, it will, in equally convincing manner, demonstrate the capitalist system of property to be wrong, and relegate it to that oblivion which it is so eminently qualified to adorn.

BIG CANOE.

The steamship Minnesota, first of the "Great Northern" lines which are to run between Seattle and the Orient, is now loading at New York, for her trip around the Horn to her run upon the Pacific. Her huge dimensions can scarce be realized from the description given in the daily press, as follows: Length, 690 feet; beam, 73 feet 6 in.; depth, 56 feet; keel to bridge, 88 feet; keel to masthead, 177 feet; number of decks, 9; water-tight compartments, 13; displacement, 27,000 tons; cargo capacity, 3,000 tons; indicated horse-power, 1,000; diameter of propellers, 20 feet; weight of rudder, 40 tons; speed, 14 knots; horse-power of steering engines, 500.

This monster represents the achievement of the race along the line of water transportation since the time when our forebears transported themselves and their few belongings across stream or lake by means of perhaps a floating log, or a rude dug-out. That the very foundations of marine transport, as of all other branches of human activity, were laid in a savage antiquity thousands of years ago is certain. A history of the originating, developing and bringing to its present high state of efficiency, all that goes to make up the modern machinery of industry and commerce, would comprise a complete history of man. In fact the only way his history could be written would be in his industrial terms. From the dug-out to the Minnesota is a long journey indeed, the intervening period covering the invention of the oar, the rudder, the sail, the learing how to mine and smelt ores, and fashion the things of iron, steel, brass, copper, etc., which so largely enter into present day marine construction, the invention of the steam engine, and its application to transportation, and all of the thousand and one things that enter into, and are involved in the makeup and operation of the modern means of industry and commerce. The operations of the ancient were confined to circumscribed limits. He was continually beset with danger, because of as yet limited knowledge of nature's forces, and his limited command over them. As a result of the accumulated knowledge of all the generations that have lived before, the modern savage with "big canoe" goes forth upon the water, with full knowledge of every current, tide, rock, reef or shore, upon the face of the earth, and with mechanical powers at his command to enable him to overcome obstacles, and ward off all dangers, that which he may be confronted. The ancient savage built his dug-out or canoe for use. He used it as a means of transporting himself and his belongings from place to place as his needs required. It was therefore a useful thing to him, no doubt adding much to his comfort and pleasure. The modern "big canoe" like the Minnesota is neither built nor used for any such purpose. In the first place it is not even built by the owner, nor operated by him. It is neither built nor operated for the purpose of adding to the comfort or pleasure of the owner, but for use, it is solely for the comfort and pleasure of the owner, a comfort and pleasure that is measured by the word profit, the most conscienceless, unscrupulous, and blood-thirsty word in the English language.

The greater portion, however great it may be, of the value of the Minnesota has been taken as a profit out of the sweat of the workers who build her. Out of the hide of the workers who man and operate her, profits galore will be wrung and

without mercy. The men who build her are slaves whose rations have been issued to them in the form of wages. Her crew, from bridge to stoke-hole, are likewise slaves and will receive their rations by the same token. Instead of a means of pleasure and comfort to them, outside of the officers the Minnesota will be just what the modern ship in all cases is, a torture chamber for the crew. But her operation will undoubtedly bring profit to the coffers of Jim Hill and his type of modern savages, known as capitalists. The Minnesota will go to the Orient loaded with 30,000 tons of rich plunder stolen from the farmers and other workers of the United States, and will return with equally rich plunder taken from the workers of the Orient. The capitalist pirates on either side of the water will profit by this interchange of plunder. The deluded and plundered few will pay the bill. Some of them will wish to be so foolish as to consider Mr. Hill as doing them a favor by providing a means to expeditiously dispose of the plunder.

The ancient dug-out or canoe belonged to the one who made and used it. That was why it was a means of adding to his comfort and pleasure. The modern canoe does not belong to the workers. That is the reason it becomes a torture chamber for them who operate it. The torture comes not only of any characteristic of the "canoe" itself, but because of its being capital. The function of capital is to rob labor out of its products. All of the great means of wealth production are today capital. They are not instruments for use, but instruments for plunder.

STRAIN AT AN GNAT.

Some of our Vancouver people who are occasionally, and the press which is always, good, have been thrown into quite a fit because a young girl has been recently brought to the city for the purpose of being placed in some Dupont street house of ill-repute. One would think to listen to them that it was quite an unusual occurrence. The only unusual thing about it is that the police caught on, and stopped it. This may perchance be due solely to bungling work upon the part of those who had the unfortunate girl in charge, and are expected to turn an honest penny by the transaction.

Just why a fuss should be made, over this one instance of deliberate traffic in the virtue of womanhood, by those who uphold the present system of property, the corner stone of which is not only a traffic in the virtue of woman, but a traffic in human life and everything good, bad and indifferent, that may be implied therein, is not easily understood.

The social evil is unknown except in connection with the age of trade and commerce. That which forces men and women to sell their life force in the market for wages in order to exist, will likewise compel the marketing of every virtue and worthy human attribute. Every merchant on earth today is trafficking in human life in some form or other. The life upon the shelves are composed of human life force crystallized into commodity form. Could these commodities speak "they could a tale unfold, that would be replete with the misery, poverty, vice, crime and shame that follows as a natural consequence in the wake of a system that is based upon the enslavement of labor by capital.

There is nothing in the category of crime to which the world of trade and commerce will not stoop in its quest of wealth. That which the vile pair of wretches were attempting with the young girl from Tacoma, was practiced and accomplished wholesale by the capitalist system. Thousands upon thousands of the very flower of woman-kind are annually forced into lives of shame by the terrible economic pressure of a perpetually overstocked labor market. Once hurled over the abyss they can rarely ever reclaim themselves. Dupont street in this city is full of these unfortunate victims of circumstances over which they have no control. The Pharisees and hypocrites of Vancouver find no time to do other than point the finger of scorn at them, except to occasionally attempt to drive them to other localities in the interest of some real estate speculation or swindle. The most sanctimonious hypocrite among the merchant fraternity, however, will not deign to cast a glance at the unfortunate outcasts, and these unfortunate are brought to him through such channels as a young girl from Tacoma, or through such channels as a young girl from Tacoma, or through such channels as a young girl from Tacoma.

Let the hypocrites hold up their hands in horror, and indignantly wag their tongues as they see the happenings which come to light, while they

support the system that breeds them by the wholesale. It is doing this merely "strain at a gnat," while swallowing "a camel."

A NEW PHILANTHROPY.

It appears, according to the New York Tribune, that two girls—one 18 the other 20—were recently discharged from the Brixton prison, each having served one week. An investigation showed them to be "working girls" who had been thrown out of work during the dull season, and had both tried to find work and had adopted a life of disrepute only after it seemed there was no other means of keeping from starving. The girls were released through the philanthropic action of a certain Mrs. Fabyan who has set aside a sum of money out of which the fines imposed upon them were paid. In order that justice might be satisfied, might be paid, provided the promise were made that such fine be repaid to the fund at the rate of \$1.00 per week.

To these unfortunate girls this Fabyan woman should be a veritable patron saint. Their fines paid they can go forth from the prison gates with the assurance that failing to find honest work they must again resort to lives of shame, and if lucky enough to escape the eye of the police, may in time be able to repay the amount of their fine. In this manner will morality be conserved, justice vindicated, christian civilization vindicated, and the name of Fabyan indubitably written upon the scroll of fame as the originator of the new philanthropy. The example of Fabyan might be copied by local philanthropists in who goes through Grammar school and enters a business office young and bound to become rich and successful, if there is work and ambition in him, because by the time he is 20 years old and in possession of all his mental and physical faculties, he is well versed in business.

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In these rapid changes it has so come to pass that the industrial worker, thrown out of employment by the equally rapid development of machinery, sees his own home and land, which he has worked for, being taken up by corporations.

The condition pointed out is not peculiar to Texas, but is a common one in evidence in British Columbia. Two of our comrades, victims of the recent strike in Vancouver, through the Similkameen Valley for the purpose of locating some spot upon which they might be able to establish a living, saw the vicissitudes of the mercantile market. They were rewarded by the comforting discovery that vast stretches of land, in fact, were held by individuals. In fact, they had possessed of the requisites for successful agricultural, horticultural or stock raising purposes had long since been granted to the industrial workers by the beneficiaries of the capitalist system of land and plunder.

Yes, verily, in the industrial worker "a jobless, landless, outcast society," to be raised to the seventh heaven of beauty only when fortune smiles upon him, is a thing of the past. The employer of labor who condescends to allow him the poor privilege of wearing, even temporarily, the degrading shackles of wage servitude.

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At 5 o'clock a crowd swept up Bennett avenue, like a great wave, toward the union store, that was just a half block away. No attempt was made to stop the men on the union store, which the mob soon reached. The leader yelled that the time had come for a final clean-up of the Cripple Creek district. That was their determination, and they carried it through.

When they completed their work, the unionists were not only deported, but every vestige of the store strewn around and the stock was worth 30 cents. The leaders of the mob that started from Bennett and Second avenues were armed. They dashed into the store from the front and rear, ordering the employees to get up their hands. The command was obeyed quickly, and within a very few minutes the employees of the store, Engley, were led out, surrounded by a mob.

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