

MORE ABOUT MR. PHILLIPS

He Attempts a Denial that Acts Like a Boomerang.

FACTS THAT ARE VERY CONCLUSIVE

The Metropolitan Railroad Company's President Admits that "The Times" Has a Copy of the Statement of the Financial Condition of the Road--It Is Most Contradictory of His Published Utterances to Striking Employees--What Has Become of the Surplus Earned Every Year--Why Were 8 per cent. Dividends Paid and No Provision Made for Emergencies--Why Do Not the Stockholders Pay in the 2) Due on 14,220 Shares--These Preventive Measures Should Have Been Taken Before Cutting Poor Men's Salaries.

President Samuel S. Phillips, of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, yesterday issued a letter to "The Times" in answer to the questions contained in the story published yesterday, of his treatment of the employees and his utterances to capitalists.

The article which follows demonstrates almost conclusively that the company is today earning more money than it will under the contemplated change of motive power, and this explains the indisposition of the company to adopt rapid transit.

It is also shown that the surplus earned by the company every year of its existence has gone without leaving a trace on the surface; that the \$30 paid in by the stockholders upon shares of the par value of \$50 have been earning 8 per cent. dividends per annum, or 13 1/3 per cent. upon the whole amount of money, were it all invested; and that, despite the knowledge that a change of motive power would eventually be necessary, no provision was made for it, either by calling in the amount due on stock, or by cutting off dividends.

It is further shown that the recent reduction of the employees' wages in view of the above facts was unnecessary.

Below is reproduced Mr. Phillips' letter to "The Times," which he hoped would make a formidable breach in its breastworks, but which reads upon him like a boomerang.

"The Times" in reply to the statement, made in the Sunday issue of your newspaper, that I had been saying "one thing to capital and another thing to labor," I desire, on behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad Company and myself, to say that one word or figure has been altered to either capitalists or employee but what was literally or unambiguously true.

Your journal declares, with my statement before it, that I assert the company is now taking in from passengers \$1,250 per day. Its operating expenses are \$725 per day, leaving a profit of \$525 per day. The view in this connection is, that it alleges what is hoped will be the result of rapid transit two years hence, as a fact happening at this present time. The following is a verbatim copy of the statement, and shows how unjust the allegation is:

"Statement of probable condition of the company after electric underground system is completed:
From passengers per day..... \$1,250 00
Operating expenses, 50 per cent..... 725 00
Profit..... \$525 00

FIXED CHARGES..... \$25 00
Mortgage bonds..... \$1,700,000 00
Unsecured bonds..... 500,000 00
\$2,200,000 00
Six per cent. interest..... 132,000 00
Interest per day on \$331, deducted from \$525 leaves \$194 per day applicable to dividends.

It will thus be seen that President Phillips admits the truth of every statement contained in yesterday's article, and takes exception only to that part which says that the company is now taking in from passengers \$1,250 per day and that its operating expenses are \$725 per day, leaving a profit of \$525 per day.

The Times is willing to admit that these figures are shown in President Phillips' statement relating to the probable condition of the company after the electric underground system is completed.

The inaccuracy is of considerable value to "The Times" because it calls clear attention to the present earnings of that company as shown by the statement mentioned and reveals a condition of affairs which is even more startling than that detailed upon yesterday.

President Phillips admits that the authorized capital stock is \$1,000,000; the capital stock issued \$725,000; the par value of the stock \$50; the amount paid in on each share, \$50; the market value of stock in small lots, \$14; the probable market value of 200 shares and upward per share \$12. The bond debt secured only by issue of stock, \$493,000; the floating debt \$29,000.

The above dividend president also inadvertently indorses the truth of "The Times" quotation from his statement under the caption "Value of Franchise," that the earnings from cars for the fiscal year, ended July 1, 1894, were \$347,311.33; the earnings from other sources, \$7,000; the total earnings, \$354,311.33.

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The expenses for the same period were \$294,712.22, which left a net profit of \$59,600.11.

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MUST PAY UP BEFORE VOTING

But the Collector Could Only Accommodate 200 a Day.

And the Time Limit on Registration Will Shut Out Hundreds of Voters--The Most Disgraceful Scenes at the Collector's Office--Sluggers Paid to Stand in Line--Escaped with Their Employer's Money.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 16.--This city has suffered from the most unique, most disorderly, and most disgraceful period of politics. The factional Democratic candidates are in the field for the mayoralty, the election taking place in January.

Under the first use of the Australian ballot system here no one can vote who has not paid all taxes, including those of this year, and registered. This provision led to a wild scramble at first and then pitched battles daily between large forces for choice positions in line to the tax collector's office. He could issue only about 200 receipts a day, and as the registration closed Saturday it was known to the fact that the collector was unable to issue many receipts.

The two factions hired two gangs of toughs each numbering about one hundred and including the most desperate writers and scoundrels of the city. These men were paid from \$5 to \$10 a day. To each was given a list of six names, the largest number the collector would accept taxes for from one person, and the money to pay their taxes with.

Each morning for ten days past the two armies of political mercenaries have slugged each other in front of and inside the court house, and the citizens gathering from all parts of the city daily to witness the big fights. For two weeks at least no citizen paid taxes for himself, all intruders taking names and money to the hired hooligans.

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Death of the Famous Novelist in Samoa from Apoplexy--His Grave on a Mountain.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 16.--Advisers from Apia, Samoa, of date of December 8, are to the effect that the well-known novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, had died suddenly from apoplexy.

His remains were interred on the summit of Pala Mountain, 1,300 feet high. At the time of his death Mr. Stevenson had half completed the writing of a novel.

Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson was born in Edinburgh, November 31, 1850. He was educated at private schools and at the University of Edinburgh, and was called to the Scottish bar, but traveled and devoted himself to literature. One of his earliest works was an account of his travels in California, but the work which established his reputation as a writer of fiction was "On Treasure Island," published in 1883.

Among the most popular of his works in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which was dramatized and played at the Lyceum Theatre in London in 1885, and subsequently in the United States. Among his other works are: "Kidnapped," "The New Arabian Nights," and "The Black Arrow."

SOME TIME ago Mr. Stevenson, who was suffering from lung trouble, went to the South Pacific for his health. He became enraptured with the Samoan Islands and decided to take up his residence and spend the rest of his days there. He took a close interest in Samoan affairs and has written many letters to the newspapers in favor of the natives as against the treaty powers, under whose direction the government of the islands is conducted.

PRESIDENT GOES HUNTING.
Mr. Cleveland Off on a Week's Jaunt to the South Carolina Coast.

President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, Capt. R. D. Evans and Mr. Charles Jefferson, left Washington yesterday evening on an Atlantic Coast Line train for a hunting trip on the coast of South Carolina.

The trip has been in contemplation since early fall and is taken at this time in the hope that the outing will benefit the President and eradicate the last remnant of his rheumatism, which still lingers with him. The party will return in about a week.

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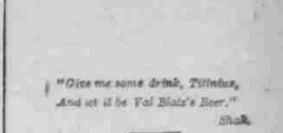
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