# Some Statistics Regarding Our Alleged Prosperity.

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HE work of national political house cleaning, as applied to the United States senate, and conducted by David Graham

Phillips, novelist, and student of public questions, whose recent attacks on Senator Bailey of Texas created such widespread interest, has only just begun. Far from going off at half cock, this same lean, gentlemanly, and interesting Phillips has, stored in his handsome rooms at the Arts club, New York, and more particularly in his active brain, facts and data pertaining to the United States senate, and to United States senators in particular, which, when made public, will keep the sensation pot at boiling point for some little time to come. Moreover, a half hour's talk with Mr. Phillips will convince his viawith Mr. Phillips will control the mix visi-tor that not only is he determined in his attack, but that he is well equipped mentally to conduct his battle to the bitter end. Behind this work of general refor-

Behind this work of general refor-mation there stands a personality which is bound to have a widespread influence in any movement looking to the general uplift. There is a human sympathy that develops with the handshake of this man Phillips, and admiration for your fellow man that warms, and kin-dles into flame, in the presence of his fearless expression. There is nothing dles into flame, in the presence of his fearless expression. There is nothing of the crank about him, nothing of the radical or blatent reformer as we un-derstand the type. These rise, mush-room-like, on every hill top. But the clap-trap platitudes of this grand army of civic mentors have a different ring to the forcible though careful state-ments made by Phillips. Their empty vaporings are only of passing moment. They command a flecting thought, and are forgotten. In talking to Phillips you get an entirely different impression.

#### AS TO SENATOR BAILEY.

AS TO SENATOR BALLEY. First he is an American in every sense of the word. He is full of vitality; hispless a poise that bespeaks for him more years than his appearance would indicate. He is emphatic, firm, in-cisive, sure of his ground, even if a prive out a volley of fact and hancy that holds his listener, although it hight be calculated to send a cold child down the spine of the grafter. Altogether Phillips is a man of worth, while-a man who must be figured on. He scents bribery with the avider of a blood-hound. Mention of the pos-senate brings a curl to his lips; he smifts the battle from afar: he throws his bhoulders back, and prepares for ac-tion Balley, he waiked from his writing table to the center of his room, turned uckly, his back to the open grate and uckly, his back to the open grate and uckly, his back to the open grate and the words left his lips as a shot

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The words left his lips as a shot leaves a cannon. "The election of Bailey is of small moment." he continued. The impor-tant thing is that 'Bailey is dead." Texas might as well have a wooden Indian in the senate as Bailey. The people will not listen to him-the Bailey influence is a thing of the past. He has his seat, but it is an empty honor to him, and a useless piece of business for the state. He would never have been elected if the exposures concerning him had been made before the legislature had been chosen. But this return to the senate is a mere de-tail.

## ADDITION, SUBSTRACTION AND SILENCE.

"The trouble with Bailey is he falked. He forgot the all-important rule for men of his stripe, the rule that should confine their knowledge to three for men of his stripe, the rule that should confine their knowledge to three hings-addition, division and silence. He may have been surprisingly facile in the handling of figures-but he hake. He was goaded into speech, there was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt he was tied up with here was no doubt here was no doubt here donning of an evening coat, the most ble-Ealley the democratic, who working man's friend-and now hob-hould not be. These were the things hould not be. These were the things hould not be. These were the people-verybody knew what shocked the people working with "the system:"-no, no, it hould not be. These were the problection is alley that shocked the people working was an open secret, it had hown to be mixed up in a lot of dirty mostiness. And there yas no great hown to be mixed up in a lot of dirty invisiness. Hu was only the publication in feneral knowledge. Depew was al-how for years. But when Bailey was issued that was another matter. Now here is a dead man." WHY HE DOGS THE SENATE.

There lies the trouble. The people think slowly. You know the new rate bill is a swhide on the people, so do I, but the people don't. Of course they will know it. Then up will ring the curtain again and the congressional marrionettes of the plutocracy will play another farce. But don't make any mistake; the people are thinking a lit-tle quicker now than they did a few years ago. It won't be 19 years before they see the present swindle. They will see through the one that succeeds it still more quickly."

"But, Mr. Phillips," I suggested, "don't you think these attacks on gov-ernmental institutions and on the coun-try's leading men are inopportune and will have little or no lasting effect so long as the country remains prosperous under existing conditions?"



#### SEA CAPTAIN CHARGED WITH COWARDICE.

Passengers have made startling charges against George W. MeVay, captain of the Joy Line steamer Larchmont, which sank after a collision in Long Island Sound, Feb. 11, when nearly 200 lives were lost. They say that Capt McVay displayed the greatest excitement following the disaster and left his vessel with part of his crew while many passengers struggled to get into his hoat and that he refused to take aboard several women. It is a remarkable fact that of the passengers save I none of them owe their lives to either Capt McVay or any of his crew, that only two survivors were women and that every child who was aboard the Larchmont at the time of the collision with the schooner was lost. Corrobotation of the charges of cowardice seems to have been made, and Capt. McVay may yet be called upon to stand trial for manslaughter. The report of the investigation will be submitted to the attorney general of the United States, who will take such action as seems thereby justified. Capt. McVay lives in Providence, R. I., and is one of the youngest steamship captains in the United States, being but 28 years of age.

devil.'

We Have More Paupers Than France, Yet One-Third of Our Country Has Not Been Surveyed-One Half of the Country's Wealth Goes to One Per Cent of the Population, Flat Statement of David Graham Phillips- Texas Senator Forgot The Rule of Addition, Subtraction and Silence, Says the Novelist.

the rest of them are held up before us as our leading chizens. A pack of Wall street rascals are paraded before us as our representative men! Heross of success? We have had altogether too much hero worship, and it is an encouraging sign that hero worship has at last degenerated into the ab-surdity of adoring grand become. Mean of the sector of these road agents of the freely at the same old bait. When by chance one of these road agents of commerce and politics gets into the poly of adoring grand before the sector of the sector of the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring grand before into the sector of the surdity of adoring "But, Mr. Phillips," I suggested, "don't you think these attacks on gov-ernmental institutions and on the coun-try's leading that here are inoportune and will have little or no lasting effect so long as the country remains prosperous under existing conditions?" WHERE IS THIS PROSPERITY? "Not a bit of it," he said. "It's alt very well for Shaw and these fellows to get up and shout prosperity and to fill us up with a lot of statistics about this, that and the other thing, but whet you get down to the actual facts, it's hat high prices are a more important fact than high wages. Besides, do you know that of the 18,00000 families in the United States 16,000.000 families have an income of less than \$600 a year? Well it's a fact. That's a very fine in-family on, isn't it? What's the use of

by chance one of these road agents of commerce and politics gets into trouble he goes to a sanatorium, as Depew did. There wasn't anything the matter with Depew, any more than there is with you. He was clearly ex-posed; there was great public clamor, and he thought it was a good time to hunt the cyclone cellar. So he went to a savatorium." "It don't know cellar. So he went to a savatorium." "It don't know whether it is or not. I know it's common honesty, common sense, plain out and out Americanism. I know, too, that you can't kill it by tacking an ism on to it, that condi-tions have reached that stage when something has to drop. And the soon-er the better. The discontent is bound to increase, and the people are going to win.

er the better. The discontent is bound to increase, and the people are going to win. "The absurdity of the conditions is amazing. Why, do you know that not one-third of the area of this great country, exclusive of Aluska, has even been surveyed? Have you any idea of the magnitude of its resources-the wonderful wealth we have pro-duced and that we can produce. And then do you know that we have more paupers proportionately than France has? Why should we have any pau-pers? It is disgraceful. And it shows that we have outgrown our social clothes. We need a new suit. What the name of the suit will be, doesn't matter. There's no sense in trying to ack an ism on to it to frighten us. The dynamic force of the American people will uot be dealt with in any such childish manner. Simply be-cause we have a class of legislators at Washington who know mothing whatever of the science of political economy, dust because we are gov-erred by an army of incompetents does not mean that the march of prog-ress is going to stop. They tell us we are outreaching our prosperity. How little they know of their coun-try, of its resources in skill and raw material. In ten years the prosperity which seems so wonderful will be dis-tunced. The more work there will be to do. Work produces work. The more we grow, the more there'll be to feed. the more work there will be to do. Work produces work. The more we grow, the more there'll be to feed, and the more hands and brains to de-velop still greater resources for still greater armies of population. No, we need not worry about prosperity. With a slight set-back now and then, we shall be even more and more prosper-ous. Our only difficulty will be to ar-range matters so that the people who make the prosperity shall have a just share of it.

THE MAKING OF REVOLUTIONS. "And this talk about the poor class-es being stirred up to discontent and made unruly is rot. Revolutions are not made by the ignorant poor. Not at all. Revolutions are made by the men who think and aspire, the men who burn at gross injustice to their fellow-men. The French revolution



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million or Ryan grabs ten millions? The thing that is disgusting to us is that such men are held up before us as our leading citizens, that our legislators bow to them, our church dignitaries scrape to them and they are paraded as models of success before our chil-dren in the schools to mould their lives by. And we can't stand it. That's why we tell the people. And the people are listening." right seeing.

are listening." "Would the direct election of sena-

"Would the direct election of sena-tors by the people help matters, do you think?" "It might. But not till the people have enough political sagacity to stop sending rogues to office."

"The your approve the English par-liamentary system?" "The house of lords? No. The lords is supposed to be a check on the possible radical action of the peo-ple through the commono-a safety valve for waves of popular sentiment. The result is that England is gov-erned in the interest of the leisure class. And the results-one man in every six in England is in receipt of indoor or outdoor relief, and in Lon-don one man in every four is in redon one man in every four is in re-ceipt of indoor or outdoor relief. The house of lords has been managed just as they want to manage the sen-ate here, in the interests of the land ners, and the interests of the land ners, and the franchise owners-mon-productive classes, the leeches t live on the industry of the country. owners, And then they talk about the decay England. England is just as good as FRANCE SHOWS INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE SHOWS INTELLIGENCE. "The trouble is that the people have no voice in the measures that go toward their government. And the result is a stupendous public debt, and a chaotic condition of trade. How can an idler represent a working man -yet until this year nearly all the men even in the house of commons have been idlers. They can quote a little Latin, and speak with an affected accent that is supposed to be the mark of high social standing. An idler cannot properly represent a idler cannot properly represent a worker, and the sooner we recognize the fact the better.

'And France "France is the most intelligent of nations. She leads the world in liter-

ature-the real literature-not what ) can understand it. Involved sentences is generally supposed to be the French literature—aid whatever may be said of her economics the fact re-mains that in France property is the more nearly equally divided than ft ic in any other great country. There are very few millionaires—perhaps no muid-millionaires—and there are very few paupers. Think of the United States having more paupers than France—the United States with its vast territory and its unbounded re-sources. sources. "Education of course will solve the

"Education of course will solve the problem for us. It will never be done by laws. Here we have the criminal classes. Of course we will always have a criminal class more or less, but it will be reduced by education. You and I are not prevented from being pickpockets because we know there's a law against stealing. Not at all. It's a question of right seeing.

REFORM A MENTAL MATTER.

REFORM A MENTAL MATTER. "The laws and the systems of gov-ernment are of very little conse-quence of themselves-the view of the people is the all important mat-ter. Another thing I want to suggest is this: no man can succeed if he be an optimist; and it is the same of na-tions. Pessimism is the characteristic of success. Optimism has it's home in the clouds; pessimism is right down on the ground. I don't mean that a man must not be buoyant and have faith in himself, but he must al-weys keep clearly in sight the rocks ahead. The whole of out reform is a mental matter. The people must see right. Their ideas must change. And they are changing now-they are changing rapidly. The greatest of studies is the study of the human mind. The more the human mind is studied, the better men will become." "And how is the human mind best to be studied?"

to be studied?" "Through literature--more particular-ly through the novel. The novel can be made the most perfect expression of the human mind." "Should every novel have a moral?" "Every novel is bound to have a moral. There must be men and wo-men in a novel, and something must happen--there must be action--hence a moral. It is impossible to write a novel without a moral."

DUTY OF THE NOVELIST.

DUTY OF THE NOVELIST. Mr. Phillips has just published a new novel, "The Second Generation." I asked him if any political lesson is taught in this. "None whatever." he said. "The Second Generation is a simple Ameri-can story of American life. It is a love story—a novel must be a love story. A man accumulates money— his children are growing up—he is go-ing to leave his money to the children —what is going to become of them? The Second Generation—there you have the theme—cause and effect. I believe the theme—cause and effect. I believe to tell a true story simply. The great-est thought can be put so that a child

can understand it. Involved sentences, Intricate language, passages that re-quire students of fhetoric to understand -all these things make poor literature. Writing should be prodigested. The people hate to think. The novelist's mission is to preach his work in con-centrated and simm form so that the reader absorbs + thought without effort and with a ling of entered. reader absorbs + thought without effort, and with a ling of entertain-ment. The novel he great popular teacher. But it must be predigested. Simplicity is the thing. Get into the hearts and minds of the people. When this is done consistently the people will learn-and incidentally it might be interesting to learn the source of plain old farmer Joe Cannon's right to call bimself a multi-millionaire--a right which, by the way, he strangely refrains from exercising."

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#### G. B. BURHANS TESTIFIES AFTER FOUR YEARS.

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don't run themselves all off that way; but in spite of pimples and other eruntions, they mostly remain in the system. That's bad, Hood's Sarsaparilla removes them and cures all the pahiful and disfigur-ing troubles they cause. Nothing else cleanses the system and clears the complexion like Hood's.







#### WHY HE DOGS THE SENATE.

"There is evidence a-plenty of the orrupt practises of various state leg-latures, Mr. Phillips," I said, "and et such matters seem to be passed side in favor of attack in the United attes senate. Why is this?" "Til tell you why I go after the sen-ta," he replied. "It is because all of the great highway robberies of the country are conducted, or more prop-rily pulled off through interstate com-merce and through the tariff. The sen-

ree and through the tariff. The sen-has control over all the great swin-s that are being maintained or jug-These that are being maintained or jug-gled through under the very noses of the people. Take the present rate bill. It's a farce. Of course the people don't see it yet, but they will see it. There's i joker in it, God knows how much it tost to put it there, but it's there all right. As a matter of fact the present rate bill is more futile than the inter-state commerce act of 1887, and it took the people just 18 years to find out that that bill was worse than useless.



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talking about prosperity? Where is it? Wages are good—for those that are em-ployed steadily. They are almost as high as they were 15 years ago. But prices are higher than they have been for a generation, and are high for averybody—employed, unemployed and occasionally employed. The people have Shaw's statistics, but where is the money? The grocer can't be paid with statistics. Shaw and his statistical army can talk till they're black in the face about the glorious condition of things, but the working man reads what Shaw says, and then sits back in his things, but the working man reads what Shaw says, and then sits back in his chair in wonderment; he looks at the figures, and he grows amazed—evident-ly the country is prosperous—that seems a sure thing. Then he says to him-self, Isn't it strange that with all of this prosperity, none of it came down my alley? I wonder what's the matter? A sensible man will dismiss all this clap-trap of the political heelers of the plotocracy, the Shaws, Cannons, Balleys and the like. He will look at such facts as that of the national income, one en-tire half goes to 1 per cent of the people. as that of the national income, one en-tire half goes to 1 per cent of the people. The other half goes to 39 per cent-half to 1 per cent and 99 per cent dividing among the other half. Do you suppose Shaw's polished diction and glowing after dinner oratory is going to satisfy the people when they once wake up to these facts—not at all—it is ridiculous. And the people are waking up—that is why you see the evidence of discontent everywhere. And Morgan and Rocke-feller and the rest of the rogues know it—would do well to ponder the fact that for the first time in the history of the country we have a generation that can read and write practically through-out—a generation that not only can read but does read."

THE CRIME OF TEMPTATION. "It would seem then there must be

they take it. The public can go to the

"He charme of TEMPTATION. "It would seem then there must be something wrong with the political system," was suggested. "No," said Phillips, "the system is all right. As a fact the system is not of much moment. What we need is the intelligent voter. The system of government doesn't matter—the laws don't matter. What matters is intel-ligence in the people and honesty in the men in office—the running of the government for the people, and not in the interest of a pack of robbers. "You see, there is really no good reason now why the senate should consider the people, The senators don't get their money offices from the people in most instances, but from leg-ielatures owned by railroads controlled for Wall street. Is it astonishing that public officials don't serve the pub-lic? The public chooses, as a rule, between candidates selected by cor-rupt machines. To be a candidate one must placate the plutocracy, not the people. "

people, ' "Under the present conditions, there people. '
"Under the present conditions, there
is nothing but temptation—and the
people are a great deal to blame—
there's no use denying it. Of course
this is not an excuse for grafting and
grafters: but it is an explanation of
both. The crime of tempting public
offleers by the American people is one
of the greatest crimes of the age. They
tempt them by their ignorance of condifference to theft and by their blind
partisan hero worship. Thou shalt
not tempt thy public servarf, should
be the first commandment in a republic. We don't even protect our
judges by watching them."
"Do you mean that the bench is
corrupt?"
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FACTS ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. "But all of this is muck-raking." "Yes. And isn't it strange that we never heard a word about mick-raking until we toppled over a few of these highly respected grafters in the United States senate?" continued Mr.

"The danger with the bench is not corruption so much as association. The judges are selected by machines controlled by our 'leading citizens.' The judges associate with those 'lead-ing citizens,' our principal highway robbers. Thus, they lose entirely their instinct and sense of justice and right. As for the lawyers—look at Choate— honored member of the bar—minis-ter at the Court of St. James—and the first thing he does when he comes home is to try to swindle the people out of cheap gas—the thing they had voted for, the thing they wanted, and the thing the yaid should be the law. It's the same with Boot and the rest of them—they set warped; they see through dishonest spectacles, they reach that stage where some of them actually succeed in convincing them-selves that what they are doing is right, that justice means jugglery and law means sly technicality and per-verted interpretation. "Precious little does our ruling class <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>



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