

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

GEO. H. PHILLIPS  
HAS SUSPENDED.Tangled Condition of the Books is Given by  
the Corn King as the Reason for  
the Action of the Company.

Chicago, July 1.—Board of Trade and business circles generally were startled today by the announcement that the George H. Phillips company, which became famous through its pool operation in the Chicago corn pit during the past year, had transferred all its open accounts to McKeesport & Company. It was at first rumored that a large default had been discovered in an examination of the books but this proved untrue, having its only foundation in the fact that one of the head bookkeepers was confined to his home by illness.

Lack of facilities for the proper clerical needs of the concern, which had acquired an enormous commission trade was, according to a statement given by the Associated Press by Attorney Goodwin for Mr. Phillips.

The company was incorporated in November, 1900, with a capital of \$30,000. The business grew so rapidly that in the spring of this year, the capital was increased to \$500,000, and, with that increase, came still additional increase in business, so that the office force was simply overwhelmed. We have been using the largest commission business of any house in the world, but it had recently come to the attention of the firm that the records of the transactions were not being kept in the proper shape for such deals. About a week ago expert accountants were put to work on the books, and after a week and after errors had been corrected up to that time, the books showed the firm to be absolutely solvent. On my advice, they cut off all old business at midnight—the last day of the month, and transferred all their open trades to McKeesport and every trade of the house is protected and every trade made yesterday was made at a profit for the customers. We are sending out a circular asking all our customers to send us a statement of their claims against the company, so that we may have them audited, and use them in preparing a new set of books, with the expectation that, unless something happens which does not seem probable, we shall take care of every claim and proceed with the business as heretofore. The accounts, so far, have found no evidence whatever of criminal intent, but simply mistakes, due to the immense amount of business handled with inadequate facilities for carrying thereof.

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## MESSENGER BOYS ARE SHAKEN UP

Six of Them Go Out of Service as a Result of the Shocking Disclosures Published in Last Evening's "News."

The shocking disclosures made in the "News" last evening in regard to the housing house evil in this city produced a variable sensation. Not only that, but it called forth no little indignation in the part of the public, who cannot understand why it is permitted to go unchecked. Parents generally are shocked, particularly those who come in the morning messenger service. They were not aware for one moment that in a city of things existed. The claim, however, made by the police

## DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Fred Yost Shoots and Kills a Ten-Months-Old Babe, Mortally  
Wounds Its Mother and Then Kills Himself.

Sherbourne, Minn., Aug. 1.—A double murder and a suicide occurred five miles south of here yesterday afternoon. Fred Yost, a prosperous farmer, living seven miles east of this place, was recently held to the grand jury on the charge of paternity preferred by Eliza Kunkle, who has been his housekeeper for two years. The woman was

## WORKING HARD FOR SETTLEMENT

Strike Leaders and Corporation Representatives Anxious to Come  
to a Conclusion—Growing Bitterness in Some Quarters.

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—The third session of the meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated association is on and decisive action for continued war or peace is looked for today.

President Shaffer appears to be exceedingly anxious to bring about a settlement of the controversy but it does not seem that he will be successful unless the terms of the settlement are modified. The big corporation, the operating officials of the combine are going on with their plans to start the mills. At Sherbourne the availability of operating counsel and the rapid expressions of opinion are expected to culminate seriously, should a failure at settlement be followed by an attempt on the part of the company to import additional men. The declaration was made today that immediately following a rupture in the peace negotiations new men would be imported.

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simply trying to reach a settlement which will be honorable and satisfactory to all concerned.

The strike situation at McKeesport is without change.

Last night J. W. Smith of Wellsville, Ohio, reached McKeesport and inquired for work as a roller in the W. DeWees-Wood plant. He had been in the town less than ten minutes when he was surrounded by a crowd of strikers. Prompt interference by the police averted a riot, and Smith was locked up on the charge of disorderly conduct. He declared that he did not know that a strike had been declared in McKeesport.

From early indications there will be a full attendance of the Amalgamated board at today's session. President Shaffer was on hand before 3 o'clock and Secretary Williams and Vice-President Davis who were absent yesterday, were among the first arrivals. No one not connected with the conference was permitted in the building.

LAST DAY OF DRAWING.  
Commissioners Expect to Supply All Applicants Today.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1.—A special to the Star from El Reno, O. T., says: Interest in the government land lottery will end today. The commissioners propose to draw a total of 4,000 numbers from each wheel by dusk. This will be equivalent to 12,000 numbers. Commissioner Richards said today that, beginning August 6th, 125 names in each of the El Reno and Layton land districts would be called daily for sixty days for the filling of homestead entries. Those who have not selected their land within that time will have lost their chance. It is estimated that fully one thousand in each district of the 6,000 numbers will not be taken because of homesteaders who will be disappointed, and who will leave the country. Those 2,000 claims will then be left for the wagon emigrants and others who have been in the country for months, and who have failed to draw a lucky number from the wheels.

Today's crowd was comparatively light about the wheels. The drawing opened early.

Suppressed the Captain.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The war department has taken cognizance of the published interview of Capt. Thomas F. Schley regarding the court of inquiry upon his father, Rear Admiral Schley. It is understood that the department has ordered the captain to suppress the interview and to retract the statements. It is not believed that a general order directing army officers not to talk for publication about such matters will be necessary.

Two Red Hats.

London, Aug. 1.—The Daily Express publishes an interview with Cardinal Gibbons, which it prefaces thus: "At present his is the only red hat in the United States, but in conversation with a representative of the Daily Express he intimated that the pope intended making Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Corrigan princes of the church."

Cardinal Gibbons is also represented as saying: "The pope is sure that Washington will do justice to the church in the Philippines. He regards the United States as one of the greatest strongholds of Catholicism, and it will have greater weight hereafter in Vatican councils."

"The pope is convinced that the gathering of population into towns and cities is one of the greatest menaces to religion in the nineteenth century, as rural populations are happier and healthier in body, mind and morals."

Sailed on Time.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The steamer Sierra, with the English mails for Hawaii and Australia on board, sailed on time. It was expected that she would be delayed owing to the labor troubles.

Columbia Wins Out.

Batesman's Point, Aug. 1, 3:27 p. m.—In the yacht races today the Columbia, 3:25:38, or four minutes, 31 seconds beat Columbia. In the run to the finish of ten miles, as timed from the shore, the Independence apparently gained over two minutes on the Columbia.

3:30 p. m.—The Vigilant won in the yawl class, beating the Navahoe about forty seconds.

A Valuable Winner.

London, Aug. 1.—Sir Arthur James Fortnum, (M.A.), won the Goodwood cup of £2,000 for three-year-olds and upwards, two miles and a half. Lord Elmsmere's Inquisitive, (J. H. Martin), was second, and Sir E. Cassell's Fleur D'Ele, (Buchanan), third.

MANY SOLDIERS COMING.

Kansas Will Attend Philippine Encampment in Large Numbers.

Encouraging reports have come from all over the country to those in charge of the national encampment of Philippine veterans, and the outlook is that there will be an attendance from all sections. A letter from Col. Metcalf of the Kansas volunteers shows that the soldiers from that state are enthusiastic over the gathering and that a goodly throng will be here from that state. Col. Metcalf says that from the talk among the troops there will be a large attendance of Kansans. The eastern papers are also describing considerable interest in the encampment and are giving it a deal of space. The railroads are advertising it as far east as Chicago, and are giving an excursion rate to encourage travel Salt Lakeward.

Captain Critchlow's word to word from Gen. Hale that the distinguished military man will arrive here on a special train at 10:30 p. m., Aug. 12. He will be met appropriately by a committee at the depot and everything will be done to make his stay here pleasant and memorable.

One of the big features of the encampment will be the patriotic music, which is to be held in the Tabernacle on the evening of August 12, to be taken part in by the citizens, and to be made a grand opening for the encampment. The services of Arthur Shepherd, Edward Welthe and Prof. Kalkbrenner have been secured for the instrumental selections, while the vocal music will be furnished by the Tabernacle choir. Prof. Land and Miss Arilla Clark, besides this there will be a number of speeches made by prominent citizens and soldiers and it will be, in all, an auspicious opening for the week of reminiscences.

SAMUEL JONES DIES.

Young Man from Sunnyside Succumbs to Appendicitis at St. Mark's.

Samuel Jones, who was brought to this city from Sunnyside a few days ago, suffering from appendicitis, and who was operated upon at St. Mark's hospital last Tuesday, died last night. The disease had become too aggravated before he was operated upon.

The remains will be shipped to Wellington, near Price, by Tuesday evening, by Joseph E. Taylor, over the Rio Grande Western. The father of the deceased lives at Wellington.

DENY REQUEST  
OF MR. SCHLEY.Language of Fifth Specification to  
be Modified.

## THE LETTERS THAT PASSED

Paragraph Charges a Disobedience of  
Department's Orders on May  
25, 1898.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The navy department has refused to accede to Admiral Schley's suggestion that the language in the fifth specification of the precept to the court of inquiry be modified.

The admiral in his letter challenges that specification, which states as a fact that he had disobeyed orders and suggested that it be modified. The department in its reply declines to make the suggested modification on the ground that according to the official records Schley himself acknowledged that he had disobeyed orders. The disobedience of orders was an established fact, whether unwillingly or willingly.

The following are the letters that have passed between Admiral Schley and the navy department respecting the precept.

Great Neck, N. Y., July 27, 1898.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the department's communication of July 25, enclosing a copy of an order "convening pursuant to the request contained in (my) communication of the 22nd instant, a court of inquiry."

Inasmuch as the court is directed to "investigate and report upon the alleged report of a 'full and detailed statement' of all the pertinent facts which it may be deemed to be established, together with its opinion and recommendation in the premises," I would respectfully suggest to the department that paragraph five of the department's precept, which is as follows, viz:

"The circumstances attending and the reasons for the disobedience by Commodore Schley of the orders of the department contained in its dispatch dated May 15, 1898, and the propriety of his conduct in the premises," be modified so as to omit the department's expression of opinion and thus leave the court free to express its own opinion in that matter."

Very respectfully,  
W. S. SCHLEY, Rear Admiral.

Hon. Jno. D. Long, Secy. of the Navy,  
Navy Department, Washington, Aug. 1, 1898.

Sir: The department has received your letter of the 27th ultimo in which you request a court of inquiry to investigate your conduct during the war with Spain, and suggesting that paragraph 5 of said order, directing the court to inquire into the circumstances attending and the reasons for the disobedience by Commodore Schley of the orders of the department," etc., be modified so as to omit the department's expression of opinion and thus leave the court free to express its own opinion in that matter.

In reply you are advised that the precept calls for an inquiry by the court and the ascertainment of pertinent facts. For the purpose of settling on foot this inquiry, the precept treats certain matters as established such as the arrival of the "flying squadron" off Cienfuegos and off Santiago, the retrograde movement, seaward, the turn of the Brooklyn on July 3, 1898, and the fact that you disobeyed orders as reported by you in your telegram dated Kingston, May 28, 1898, in which you say: "Much to my regret, I cannot obey the orders of the department."

Inasmuch, however, as it is the department's purpose that the court shall be absolutely free to report, if such shall be found to be the case, that you did not willfully disobey orders, and that you were justified in disobeying them and that this may be clearly understood, your letter of the 27th ultimo, with copy of this reply, will be duly forwarded to the court.

Very respectfully,  
F. W. HACKETT,  
Acting Secretary.

Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, U. S. N., Great Neck, N. Y.

Attempt to Settle.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The strike situation remains unchanged this morning. No trouble of any kind has taken place and the police do not expect any serious disturbances today. A meeting has been called for today by the mayor and the situation will be canvassed with a view to settling the labor difficulties in this city.

Large Prune Sales.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 1.—The Cured Fruit association reports large sale of prunes at 3 cents per pound and upwards.

The officers state that a dividend of \$350,000 will be declared within ten days, and they are assured that the old crop will be disposed of before the new crop is cured. The fruit remaining unsold is valued at a million dollars.

Boers Are Broken.

New York, Aug. 1.—The military situation is slowly but surely improving for British clearance operations, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. Various columns are emptying one district after another and the Boer bands are now decimated by the slaughter and capture of stragglers. It is estimated that the British are feeding 35,000 prisoners and nearly 30,000 refugees.

To Convince Washington.

New York, Aug. 1.—According to the Herald, members of the merchants' union will start an active campaign with the view of convincing the Washington authorities of the industrial needs of Cuba, and that there need be no alarm on the part of American sugar and tobacco growers because of the proposed concessions on the Cuban products.

Violent Against Foreigners.

Canton, August 1.—Violent anti-foreign placards came from the Boxers, have been posted in the vicinity of the Christian churches. The placards protest against the imposition of the house tax, saying it is only exacted in order to meet and possibly to be paid to the powers and proceeds.

"If money can be obtained why not make war on the foreigners? China is not yet defeated. It is only the govern-

ment's eyes which are blinded by disloyal ministers. If we refuse to fight then it is a case of being grovelly to live, yet fearing death. How can we except against foreigners? How can we otherwise employ our regiments? During 1901 much money will be collected through lotteries, gambling and general taxes. But they were never satisfied. Therefore, should the house tax be collected we will demolish the churches and drive out the Christians. If the emperor is unable to pay we, Boxers, have an excellent plan to gain a victory over the foreigners. Unless this policy is adopted a great rebellion is certain."

Pardon for Sheridan.

New York, Aug. 1.—George H. Holt, well known in banking circles in this city, as a member of the firm of George H. Holt & Co., is dead at his home at Great Neck, L. I. He was 59 years of age.

Defeated Revolutionists.

Havana, Aug. 1.—It is expected that the military governor will grant a full pardon to John Sheridan, convicted of misappropriation of Cuban postal funds. The secretary of justice has reported favorably upon his application for clemency.

Fighting at Colon.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 1.—The British steamer Texan, Captain Lund, from Liverpool, July 15 for this port, by way of Colon, has arrived here and brings confirmation of the reports of the severe fighting along the railroad ten miles out of Colon on Sunday and Monday last. The rebels attacked the government troops with determination and forced the latter back. When the steamer left there was great excitement among the residents of Colon, who were leaving that city in alarm. The Colombian government has found it impossible to get a crew for the gunboat Namouna, but is placing guns on board of her. Her English and American crew have deserted to a man.

The Country's Temperature.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Temperatures at 7 a. m.: New York, 70; Boston, 72; Philadelphia, 74; Washington, 72; Chicago, 68; Minneapolis, 60; Cincinnati, 66; St. Louis, 70.

Steamers Arrival.

New York, Aug. 1.—Arrived: Deutchland, Hamburg; State of Nebraska, Glasgow.

DEL VECCHIO HELD.

Must Answer in the District Court for the Charge.

The preliminary hearing of Vedo Del Vecchio, charged with criminally assaulting Miss Bertha Westlund on Sunday night, July 21st, was concluded in Judge Timmony's court late yesterday afternoon, and the defendant was bound over to the district court, his bonds being fixed at \$5,000, which was secured by a note on the Commercial Union bank, and a check for \$1,000 sent back to the county jail. The witnesses examined yesterday were Miss Westlund and Officer Pack. Attorney Truman of the defense, subjected Miss Westlund to a rigid cross-examination, but her testimony was unshaken and the accused was held.

TWO ARRESTS AT OGDEN.

One for Stealing Bicycle, the Other for Selling Liquor to Minors.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Aug. 1.—George Taylor, a bartender in the Vanderhef saloon was arraigned before Justice H. C. Wardle this morning charged with selling liquor to minors. John W. Taylor upon whose complaint the warrant was issued said that the saloon man sold liquor to Johnny Jarvis a six-year-old boy. He pleaded not guilty and his hearing will come up Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock. In the meantime he has been permitted to go on his own recognizance.

Louis Trunkhlin was arrested by Detective Pender this morning charged with having stolen a bicycle belonging to Harry Ford. He had a hearing before Justice Joseph Hall and was held over to the district court.

WILL MEET TONIGHT.

Elks' Carnival Queen Has Not Yet Been Chosen, Says Stoll.

There will be a joint session tonight of the executive committee, the finance committee and the program committee for the Elks' Street Fair and Carnival. Plans will be discussed and propositions advanced for the solution of the many problems confronting the street fair management. The choosing of a queen may also occupy some attention. The statement given currency by one of the morning papers that she had already been chosen is denied by Captain Stoll. He said today that her majesty had not yet been selected, but it would be only a short time before she would be.

The Elks intend to make their parade a big feature during the carnival week, and if their plans for glowing pageants materialize—and it seems that they will—Salt Lakers and those who come to the city for the fair will see something a little better than they have ever seen before. On Saturday evening, Sept. 4, there will be an electrical parade, on Monday evening, a pyrotechnical parade, in which all kinds of fireworks will be set off, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18, merchants' civic, fraternal, National Guardsmen parade; on Friday, Sept. 20, Elks' Purple day, with an electrical parade in the evening; on Saturday, Sept. 21, Traveling Men's parade, with over a thousand knights of the grip in line. The electrical colors within the enclosure will be purple and white.

Communications were received today from Judge No. 456, Lewistown, Montana, and from Judge No. 557, Central City, Colo., stating that a large delegation from both of those judges will be present on Purple Day.

The queen, when she is chosen, will be empowered to appoint 200 made of honor from these towns: Ogden, Brigham City, Logan, Pocatello, Provo, Butte, Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Rawlins, Evanston, Pueblo, Denver, Colorado Springs, Boulder, Trinidad.

SALT LAKE PENSIONS.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—Pensions granted: Increase, William S. Park, Salt Lake City, \$3. War with Spain: Widow, Tillie Twigg, Salt Lake City, \$12.

SALT LAKE POST  
OFFICE ROBBED.Smooth and Daring Thief Carries Off Registered Mail Matter and Makes  
Good His Escape.

A daring thief tampered boldly with the United States mail service at about 10:30 o'clock last night, and made his escape. Eleven pieces of registered mail went with him, the value being unknown. A careful search made this morning by Postmaster Thomas and the police resulted in the discovery of evidence to show that the theft was committed by someone outside of the postoffice, and presumably by one who has for some time been watching his chance. No clues were found, however, which would lead to the discovery of the robber. He disappeared and left no trace of the direction he took.

At the southwest corner of the postoffice, there is a basement window without a screen, the only window along the row that is unprotected. At about 10 o'clock last night, S. H. Reeves, the night mail clerk, was working by this window. The night messenger brought in a package of registered mail, and handed it to Reeves. The night clerk received for the bundle, and without untying it, tossed it into a cupboard at his left elbow, pushing the door to. He was in a hurry to get the outgoing mail in the hands of the messenger.

To do this he was required to go upstairs. In less than twenty minutes he returned. His first thought was for the package of registered mail, which he was going to put in the safe. He reached for it, but it was gone. No one had been near that corner from inside the postoffice. Reeves was positive. He called Clerk L. A. Billings from another part of the office, and they made a hasty examination together, particularly of the corner in which Reeves was working.

In front of the cupboard where Reeves had left the package a leather pocket case about eight inches long was found. Neither clerk remembered ever having seen it before. It contained neither papers, cards, names or initials. The window above was in its normal position, about eighteen inches out of the horizontal, and easily allowing for the entrance of a man.

Mr. Billings ran out of the postoffice and around the alley which leads out onto Pierpont avenue, the street upon which the High school is situated. At about fifteen feet from Reeves' window, he found a registry return card and a lading slip, showing that the man opened the package before he left the alley. The card found showed that the letter which accompanied it was sent to J. H. Harrison, Peoria, Ill., and was addressed to Miss Etta Langstaff of Salt Lake.

Postmaster Thomas' view of the matter is that the robbery was undoubtedly committed by some one from the outside, and by someone who had been hanging around long enough to know where and when would be his chance. An inspection of the premises this morning showed that it would have been the easiest thing in the world for a man to have hidden behind the window, where it was dark, until Mr. Reeves went up stairs, and then to have slid down into the basement, and, getting the package, to have made a hurried escape. Fifteen minutes before the theft was discovered. Not for a minute does the postmaster suspect anyone from inside the office, not alone because he has implicit trust in every one of the employees, but because everything points to the robbery having been made from the outside.

A most careful search was made of this place this morning by Postmaster Thomas, accompanied by a "News" reporter. In the alleyway, where Mr. Billings found the return card and the lading slip, the torn cover of a registered package was found, addressed to the postmaster of this city. It was crumpled and looked as though it had been opened hurriedly. In the back-yard of Scott-Strevell warehouse, a few doors west from the postoffice, there was found a few old pieces of newspapers, and some broken bread. The place looked very much as if some tramps had been camping there for a few nights at least. The fact that some of the sheet iron on the fence had been removed, making a hole big enough for a man to come through into the alley, was a natural deduction is that the robbery was committed by a man who had been hanging around the place for some time.

The evidence of certain employees points in this direction, also. One of the messengers said that between nine and ten o'clock last night he saw what appeared to be a dog skulking along the alleyway. Out of curiosity, he picked up a rock and threw it in the direction of the moving object, which straightened up into a man and walked hurriedly away. Another employee also saw a man hanging around the alley earlier in the evening.

The men working in the Scott-Strevell warehouse told Postmaster Thomas this morning that when they left last night, they closed and barred the large gate, separating their back yard from the alleyway. This morning it was open, and the wire with which the bar was bound was broken. It was reported also to the postmaster that a few days ago there were some small thefts from offices in the Dooly block and that a couple of nights ago a trunk in the basement of that building had been broken into and some things taken. Mr. Thomas is inclined to think that the man who committed those thefts knows something about the postoffice robbery of last night.

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