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## GEO. W. PERKINS FINALLY ARRESTED ON CHARGE GRAND LARCENY 1ST DEGREE

Former Vice-President New York Life in Hands of the Law. Before An Argument Counsel Secured Write of Habeas Corpus.

Perkins Arrested by a Detective Proceeding Will go Directly to the State Supreme Court. Perkins Says is not Committed by Judgment of Any Tribunal.

By Associated Press. New York, March 28.—George W. Perkins, formerly vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company was arrested on a warrant charging grand larceny in the first degree.

The warrant was issued by Magistrate Joseph Moss. Before he was arraigned his counsel applied to Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus directing the production of Perkins before Justice Greenbaum. The writ was granted.

This proceeding takes the case from the jurisdiction of the magistrate and carries it directly to the Supreme Court, which, however, is not the highest court in the State, there being the appellate division and court of appeals still higher, to which the case might be appealed.

Perkins was arrested by a detective from the office of the District Attorney. Magistrate Moss adjourned his court at noon. He said he was waiting for Perkins to be brought before that court but he had not appeared.

In the position which Perkins asked for a writ of habeas corpus he declared he is "imprisoned and restrained of his liberty" by a detective, and that he is not committed by the judgment of any tribunal.

The date named in the warrant is the date brought out in the Armstrong investigation, in which Perkins was reimbursed from funds of the New York Life Insurance Company for the payment of \$48,702 to the Republican National Committee as the contribution of the New York Life to the Republican Presidential campaign fund in 1904.

When Perkins appeared before Justice Greenbaum his counsel asked leave to demur to the writ, and that argument be postponed. Justice Greenbaum agreed and the argument upon the writ was postponed until Friday.

In his petition Perkins declared also his imprisonment and restraint are illegal and the warrant is void in that no evidence of any crime or act justifying his arrest had been submitted to Magistrate Moss and the magistrate was without jurisdiction to issue a warrant.

In his argument counsel for Perkins declared the by-laws of the New York Life Insurance Company permitted President McCall to make the political contribution alleged and he submitted it to the finance committee of the company which approved of it.

Perkins was paroled in custody of his counsel. In asking for a postponement of the case counsel for Perkins declared the offence charged was purely technical.

He said the payment of \$48,702 by Perkins to Bliss in 1904 had been authorized by John A. McCall former president of the New York Life Insurance Company.

### CHARLOTTE CO. INCREASES.

Carolina Mfg. Co. Will Have \$50,000 Capital—Commercial Club Increases Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott has gone to Fayetteville at the request of citizens to investigate the origin of the big fire that recently did so much damage there.

The Carolina Mfg. Co., of Charlotte, J. H. Weddington, president, increases its capital by authority of the Secretary of State to \$50,000. The Guilford Plaster Co., of Greensboro, changes its name to Guilford Plaster and Cement Company. It increases its capital from \$10,000 to \$20,000. J. H. Witt is president. A charter is issued for the Sylvia Lumber and Manufacturing Co., Jackson, capital \$15,000.

The Industrial Club of Raleigh last night passed a resolution appointing a committee to take steps toward securing for Raleigh the next State Democratic convention. The State executive committee meets here next month to select the time and place and in the meantime the claims of Raleigh are to be pressed on the committee.

The club passed a resolution joining with the chamber of commerce in extending to the officials of the Seaboard Air Line an invitation to locate their general offices here instead of rebuilding them in Portsmouth.

The club passed a resolution to join with the chamber of commerce, the woman's club, the trustees of the Rex Hospital and Raleigh medical association in a movement for providing Raleigh with a thoroughly up-to-date and adequate hospital for white people. At present Raleigh has almost twice the equipment for treating negro patients than for whites.

County Superintendent W. W. Ragsdale of Pitt county public schools has accepted an invitation to deliver the response to the address of welcome for the opening of the North Carolina Teachers assembly in this city June 12 to 15. The welcome on the part of the city will be by Mr. Joseph G. Brown.

State Treasurer B. R. Laey was to return to Raleigh from Arizona April 1, but at the urgent request of Gov. Glenn and other State officials he will remain here until the weather conditions here are more settled.

Governor Glenn left last night for a trip to the western part of the State to return to Raleigh Friday. He will address the farmers of Cabarrus county at Concord and will also speak at Newton while en route.

The Supreme Court last evening delivered opinions in eight appeals all of them being from counties in the southeastern part of the State. The following are the opinions just delivered: Ballard vs. Hollingsworth, Cumberland, affirmed; West vs. Railroad, Cumberland, affirmed; Ballard vs. Edwards, Robeson, affirmed; Williams vs. Railroad, Duplin, affirmed; Mayers vs. McKimmon, Robeson; new trial; Smith vs. French, Craven new trial in both appeals; Porter vs. Telegraph Co., Columbus, affirmed.

### SIX ITALIANS SLAIN.

Believed To Have Been Work of Mafia. Mysterious Tenement Affair. By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Minn., March 28.—The bodies of six Italian laborers were found in a room at 218 Tenth Avenue, South, this morning.

Twelve men, it is reported, engaged in a fight. The police found the bodies of four men literally stabbed to pieces, lying in pools of blood. The bodies of two others were found in the cellar.

The building was a lodging house and was rented to nine Italians. It is believed that nine men constituted a "Mafia," or Black Hand, organization. They brought three others to the lodging last night.

After midnight six men were seen to leave the house. The murderers had evidently let the injured bleed to death for the wounds were not deep, but rather long slashes. Revenge for some wrong must have been the motive, for the bodies were horribly and evidently systematically cut. The faces were mutilated.

The police believe the victims were lured to the spot and told they must die. A fight ensued and not only three victims but three assailants were killed. Nine hundred dollars in money and a check for \$273 were found in the house.

### WAGE SCALE IN BALANCES.

Bituminous Coal Operators And Miners of Central District. By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, March 28.—The joint conference of the Bituminous Coal Operators and the Miners of the Central District met in what was generally understood to be a final effort to reach an agreement on the wage scale in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania.

North Carolina Postmasters. By Associated Press.

Washington, March 28.—Fourth class Postmasters appointed: Florida, Kanapaha, Thomas J. Swearingen; Pasadena, Pauline L. Murrhead; Georgia, Seville, James N. Dorniny; North Carolina, Ringwood, Carey A. Williams; Spring Creek, Clarence A. Ferguson; Wadesville, Laura J. Hurley; Winthrop Mills, Lennie F. McCabe; Zephyr Mary A. Snow; South Carolina, Lodge, James E. Folk.

## SHOT TWO PEOPLE THEN HE SUICIDED

Jealous Texan Used Pistol on Sweetheart and her Companion and Then Killed Himself. Couple will Probably Recover from Wounds.

By Associated Press. Dallas, Tex., March 28.—Will T. Walker, of Ardmore, I. T., shot Grover Record and Miss Myrtle Smith last night as they were returning from a skating rink, and then killed himself. It is believed Record and Miss Smith will recover.

The men had both been going to see Miss Smith but had been friendly in their rivalry. Miss Smith refused to skate with Walker at a roller rink. Walker was a railroad man.

### CHARLOTTE WATER GOOD.

Monthly Analysis Shows Water To Be In a Splendid Condition.

A report on the analysis of the city water supply has been received. The North Carolina Board of Health at Raleigh, in addition to the tabulated report, shows that the water is in a splendid condition. There is no trace of impurities in it. An analysis of the water is made monthly at Raleigh and every three months by Pennington and Brown, at Baltimore.

### Crisp's Testimony Read.

Savannah, March 28.—The testimony of Frederick Crisp, son of the late Charles F. Crisp, speaker of the house of representatives, was read in the Green and Gaynor case, after court had overruled the government objection. Crisp's evidence related to the character of the work done by Green and Gaynor which he had seen as inspector. He denied that the mattresses were full of holes.

### New Battleship Given Trial.

Rockland Me., March 28.—The new battleship, New Jersey was given an official standardization trial on the Owl Head mile course. The contract requires a speed of 19 knots.

### Insurance Bill in Albany.

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—The insurance bill postponing the Mutual Insurance election until November 15, was passed in the Senate today unanimously.

### DR. TAIT BUTLER HERE.

State Veterinarian Here in The Interest of the Milk Ordinance. Dr. Tait Butler, of Raleigh, State veterinarian, arrived in the city this morning and will spend a few days here in the interest of the milk inspection movement. He will help to put things on a practical basis and offer his services in any other way he can to bring about an understanding between the dairymen and alderman.

Married at Matthews. Mr. J. C. Helms, a well known Confederate veteran, was married to Miss Minnie Allen by Squire J. Watt Hood, last Monday at Matthews. The bridegroom is 75 and the bride is just 20.

## FOR A COMPROMISE OF STATEHOOD BILL PEOPLE TO DECIDE

That Senate and House will Reach Compromise Agreement Seems Certain. Admit Arizona and New Mexico Only Upon Choice of the People.

The Foraker Amendment Permitting a Separate Vote is Now Generally Favored to Replace Original House Bill. Separate Vote.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 28.—That the Senate and House will reach a compromise agreement on the Statehood Bill, which will permit Arizona and New Mexico each to decide for themselves the question of their admission as one State seems the correct conclusion from the present indications. Inquiry among Senators who oppose the original House bill, indicates they will accept the Foraker compromise permitting a separate vote.

### WIRELESS MESSAGE ACROSS SEA.

Boatswain With Drydock Dewey Ordered Eye-Glasses and They Beat Him to Gibraltar.

Norfolk, Va., March 28.—A letter received here yesterday from E. M. Isaac, chief boatswain on the collier Glacier, accompanying the drydock Dewey expedition, tells of remarkable wireless telegraphy feats accomplished by the apparatus on the Glacier and says these are now the talk of the British navy ships, which were met by the expedition in the Canary Islands. Boatswain Isaac tells how on January 31, with the Glacier 1,100 miles from Cape Hatteras, he sent a message ordering a pair of eye-glasses to take the place of broken ones, the glasses reaching him in the Canaries via Gibraltar. Isaac says he thinks this is the longest distance on record of the transmission of a private message by wireless and adds that the wireless work on the Glacier "has certainly not been equalled before for consistent results."

### TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Were Fighting Fire at Colliery—Bodies Found Today. By Associated Press.

Seranton, Pa., March 28.—George Barney and George Jackson were burned to death last night while fighting fire at the Dodge Colliery. The bodies were found today.

### Day Nursery Meeting.

There will be an important meeting of the board of directors of the Charlotte Day Nursery Association tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Carnegie library. The meeting will be of a business nature and as several matters of importance will be considered, all members are urged to be present.

### OPPOSES SPELLING REFORM.

President Eliot, of Harvard, Not a Disciple of Carnegie. Boston, Mass., March 28.—The movement for spelling reform, which is to be financed by Andrew Carnegie, will not have the backing of Harvard University. Asked his opinion of the movement, President Eliot stated: "I have seen some of President Butler's suggestions for a simplified spelling, and I do not like them. 'No, I do not use any of the simplified spellings, such as the word catalogue without the final 'ue,' I have taken no active interest in any of the movements in this direction. They have not appealed to me. 'I do not know what is meant by the reference to 'twelve words which scholarly men have accepted.' I do not know what words are referred to. 'I stick to the old-fashioned way of spelling; I think it suits me better in my generation.'"

### BRODIE L. DUKE HAS SECURED A DIVORCE

From Alice Webb Duke, his wife. Case in New York Court Today. Only Plaintiff's Witnesses were Examined. Sensation Ended.

By Associated Press. New York, March 28.—Brodie L. Duke, of Durham, N. C., a relative of the president of the American Tobacco Company, was granted a divorce from his wife, Alice Webb Duke, whom he married in this city on December 19, 1904.

When the case was called yesterday counsel for Mrs. Duke did not appear and witnesses were examined for the plaintiff. Justice Blanchard ordered a sealed verdict, which was returned today. Duke's marriage to Alice Webb was followed by a series of sensational events in which an unsuccessful effort was made by relatives of Duke to have him placed in an asylum.

### DOUGLAS OLDS DEAD.

Passed Away Early Today at Southern Pine—Burial in Raleigh. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—News received this morning from Col. F. A. Olds, the Raleigh newspaper correspondent says that his son Douglas Olds, died at Southern Pines early this morning.

The remains will be brought here for burial. Col. Olds spent the past two months or more with his son at various cattle ranches in Texas and in the hope of improving his health, brought him to Southern Pines last week.

He had tuberculosis of the throat. He was 18 years old and spent the past several years with an older brother, Fred Olds, at Waco, Texas.

### MORMON HYMN?

Smoot Hearing Develops Teacher Who Believes in Polygamy.

Washington, March 28.—"Yankee Doodle," according to the testimony given at an interesting session of the Senate committee investigation Senator Smoot, is a religious melody and is in the hymnals used by Sunday schools of the Mormon Church. "Mormon revelation," which intensely amuses the ladies who are present at the hearing today in fine feathers, robes and perfumes, was that the president of the Brigham Young College believes in "plural marriages," but he does not teach the doctrine in his classes—at least he says so.

The witness from whom this peculiar testimony was extracted was James H. Linford, president of the Brigham Young College at Lago, who teaches 800 pupils. Dr. Linford declares under oath that he believes in plural marriages.

In connection with the appearance of "Yankee Doodle" in the Mormon hymn book, it was developed that "America" and the "Star-Spangled Banner" are also listed, but the hymn book itself, which was in court, told a funny story. The book was of date 1905 and Attorney Carlisle made the point that these patriotic melodies had been put in since the beginning of the Smoot trial. The evident effect of Mr. Carlisle was to show that the Sunday-school teachers and pupils got patriotic and loyal to the Government when the Senate began to investigate Smoot.

### THE RY. RATE BILL AGAIN DISCUSSED

House Adopts Tawney Special Rule. Age Limit of Government Employees Omitted. Tillman's Daily Complaint of Discrimination in Rate Bill.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 28.—The committee on rules reported favorably to the house the special rule introduced by Tawney yesterday providing for the elimination of points of order against the legislative appropriation bill and restoring paragraphs heretofore stricken out. The age limit provision for government employees is omitted from its operation.

### STATESVILLE FIRE.

Several Buildings Burned And \$50,000 Damage Done. Special to The News.

Statesville, March 28.—This city suffered from a destructive fire last night. The fire broke out about seven o'clock and for more than two hours burned rapidly and fiercely, and it seemed for a while that the local fire department would be unable to cope with the flames. But after an hours fight they succeeded in gaining control. Help was ordered from Salisbury but when it arrived the flames were already subdued. Charlotte and Spencer also offered to send help but it was not needed.

The total loss will aggregate \$50,000 the loss on buildings being \$200,000. Some of those who lost by the fire are the following named: Lozenby-Montgomery Hardware Co. Wilson's tailor shop, Leroy's photograph gallery, W. P. McLean, grocer, J. N. Lampecht's plumbing shop, P. C. Carlton's insurance office, the public library, Fry & Phifer, general merchants, Mrs. M. L. Gunn and Dr. J. J. Mott, buildings.

### The Rule Was Adopted.

Senator Daniels, presented in the senate an amendment to the rate bill making railroads liable for damage to employees.

Senator Tillman presented his daily Complaint of Discrimination by railroad companies. The complaint was against the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad Company and Hocking Valley Road in West Virginia, which it was declared, had prevented the development of other mines than their own.

Knox addressed the senate on the rate bill.

### Repairing the Ceiling.

A net work of scaffolding is being erected in the general waiting room of the Southern's new station in order that some large cracks in the wood work of the ceiling may be concealed. The cracks were caused by expansion of the material brought on by heat and are plainly noticeable. While the cost of concealing the cracks would be insignificant, probably costing not more than \$5, at least \$50 will have to be expended erecting the scaffolding to the high ceiling.

### To Inspect City Mail Routes.

Mr. W. J. Marles, postoffice inspector of the Fourth district, will arrive in the city tonight and will inspect the city routes. He comes mainly to inspect the new route in the southern portion of the city which was recently recommended by Postmaster Smith. The routes in the southern section of the city have been redistricted and all of these will be inspected.

### Suit Against Highland Park.

Through his attorneys W. F. Harding and Burwell & Canstler, Irvie Martin has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against the Highland Park Manufacturing Company.

The suit is brought in the name of W. T. Martin, father of the young man. Martin, while employed by the above-named company, had one of his arms cut off in a piece of machinery. W. T. Martin, father of the young man, has also brought suit against the company for his boy's services during the time he has been incapacitated for work.

## AN \$800,000 FIRE DEVASTATED JOHNSTOWN EARLY THIS MORNING. ONE FATALLY HURT

### THE RURAL ROUTES.

Inspector Hershberger Here to Look Over Charlotte's Rural Routes.

Mr. D. M. Hershberger has been sent to Charlotte by the post office department of Washington to inspect all the rural routes in the Fourth district. He has just completed the routes going out of Huntersville and Davidson and is at present working on those around Kings Mountain and Grover. He will commence Monday morning on the 12 routes leading out from Charlotte.

The great army of rural free delivery carriers all over the country are a great expense to the government and the cost of operating the thousands of routes amounts to several million dollars annually. In this enormous cost a great deal may be saved by economy and an occasional inspection of the routes whereby changes may be made and the routes placed on a paying basis. Such is Mr. Hershberger's business. He is carefully going over the routes making changes where they are necessary, which means that every route, if possible will be placed on a paying basis. Should he find a route where the number of mailable articles handed by one carrier is less than 2,000 per month, the number of deliveries will be cut down to every other day, or the route may be merged into another.

Postmaster Smith stated to a News man this morning that the 12 routes operated from the Charlotte office were all on a paying basis and none of them would be affected by their inspection.

Another important change in postoffice circles will be the continuance, beginning the first day of April, of the monthly reports of the rural free delivery carriers which were discontinued the first of last January. The department at Washington finds that the daily records of business, the counting of all articles of mail handled by the rural carriers, is necessary, mainly in order that the inspector may know just what each route is doing. This means more work to the local postoffice force and additional clerks in every post office at a great expense to keep the records of all the business done by the carriers. Investigation, however, shows that it is economical, mainly because it may be seen at all times just what each route is doing and in this way keep them on a paying basis.

### Examination in Progress.

More than 30 applicants reported at the postoffice this morning to stand the civil service examination for departmental and railway postal clerks. Mr. L. H. Fisher, secretary of the Fourth district, came here from Washington to conduct the examination, which would otherwise have been conducted by the local civil service board which is composed of Messrs. W. G. Erwin, C. M. Setzer and Charles F. Alexander. The applicants for the positions are from Statesville, Davidson, Gastonia and other towns in this district, while a number are from Charlotte.

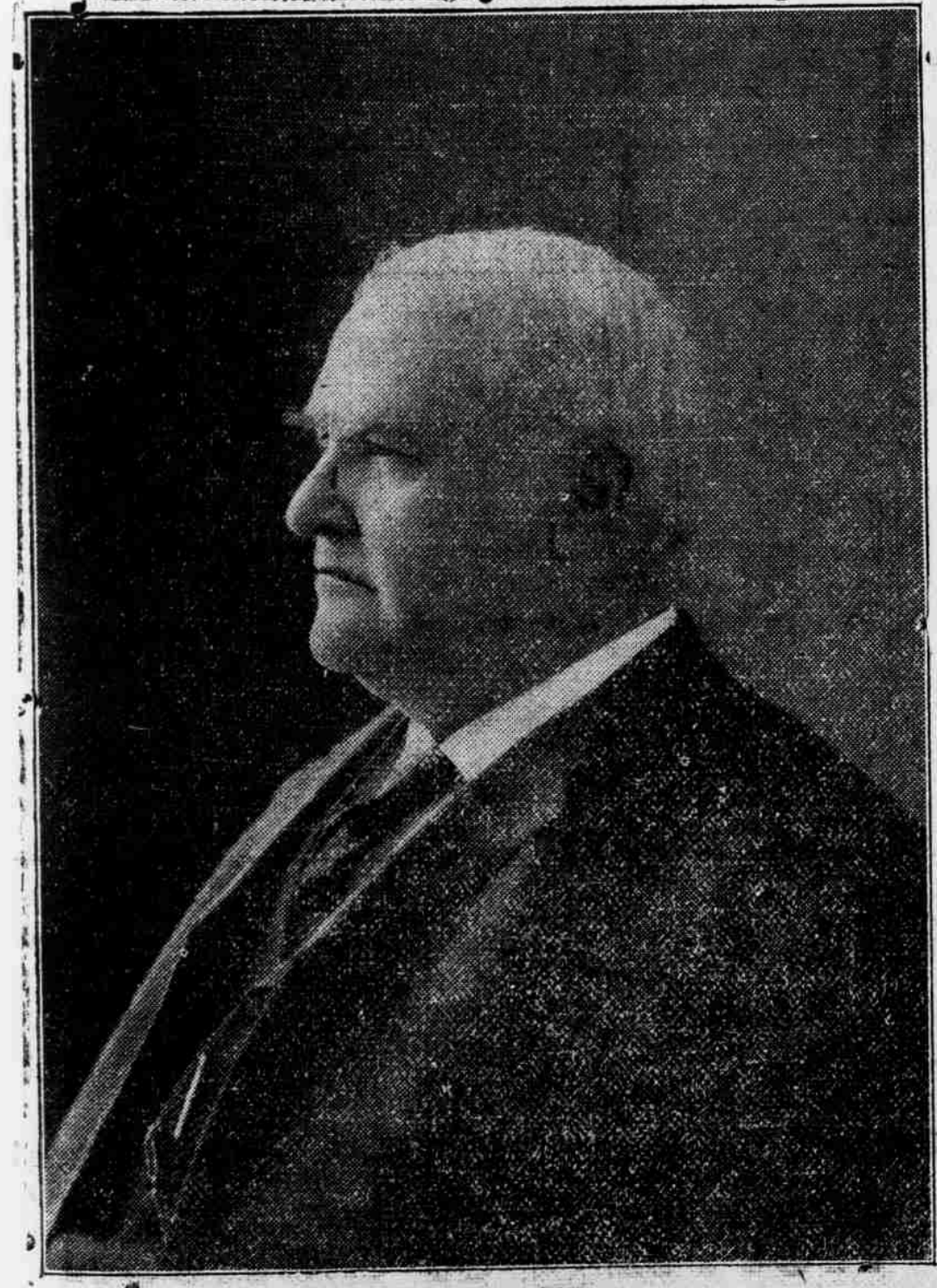
The next civil service examination at the postoffice will be held Wednesday, April 4th, for clerks and carriers. The examination will be held by Mr. W. G. Erwin.

### GIRL WELCOMES DEATH.

Spanish Inquisition Tame Compared With What Young Assassin Suffered. Moscow, March 28.—M. Testinko, council for Mlle. Spiridonova, the seventeen-year-old girl who shot M. Luzhenofsky, Chief of the Secret Police at Tomboff, has returned here from Tomboff, where his client was found guilty of the charges brought against her.

He declares that the tortures of the Spanish Inquisition were tame when compared with the cruelty to which Mlle. Spiridonova has been subjected. He gives a thrilling account of her proud and spirited speech to the judges who condemned her. She told them that the victory of the oppressor of the people would not be short-lived; she added:

—Mr. Charles H. Shull, formerly a Charlotte citizen, but for some time a resident of Shelby, has become interested in the Lincoln Journal.



SENATOR S. B. ELKINS.

West Virginians Say Their Senator is Controlled by Railroads of the Country.



GEORGE W. PERKINS.

Who Was To-day arrested Charged With Grand Larceny in the First Degree.