

George W. Perkins Called Before The Probing Committee

Chairman Stanley of Steel Investigating Committee Insisted that he Answer Questions Relating to His Part in Campaign Contributions.

Tells of Morgan's Influence in Steel Trust Affairs—Steel Probe Enlivened by Interesting Testimony.

Washington, Aug. 8.—George W. Perkins and the House committee of inquiry into the United States Steel Corporation were docked today at the persistence of Chairman Stanley, of the committee, that the witness should answer questions relating to his participation in campaign contributions.

George W. Perkins, director of the United States Steel Corporation, former chairman of its finance committee, and formerly a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., appeared today before the House committee of inquiry into the steel corporation. At the outset counsel Lindabury for the steel corporation, said he would submit the names of scientists who held that the United States Steel Corporation has no monopoly of the available ores in the Birmingham district.

"There has been testimony here that the steel corporation controlled from sixty to seventy-five per cent of the Birmingham reserved ores," said Mr. Lindabury. "We have information from various scientists who insist that our holdings are not more than 17 per cent and we wish the committee would hear more of them."

Chairman Stanley said the committee would welcome reliable testimony.

"My mind is as open on that question as it was when I thought the steel corporation had a monopoly of coking coal of the country," said the chairman.

When the examination of Mr. Perkins began, Chairman Stanley asked that if at the time of the organization of the United States Steel Corporation, he was a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

"No, sir, I was not," said Mr. Perkins.

"I became a member of the Morgan firm shortly after that."

"Do you remember having a conference with Grant B. Schley in Mr. Morgan's library in November, 1907?"

"Yes, the question of rendering assistance to Mr. Schley's firm had been under discussion for several days. It was apparent that the only thing that would save Mr. Schley from failure on the following Monday was for someone to render him financial assistance. One difficulty with Moore and Schley was that they had a large amount of Tennessee Coal & Iron stock in their loans, some of them old and time loans, that were just maturing."

"What inducement did Schley give you to take over the Tennessee Coal & Iron?"

"He didn't induce the United States Steel Corporation to do anything. It was any part in a stern with him. He didn't care whether the steel corporation or the banks came to his aid."

"Yet he had stock to sell?"

"I beg your pardon. He had loans to meet. He wanted any way possible to meet his maturing obligations and the situation was such that the steel corporation was his only available relief."

The chairman asked if Mr. Morgan was not the chief actor in the events at that time.

"Mr. Morgan was the chief life-saver in that panic situation."

Mr. Stanley asked the witness many questions about Mr. Morgan, his power and his various occupations in life and finally if he had ever been a workman in every day affairs.

"Mr. Morgan never was a day laborer in the sense you suggest. His knowledge of the conditions under which men work, his sympathy with them, his readiness to stand always for their rights, however, were common knowledge."

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—During an examination today, Chairman Stanley, of the steel corporation investigating committee, George W. Perkins was confronted with a copy of minutes of the United States Steel Corporation's executive committee meeting, March 4, 1907, in which he proposed a plan to raise \$50,000,000 without costing the corporation a cent. The record of that meeting, read to Mr. Perkins, was that of a plan which the finance committee of the corporation had been talking over and was going to submit that day to the board of directors.

Mr. Perkins explained that when the separate companies of the corporation were brought together there were many contracts that had recently been made for extensions and improvements aggregating \$40,000,000. The corporation had reduced them something like \$20,000,000, being forced to carry the contracts along. In addition he told the executive committee that the purchase of the Rockefeller oil properties had caused the corporation to give Mr. Rockefeller notes maturing that year amounting to \$10,000,000, leaving in all about \$30,000,000 that was not capitalized and that "we have been somewhat bothered to know just what to do with it."

"It was not fair to take it out of the earnings of the several companies, we thought," Mr. Perkins was quoted as having said to the executive committee, "after they were brought together, and we have given the matter a good deal of thought as to how and what to do with it and not hurt the securities. And it brought about this idea of an attempt to retire part of the preferred stock of the company for second mortgage bonds and have enough in doing so, so we could get out an extra amount of bonds to cover these items."

"We think we can take up about 40 per cent of the preferred stock, or \$200,000,000 which now costs \$14,000,000 in dividends at 7 per cent on \$200,000,000 and in place of that issue

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Continued Cool Weather and Rain

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 8.—Continued cool weather in the interior and beneficial rains in districts where most needed were the crop growing weather features for the week ending yesterday, according to the national weekly weather bulletin issued today.

The bulletin says good rains occurred in nearly all portions of the principal corn growing states. The weather was most favorable. Good rains occurred over North Carolina and portions of South Carolina, greatly relieving one of the most severe droughts ever known in portions of those states.

Showers occurred over the remainder of the cotton belt east of the Mississippi.

In the cotton growing states west of the Mississippi the weather was most favorable in Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma and local showers occurred in Northern and Eastern Texas but over the central and southern portions of that state there was practical no rain and at the end of the week high temperatures were again prevailing.

Henry C. Smith Dead. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—State Representative Henry C. Smith, of DeKalb county, died here this morning. He was stricken with acute indigestion yesterday while on the street and never regained consciousness. The senate and house adjourned for the day out of respect.

STEWART W. CRAMER APPEARS AT HEARING

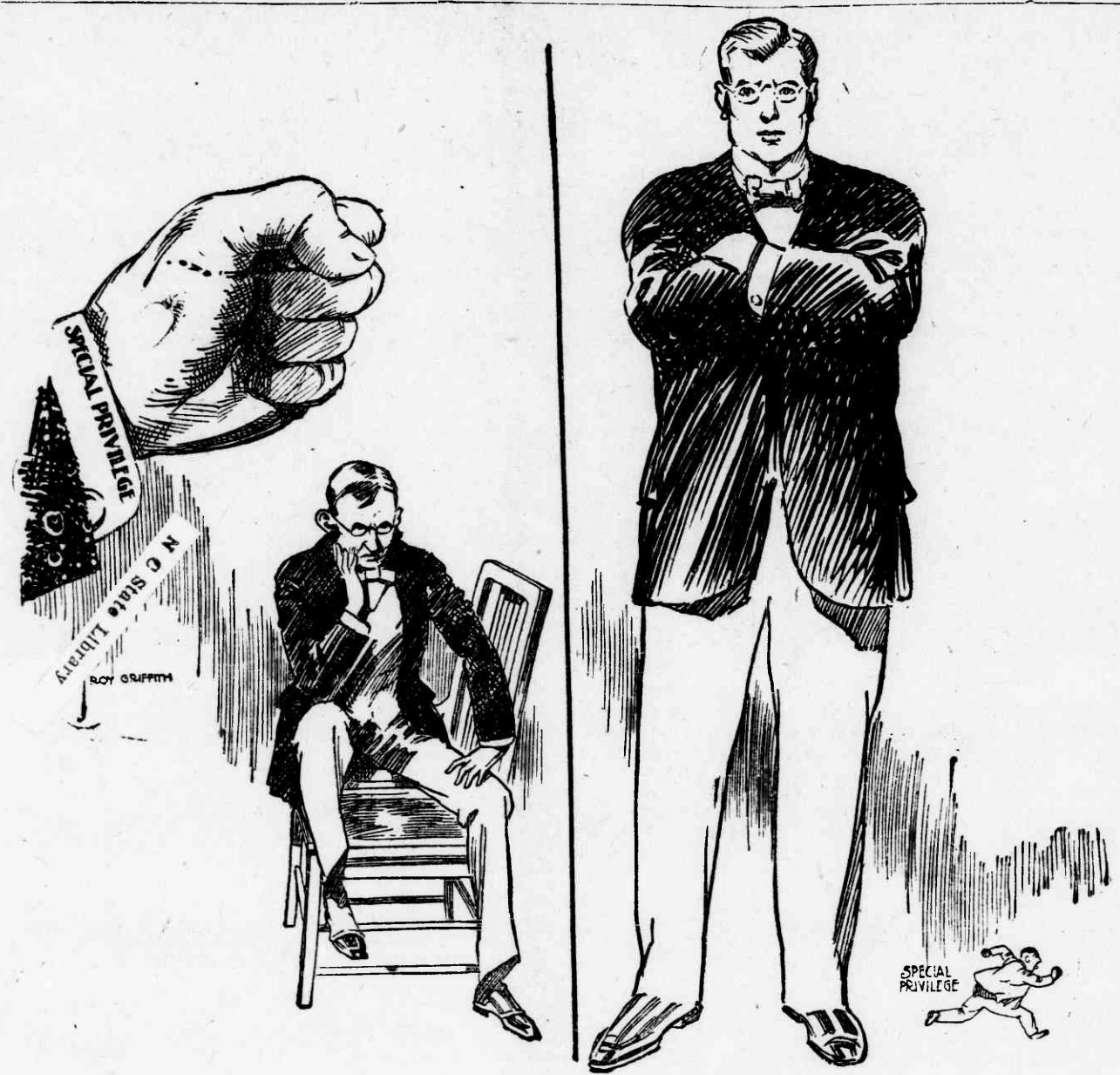
By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 8.—Complaining that the cotton interest had been given too much time for the presentation of their case, Stewart Kramer, of Charlotte, N. C., representing the tariff committee of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, told the senate finance committee today he could only file an "emphatic protest against the bill" and said that in the short time given for hearings he would be unable to present the calmness of his interests in full.

Representative Smith Recovers. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—Representative Smith, of Tattnell fell unconscious from an attack of acute indigestion last night near the capital, but later recovered, and his condition is not believed to be dangerous.

Wonderful Agricultural Possibilities of Western North Carolina Pictured

By Associated Press. Chicago, Aug. 8.—Prof. Henry J. Cox, weather forecaster here, returned from a survey of the North Carolina fruit belt. He brought word of a new scheme promulgated by the weather bureau to help settle the North Carolina mountain slopes. The plan includes telling prospective settlers how they can make a living there and supplying them with a system of weather forecast.

The main purpose of the survey made by Prof. Cox, who was assisted by W. M. Hutt, state horticultur-



Mr. Common People—When he sits down to think it over.

AMERICAN NAVY SEC. IN LONDON

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 8.—George von L. Meyer, American secretary of the navy, arrived in London today.

One of the purposes of the secretary's visit is to inspect some of the European dockyards and confer with naval administrative officers with a view to learning anything that may be of value in the improvement of the civil administration of navy yards.

The admiralty already has given Mr. Meyer the freedom of the British dock yards.

Mother of Governor Kitchin Ill

Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 8.—Governor Kitchin was summoned today to Scotland Neck on account of the critical illness of his mother. This blocks the state text book adoption for the time as the state commission will not vote on adoption in his absence. Some months ago the governor was detained by his mother's bedside two weeks expecting every day to be her last.

FARMER SHOT WHILE ATTENDING CHURCH.

By Associated Press. Alexandria, La., Aug. 8.—While attending services at Hopewell Church, 10 miles north of this city, last night, Joe Stillely, a farmer, was shot dead. His wife was dangerously wounded and his mother slightly wounded. One load of buckshot, fired through a window of the church by an unknown person, did the work. News was brought here this morning that the state text book adoption for the district court several times on charges of hog and cattle stealing in the Hopewell neighborhood and the shooting is believed to be the direct result of this trouble. No trace of the assassin has been found.

TWO GUBERNATORIAL BEES TO BUZZ IN SAME TOWN.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—Pope Brown and Judge Russell have both got dates to speak in Dudley Thursday. There is no indication up-to-date, however, that the gentlemen intend mixing in a joint debate, as neither has issued a challenge, nor have the people of Laurens county expressed any wish that the speech-making take that form.

Mr. Brown was at the capital yesterday and listened with interest to the speeches on the proposed change in Atlanta's government. He leaves tonight for Waycross to address the state agricultural society.

Mr. Brown has ordered about 10,000 campaign buttons, which will prominently feature his appearance and keep the casual public as well as the ardent newspaper reader informed of the fact that a gubernatorial race is on.

THE PRESENT LABOR LAW IN GEORGIA MAY REMAIN IN.

Atlanta, Aug. 8.—Unless the house and senate are able to agree in some sort of compromise, the likelihood is that the present legislation limiting the working hours in Georgia mills to 66 hours per week will remain in force without change. The house has passed a 10-hour a day bill, and the senate is presently making a week bill and it is considered possible that the two measures, sounding so much alike, yet vastly different in their working, will have the effect of "killing" the other.

Reorganization of Diplomatic Corps

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 8.—The long expected reorganization of the American diplomatic corps involved in appointing successors to Dr. David Jayne Hill, as ambassador to Germany and to Charles Sherrill as minister to Argentine, both of whom resigned, was announced today when the nomination of three ambassadors and five ministers were sent to the senate.

John G. A. Leishan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., now ambassador to Italy, is transferred as ambassador to Germany.

Thomas J. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at present ambassador to Japan, is transferred as ambassador to Italy.

Charles Page Bryan, of Chicago, now minister to Belgium, is promoted to ambassador to Japan.

Lutz Anderson, of the District of Columbia, who has previously been in the diplomatic service, is appointed minister to Belgium.

John Ridgeley Carter, of Baltimore, minister to the Balkan states, is transferred as minister to Argentine republic.

John M. Jackson, of Newark, N. J., now minister to Cuba, succeeds Mr. Carter as minister to the Balkan States.

Arthur M. Beaupre, of Aurora, Ill., now minister to the Netherlands, becomes minister to Cuba.

Lloyd Bryce, of New York, the only one of the nominees who is not now nor has not been previously in the diplomatic service, is appointed minister to the Netherlands.

CHICAGO COP BATTLES WITH A NEGRO MOB

By Associated Press. Chicago, Aug. 8.—Attacked by a mob of 100 negroes after he had arrested Charles Young, a black, for the murder of another negro, during a card game, Patrolman Griffin fought a thrilling battle on the South Side today to keep his prisoner. Only by use of his gun and stick was Griffin able to hold off the mob until the arrival of a patrol wagon filled with policemen.

FARMERS INTERESTED.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—Farmers are interested in the disposition by the legislature of the Hopkins hog cholera measure calling for a special appropriation of \$10,000, for the manufacturers by the state of a serum for inoculating the hogs of the infected region. Judge H. W. Hopkins, representative from Thomas county, is the author of the bill.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS DROWNED.

By Associated Press. Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 8.—A boat overloaded with natives who were on their way to attend a fair at Dessuk foundered in the Nile. Nearly 100 persons were drowned. Thirty-six bodies had been recovered today.

HORSE TO TRY FOR A RECORD

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Aug. 8.—Big crowds went to North Randall track again today to see Ulian, C. K. G. Billings' champion gelding, make his attempt—postponed from yesterday, to break the world's trotting record to wagon.

"Doc" Tanner, the trotter's trainer, announced that with all conditions favorable his charge stood a splendid chance of lowering the mark of 2 minutes flat and established by Lou Dillon at Memphis, Oct. 28, 1903.

Concord Man Charged with Murder

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 8.—A special from St. Louis, Mo., to the Raleigh News and Observer states that Albert G. Butler of Concord, N. C., yesterday shot and killed a young man named Walsh, one of three brothers of Butler's sweetheart, Miss Nellie Walsh, whom he was courtship.

Differences growing out of the religious affiliations of the two families, Butler says, caused the trouble.

COMMISSIONER TAKES OVER BANK

By Associated Press. Houston, Tex., Aug. 8.—The Harris County Bank and Trust Company, capitalized at \$50,000, was placed last night into the hands of the state commissioner of insurance and banking by State Bank Examiner J. K. Woods, who is temporarily in charge. This action was taken because of alleged large loans, which in the opinion of the department could not be readily realized upon, thus impairing the capital stock. The institution was opened for business Oct. 1, 1907, and operated under the state guaranty fund.

ALDRICH ON HOW TO PREVENT PANICS.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 8.—Nelson W. Aldrich, ex-United States senator, has accepted an invitation to address the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, which meets in this city next November on "currency legislation to prevent panics" according to an announcement made by officers of the congress today.

Lieut.-Gov. Goethals, son of George L. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, will read an address prepared by his father on the progress of the building of the canal. Geo. M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, will deliver an address on a subject similar to that chosen by Mr. Aldrich.

President Signed Reapportionment Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 8.—President Taft today signed the reapportionment bill under which the house of representatives is increased from 391 to 433 members with two more if Arizona and New Mexico are admitted to the Union.

Reuben Combs Given Thirty Years In Pen For Murder Of Wife

Admiral Togo Doing Washington

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Admiral Togo visited the Washington navy yard today, inspected the machine shops and ordnance departments and watched a company of marines at drill. Later he was scheduled to see the congressional library and the capitol and it was expected that he would look in on both houses of congress while in session.

The program for the day included a luncheon by Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and a sight-seeing tour in the afternoon. Tonight the last of the four state dinners given in his honor will be tendered by Acting Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop. Tomorrow he will continue his journey, going first to Baltimore, thence to Philadelphia, where he will visit the ship yards.

Burning Vessel Was Sighted

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Aug. 8.—A message received here at 11:30 a. m. from the life saving station at Marblehead, said a small wooden freighter was sighted eight miles east of Kelley's island at 10 a. m. with her whole front portion in flames. Two power boats put out from the station for the freighter. The boat's name is unknown.

CONDITION OF JOHN W. GATES IS CRITICAL.

By Associated Press. Paris, Aug. 8.—A recurrence of congestion of the kidneys was experienced by John W. Gates at noon today. It was necessary to administer stimulants occasionally.

Last night his physicians stated that the action of the kidneys continued to improve and that the inflammation in the lungs has lessened. This gave some encouragement. At daylight, however, the patient showed unfavorable symptoms and Dr. Gros was hastily summoned.

He found the financier suffering from congestion of the kidneys and though he was able to afford some relief, the congestion returned toward the middle of the day.

Miss Thompson Died From Burns.

By Associated Press. Anderson, S. C., Aug. 8.—Miss Mabel C. Thompson, superintendent of the county hospital, died last night from burns received while testing a kerosene lamp yesterday afternoon. Miss Josie Moffett, a nurse, and Charles Barnes, a negro orderly, also were seriously burned when they went to the assistance of Miss Thompson.

The lamp which exploded was used in the sterilizing machine at the hospital and when it failed to work, Miss Thompson attempted to pump air into it. The explosion threw the burning kerosene over the young woman from head to foot, some of the gas and blaze being swallowed.

Miss Thompson has been superintendent of the hospital since last November. Her body probably will be sent to her old home at Damascus, Ohio, for burial.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO ARE BEYOND CONTROL

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 8.—"Conditions here are beyond control and I would ask that you return and take charge of the situation," reads a cipher cablegram said to have been sent by Provisional President Francisco de La Barra, of Mexico, to Jose Yves Limantour, now in Paris, a copy of which H. D. Bradford, a mining man from Mexico, who is in this city, claims to have received.

Mr. Bradford says the situation in Mexico is becoming intolerable. There are a number of mining men of Mexico in San Antonio at present and Mr. Bradford says they will not take action in the near future to take action toward protecting the lives and property of Americans in the southern republic.

Deadlock on Wool Revision Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 8.—Impatient regarding the deadlock on the wool tariff revision bill, Representative Underwood, of the conference subcommittee, said today that unless an agreement with Senator La Follette could be brought about soon he would ask to have the full conference committee called together with the view of reporting a disagreement.

Warfield Found Guilty of Reprehensible Conduct In School Book Matter

By Associated Press. Raleigh, Aug. 8.—W. C. Warfield, of the World Publishing Company, was last night after an investigation by the state text book commissioner, found guilty of reprehensible conduct in attempting to form a pool to use \$1,500 to secure some "friend" whom he declined to name in the depart-

Jury Returned a Verdict for Second Degree Murder at 7 O'clock Last Night And Judge Daniels Gave Him the Limit To-day.

Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., Aug. 8.—Reuben Combs, was today sentenced by Judge Daniels to serve 30 years in the state prison for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Bessie Combs, whom he poisoned on the night of May 25.

The case which had been on trial since Thursday, was given to the jury last evening at 7 o'clock and a verdict for second degree murder was rendered at 11 o'clock.

The jury first stood four for first degree and eight for second degree murder.

The court was reassembled to hear the verdict and then adjourned until this morning when sentence was passed, the limit of the law being given.

Not until the judge delivered his charge to the jury was it known that a verdict for second degree could be rendered.

DEPOSED SHAH WON HIS FIRST FIGHT

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—According to a dispatch from Astrabad, Persia, today, Mohammed Ali Mirza, the deposed Shah, has won his first fight against the government forces which he defeated at Damghan at the northern foot of the El Bruz mountains, 50 miles south of Astrabad a day or two ago.

The battle is said to have been hard fought. The ex-Shah's men finally took the town by storm capturing guns and ammunition, their supply of which had been short. The victory, has greatly enheartened the adherents of the excited monarch.

Advices from Teheran state that Mohammed Ali is with another force of 2,000 men some 200 miles northeast of the capital.

Predicts Early Ending of World

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 8.—"The world will come to an end within a very few years," declared Edgar O. Montgomery, president of the Indiana conference of the Seventh Day Adventists during the services of the camp meeting now progressing here. "I can not set the year. It may be next year, it may be five years. But I do know that it will come before the death of the last man who saw the falling of the stars on November 13th, 1833. There are few people living now who saw that phenomenon and I know that the end will come before all of them are gone."

Elder Montgomery said that science had been unable to solve the falling of the stars in 1833 and that he has scriptural proof that the millennium would occur within the generation following that event.