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GOVERNOR SEAY was born and reared in the City of Petersburg, Va. Upon graduation from the high school, he began his banking career as a messenger with the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, and was associated with this institution for nearly twenty years, the last nine years as Cashier. During this time he was very active in civic affairs, being President of the City Council and Chairman of its finance committee. Mr. Seay was for ten years a member of the Virginia Banker's Association, serving as its president in 1902.

In 1903 Mr. Seay resigned his position with the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, to accept a partnership in the private banking firm of Scott & Stringfellow of Richmond. During his six years of connection with this firm, he became widely known as a student and writer on banking and railroad finance.

He withdrew from the firm of Scott & Stringfellow in 1909 in order to devote more time to his studies, giving particular attention to the agitation for banking reform, which resulted in the Federal Reserve Act. When the Act was passed; much competition developed between various sections and cities to secure the location of a Reserve Bank. Mr. Seay was asked to prepare the case for Richmond, and he wrote the brief and presented it in person before the Reserve Bank Organization Committee in Washington.

When the bank was organized, Mr. Seay was elected a Class B director, a director of that class having been assigned to Richmond by a convention of the banks of the District. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, he was elected Governor, and for the first year also served as a member of the Federal Advisory Council.