

President Continues to Hold Own With Disease

Statement Issued Early Today That Mr. Harding Again Enjoyed Good Rest During the Night.

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

According to Dr. Work, Who Was One of the First Physicians to Enter the President's Room Today.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco (By the Associated Press).—An informal statement issued at 8 o'clock today by Brigadier General Sawyer, the President's personal physician, said Mr. Harding had spent "a very restful night and his pulse at that hour was 114; temperature 99, and respiration 40."

These figures represented decreases in the pulse rate and temperature as compared with the last previous bulletin, the pulse rate being less by two and the temperature 1.2-5 degrees lower. The respiration rate given in each bulletin was the same.

Secretary Work in the interior, one of the physicians in attendance upon the President was one of the first to enter the sick chamber today. After a few minutes there he returned through the corridors to his room, conversing with those who are inquired concerning the Chief Executive.

"There is nothing to add to the statement Dr. Sawyer has given you," Secretary Work told newspaper men, adding that every symptom in the case pointed to "a most pleasing progress on the part of the President."

Exhausted but Buoyant. Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—An official statement issued at 10:10 a. m. today by five doctors attending President Harding said Mr. Harding still was much "exhausted but maintains his normal buoyancy of spirit."

At that hour the chief executive, according to the bulletin, was breathing with less labor than previous and was much less cough.

FARM PEOPLE GATHER IN ANNUAL MEETING

U. B. Blalock and Gray Silver Delivered Principal Addresses During the Morning.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Gray Silver, legal representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and U. B. Blalock, manager of the North Carolina Co-operative Marketing Association, delivered the morning session today of the annual state convention of farmers and farm women which opened here yesterday.

Mr. Gray, substituting for A. F. Lever, who was unable to be present, presented a strong argument in favor of protection through organization and co-operation.

Mr. Blalock spoke on the subject "The First Year of Commodity Marketing of Cotton." Having "brought the ship safely into port," Mr. Blalock told of some of the dangers that had been encountered on the "uncharted sea" of co-operative marketing, some of the difficulties and accomplishments and a look ahead at some of the things co-operation hopes to accomplish next year.

A final statement, Mr. Blalock said would venture to say will show that co-operations have received \$15 to \$20 more per bale for their cotton than they would have received under the old system of marketing.

ANTI-MASK MEASURE IN GEORGIA ASSEMBLY

Bill Presented to Lower House of the Georgia Legislature With Committee Approval.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Aug. 1.—An anti-mask bill was before the lower house of the Georgia legislature today with a favorable report from the committee. Decision to report the bill introduced by Representative Bozeman, of Worth county, was taken last night after a lengthy hearing by the committee, at which both opponents and proponents of the measure were heard. The bill would prohibit the wearing of masks in public except for carnival purposes.

Mr. Bozeman, describing the Ku Klux Klan as the most "dangerous menace this country has to deal with at the present time," said it had "frightened away most of our negro laborers by its hideous mask." It is decidedly against American principles, he declared.

The Klan was defended by W. S. Coburn, formerly a Klan official of California, who asserted that no masked parades were ever staged without the permission of the authorities. Representative Joe Wood, of this city, editor of the Klan publication, "The Searchlight," said it was necessary for Klansmen to conceal their identity to keep from being boycotted in their business.

Lady Astor's Liquor Bill Now English Law. London, July 31.—Royal assent was given today to Lady Astor's liquor bill, thus formally placing it upon the statute books.

The bill, which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors to any person under 18 years of age, was passed by the house of lords last Tuesday.

11,615,000 BALES COTTON ESTIMATE JUST MADE PUBLIC

COLORED FOLKS TO HOLD COUNTY FAIR IN NOVEMBER

Have Made Arrangements to Conduct Fair at Grounds of Cabarrus County Fair Association.

The colored people of Cabarrus county are to hold a big county fair this fall, it was announced this morning following a meeting held Tuesday night at which preliminary plans for the fair were discussed and outlined.

The fair for the colored people will be held in the fair grounds of the Cabarrus County Fair Association, the dates to be November 6, 7 and 8. The fair will be under the direct supervision of the following officers, elected last night, and the board of directors, to be chosen later:

M. C. Boger, President; J. D. Gordon, Secretary, and S. C. Boger, Treasurer. The plan for the fair was discussed at a meeting held Tuesday night in the colored K. of P. hall. Major W. A. Foil and Dr. T. N. Spencer, two of the promoters of the Cabarrus County Fair, met with the colored people, and assisted them in outlining plans for the fair, and gave them advice as to how they should go about raising money to finance the fair and securing exhibits.

The colored people of the county, generally, it was brought out at the meeting Tuesday. For the past several weeks many negroes in various parts of the county have been sipping up sentiment in regard to the fair, and at the meeting Tuesday night they expressed the belief that the proposition would receive 100 per cent. cooperation from the most prominent negroes of the county.

The board of directors will be chosen from among the most influential and wealthy negroes of the county, and the directors, working with the other officers, are expected to put the fair over.

After attending the meeting Tuesday night Major Foil was very enthusiastic over prospects for the colored people's fair. "They are going to have a real fair," he declared. "On every hand we have found evidences of interest in the proposition on the part of the negroes, and the spirit manifested at the meeting Tuesday night is evidence enough that the proposition will receive the hearty cooperation of all the colored people of the county."

Definite plans for the fair are being worked out now, it is declared, and within another two weeks it is expected that much of the detail work incident to the fair will have been completed.

Races, exhibits, shows, free amusements and other features will be offered during the colored fair, with special emphasis laid upon agricultural exhibits. It is believed that exhibiting the produce of the colored farmers and farm women will be an incentive to them to take a greater pride and interest in their work.

More definite plans regarding the colored fair will be announced after the directors have been chosen.

IREDELL COURT LOSES TRIO OF DEFENDANTS

Two Whites and One Negro Break Jail at Statesville By Sawing Through Bars.

Statesville, July 31.—Iredell Superior court now in session with Judge B. F. Long presiding and Solicitor Zeb V. Long appearing for the prosecution, had its criminal docket cut short by the escape from jail at an early hour this morning of three prisoners—C. H. Doty and Dave Gregory, white, and Clarence Carlton, negro.

Two negro prisoners, Frank Wilson and Alfred Jones, refused to join their companions in gaining their freedom. The jail delivery was effected by the use of hack saws, delivered to the prisoners in some manner by unknown parties, who were said to have purchased the saws from one of the local hardware stores yesterday.

Two iron bars across one of the windows were cut at the base and bent back, thus making room for a man's body to pass through easily.

In his comment this afternoon on the recommendation of the grand jury, Judge Long urged upon the keeper of the jail and other officers a strict vigilance in the care of prisoners and suggested that no persons be allowed access to prisoners except as accompanied by an officers of the law.

PROGRESS IS MADE ON YADKIN BRIDGE

Work of Erecting Five Steel Blags Spanning the River, Near Spencer, Started.

Spencer, July 31.—Splendid progress is being made in the construction of the state highway steel and concrete bridge over the Yadkin River at Spencer, the contractors, Hardaway Construction Company being in charge of the work.

The work of erecting five great steel rings or arch patterns spanning the river began this week. These arches, which will rest on eight huge piers of concrete were formed at the steel mills and will be bolted and riveted together here. When the arch patterns have been completed the pouring of concrete for the bridge proper will begin.

The pouring of concrete for these piers was started May 23rd and within 60 days more than 2,000 square yards had been put into place. This is said by experts to have been an exceptional record for pouring concrete. The bridge will be 1,300 feet long and will have a driveway of 20 feet.

Western Refiners Refuse to Curtail? Kansas City, Mo., July 31.—The Western Petroleum Refiners' Association at a meeting here today refused to take any action on the proposed curtailment of gasoline production.

A resolution was adopted in which the endorsed statements made in a speech by E. W. Marland, president of the Marland Refining Company, but declined to approve a remedy for existing conditions.

Pastor Tenders Resignation. (By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Aug. 1.—Rev. C. M. Murphy, who has been pastor of the local Christian Missionary Alliance church for several years, has tendered his resignation, effective August 6, to take of the pastorate of a church of his denomination in Oklahoma City.

Rev. F. L. Arden, of Atlanta, Ga., will succeed Mr. Murphy.

A 1,000 Pound Sea Turtle. Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 1.—A sea turtle, which weighed approximately 1,000 pounds, was caught last week near the jetty at Wrightsville beach by F. H. Bailey, Frank Hewitt and T. W. St. George. The turtle is said to be the largest that has been caught at Wrightsville Beach in several years. The party of men captured the monster when it came upon the beach to lay eggs.

This Production is Estimated as Result of Condition of Crop on July 25, When the Survey Was Completed.

CROP 67.2 PER CENT OF NORMAL

The July Condition Indicates a Yield of About 143.9 Pounds Per Acre, Says the Latest Federal Report.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 1.—Cotton production this year was forecast at 11,516,000 bales on July 25, which was 67.2 per cent. of a normal, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

The July 25 conditions indicate a yield of about 143.9 pounds per acre. The condition of the crop by states includes: Virginia 88; North Carolina 82; South Carolina 64.

JUDGE SHAW DEMANDS ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

Declares Use of Automobiles by Boys and Girls Lead to Immorality.

Greensboro, July 30.—Judge T. J. Shaw, charging the Guilford county grand jury here today at the opening of a term of superior court for trial of criminal cases, declared that the laws relating to automobiles should be enforced for the protection of boys and girls.

He was emphatic upon that point, showing the immorality that has arisen in many cases.

He also urged action against liquor traffic. "I declared that there is much sentimental sympathy wasted on law breakers. When a person becomes convicted, he said, many people at once become their champions. There are plenty of worthy, law-abiding people who need help and sympathy. Judge Shaw said. As for the control of prisoners, that is a practical problem, he continued, and many people who advocate leniency get their ideas from books that were written for agencies."

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"It may be that prisoners can be handled without corporal punishment," he said. "If so I would be delighted. I think this class idea all right, putting the better behaved prisoners in class A, the next best behaved in class B, the worst in class C. You might be able to handle the first two classes without punishment but how are you going to handle class C?" he asked.

GOVERNOR BLAINE TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

Of Charges That Wisconsin Officials Have Assaulted Girls in Capital Offices.

(By the Associated Press.) Madison, Wis., Aug. 1.—Governor Blaine in a telegram today to Senator R. J. Severson demanded that the Senator name the state officials charged by him in a speech last night with assaulting girls in locked capital offices. The executive declared he would promptly remove any official named by Severson if his charge is proved.

519 Given Jobs in One Week. Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—Five hundred and nineteen persons were placed in jobs during the week ending June 28 through the employment service of the State Department of Labor and Printing. Commissioner M. L. Shipman announced tonight. Of these eighty women and 439 men found employment.

The full report follows: Registration—Male 501; female 146; total 648.

Requests for help—Male 531; female 80; total 611.

Referred—Male 473; female 100; total 573.

Placed—Male 439; female 80; total 519.

Skilled 94; unskilled 325; clerical and professional 39; domestic 57; industrial 4; total 519.

Asheville—Male 101, female 19, total 120.

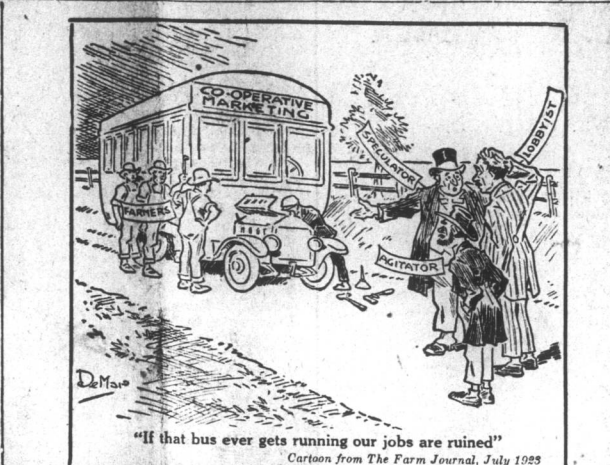
Charlotte—Male 89, female 8, total 97.

Greensboro—Male 14, female 8, total 22.

Raleigh—Male 51, female 13, total 64.

Wilmington—Male 100, female 10; total 110.

Winston-Salem—Male 75, female 16, total 91.



CROP CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH OUTLINED

Cotton Has Made Fair Progress in North Carolina—Rains Have Helped Corn Crop.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 1.—The weekly weather and crop review issued today by the Department of Agriculture contains the following on Southern crops:

Continued hot and dry weather over Texas and Oklahoma was detrimental to the best crop growth, while frequent showers and much cloudy weather over portions of the central Gulf states were likewise unfavorable. Over the more northern and eastern portions of the cotton region weather conditions were more favorable. Conditions affecting the growth and development of the cotton crop in North Carolina follows:

Progress of cotton fair in west, very good to excellent in east, insect trouble including weevil, spotted but not serious. All kinds of fruits were reported as doing well with damage confined to small areas.

Good rains were of great benefit to corn in the Middle Atlantic States but considerable corn was injured by dryness in North Carolina. In Georgia corn deteriorated on account of drought. In the northern portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana corn was benefited by rains.

FARM BLOC PROMISES TO REMAIN ACTIVE

Senator Capper Says Bloc Will Be Active in Next Congress As It Was in the Last One.

Topeka, Kans., Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Description of the activities of the "farm bloc" in the United States Senate upon the opening of the new session of Congress next December is predicted by Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, chairman of the Senate "bloc" during the latter part of last session.

"Our legislative program probably will not be as extensive as it was at the last session, but still we believe Congress should enact certain measures with a view to aiding agriculture," said Senator Capper. "The most important of these is to secure a reduction in freight rates through the repeal by Congress of the so-called guaranty provision of the Esch-Cummins transportation act. Also, while it is not our desire to annul the supervisory powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission over the rail lines, we hope to obtain a restoration to states of some of the power of jurisdiction over railroads that was lost through the Esch-Cummins act."

THREE MEN KILLED IN PECULIAR TRAIN WRECK

Switch Engine Jumped the Track and Crashed Into Train Leaving Nashville Yards.

(By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 1.—Three men were killed, two others may die and three others are injured, as a result of one of the most peculiar train wrecks in the history of the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis roads, which occurred in the railroad yards of the last named road within the city limits here last night. All the dead and injured were employees of the two roads. The exact cause of the wreck has not been ascertained.

A switch engine of the Louisville & Nashville road was bringing 24 loaded cars and 10 empties from the yards just outside the city to Nashville. For some unexplained reason the switch engine jumped the track and then plowed its way into the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis train of 30 loaded cars, out-bound.

Both engines were demolished, six cars were smashed to bits, and the trackage for scores of yards was torn up.

Possesses Emmett Relics. (By the Associated Press.) Canton, N. C., Aug. 1.—Several valuable relics, which at one time belonged to "Dan" Emmett, the author of "Dixie," the famous southern song, are now owned by Rev. Clarence S. McClelland, Jr., rector of the new Episcopal church at Canton. The relics were presented to Rev. Mr. McClelland by a friend, Rev. William E. Hull, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, who was the administrator of the Emmett estate.

A leather belt, said to have been worn by Emmett in 1850 when he wrote "Dixie," and negro sermons, in Emmett's own hand writing and used by him in Bryant's Minstrel Show are among the relics in possession of Mr. McClelland.

Crops in East Reported Best in Several Years. Farmville, July 31.—Crops in this section are the best in several years. The frequent rains which have been falling during this month promise bumper crops in tobacco, cotton and corn. Every farmer prophesies a hale to the acre of any kind of land, and unless hail comes now nothing can prevent an unusually large crop of tobacco.

DEATH OF HUGH W. HARRIS

Prominent Charlotte Attorney Dies Unexpectedly of Apoplexy. Charlotte Observer.

Hugh Whitfield Harris, well known Charlotte attorney and publisher of the old Charlotte Journal, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home at 2017 East Ninth street.

Mr. Harris had been suffering from ill health for several years and a few months ago sustained injuries in a street car accident. However, his condition was not considered grave and when he complained shortly after rising Tuesday of pains in an arm and his throat it was not thought that his death was near. He was taken to his room and a physician summoned, but he then was unconscious and died within a short while.

MAXWELL SEEKING MORE INFORMATION

Wires Auditors Who Audited State's Books to Get Information About \$3,000,000 Loan.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell today sent a telegram to Price, Waterhouse & Co., the firm that made audit of the state's financial condition, asking them to explain why you include as revenue \$3,000,000 of borrowed money not repaid, and why this amount of unpaid borrowed money is not reflected in 'net accumulated deficit' in addition to the \$2,189,970 represented by overdraft against other treasury funds.

"Please use wire in answering," Mr. Maxwell's telegram read. "If I have overestimated the deficit by \$3,000,000 I wish promptly to offer my apology to the people of the state."

THE COTTON MARKET

Absence of Rain in Southwest Brought Little Buying at Opening of the Market.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 1.—An absence of rain in the southwest brought in a little buying at the opening of the cotton market which advanced 4 to 8 points over last night's close with the exception of December which opened 10 points lower. The general trade was very quiet, awaiting the bureau report and little feature appeared outside of the scattered support from Liverpool and commission houses which was supplied by offerings from the South and New Orleans.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 21.25; Dec. 21.02; Jan. 20.80; March 20.90; May 20.85.

TWO PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN BLAZE

Which Destroyed the Old Alms House, a Tenement House at Hagerstown, Md.

(By the Associated Press.) Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 1.—Two persons were burned to death and four seriously injured in a fire which swept a tenement house known as the old Alms House property in this city today. The dead: Mrs. John H. Carbaugh and Geraldine Carbaugh.

The injured are Mrs. Pearl Carbaugh Jacobs, Catherine Jacobs, Keller Carbaugh and John H. Carbaugh.

The fire was caused by an oil can in the hands of Geraldine Carbaugh exploding as she was starting a fire in the kitchen stove.

NO STATE OF WAR EXISTS IN IRELAND

This Decision of Irish Court of Appeals in Case of Mrs. Nora O'Brien.

Dublin, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—A state of war does not exist in Ireland, the court of appeals decided today in giving its judgment in the case of Mrs. Nora Connolly O'Brien, reversing the opinion of the master of the Rolls of the chancery division who held that civil war did exist in Ireland on June 15.

Despite this decision it is regarded unlikely that there will be any general release of prisoners, as the government, anticipating the court's decision has passed through almost all the stages in the dail and senate a bill legalizing it to continue imprisonment and other repressive measures.

FIELD WORKERS REPORT HEARD AT MEETING

Of Inter-Racial Cooperation Which is Now in Session in Asheville.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Aug. 1.—Reports of field workers from various Southern states were taken up today by a Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation following the formal opening of the commission's annual conference last night.

Reports of field workers covered the general progress of inter-racial cooperation in the various territories of the workers, and as a rule showed that the work of the commission organization is achieving results in the encouragement of racial justice and better feeling between the white and negro people of the South.

Huge Rattlesnake is Killed in Star Vicity.

Star, July 31.—One of the largest rattlesnakes ever seen in this section of North Carolina was killed on the highway near Star on Saturday by a negro, who was on his way to Star. The negro brought the snake to Star for exhibition, and it was generally agreed that as a large snake had not been seen or killed in this neighborhood for many years. It measured about 5 feet long, Snakes around the largest part of its body, and had 13 rattles and a button.

China to Seize Lands Ceded to Russia. Harbin, China, Aug. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gen. Chang Tsoo Lin, dictator of the three Manchurian provinces, has ordered the Chinese authorities to abolish the land department of the Chinese Eastern Railway and to take over all lands ceded Russia under old treaties. The measure becomes effective today.

Misses Fannie Beaver and Irene Sears are spending several days in Charlotte with Mrs. G. D. Quattlebaum.

EYE-WITNESS FIRST

LED TO TESTIFY IN GARRETT TRIAL

Carpenter Working Near the Pierce Home Stated That He Saw R. O. Garrett Fire at the Minister.

LARKIN GARRETT ASSAULTED PIERCE

Witness Also Stated That He Did Not See Pierce Fire on the Defendants in the Case.

(By the Associated Press.) (Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 1.—Shad R. Wilson, an eye-witness, testified at the trial of L. C. Garrett this morning that when he was attracted to the Pierce home by the screaming of women on the day Rev. E. S. Pierce was shot to death he found Larkin C. Garrett sitting on the minister and beating him in the face, while Robert O. Garrett stood by with a pistol in his hand.

The witness also testified he saw Robert O. Garrett fire several shots into the minister's body both before and after he fell to the ground. He saw no other shots fired. The witness is a carpenter and was working on a building near the Pierce home when the trouble started.

In telling his story the witness was positive he did not see Mr. Pierce shoot R. O. Garrett in the back.

The witness said he would not swear that Pierce did not fire, but that he did not see him fire, and so far as he knew R. O. Garrett fired first. In reply to a question from the bench he made the flat statement that R. O. Garrett fired the first shot. There were many objections by state's attorneys to the line of questioning by the defense and in most of these were sustained.

The defense sought to show that Mr. Godsey and his employer were bitter political enemies of the Garretts, but were overruled on many of their questions. The witness denied he had contributed to the prosecution fund and did not know his employer had.

The most vivid story of the tragedy was given by Mrs. B. F. Hendricks, the first woman witness to appear on the stand. She told an unimpeached story of the fight and shooting and made the unqualified statement that R. O. Garrett fired the first shot, and that Pierce did not even raise his hand after he obtained the shot gun.

LENOIR COLLEGE SITE DISCUSSED BY RHINE

Millionaire Backer of School Thinks That College Town Should Help More.

Gastonia, July 31.—For the first time since he offered to make Lenoir college one of the most modern educational institutions in the state D. E. Rhine, millionaire of Lincoln, has given out a statement to the public on views as to the removal of the college from Hickory to some other suitable city which would help support it more than the town where it is now.

In his statement published this afternoon in the Gazette, Mr. Rhine says that nothing was ever said about the removal of the college until some of the leading citizens of Hickory showed that they did not want the college by refusing to give money for its cause and upkeep.

Hickory people have given very little to the college, according to the statement. Mr. Rhine says:

"The people of Hickory have had the college a long time and have done nothing for it. They have already let two colleges go dead and if our college was left to them it would not live long."

In regard to why the college will be moved, he says:

"I am looking to the future of the college and I think this is what we should all do. I am going to back the place that makes the best offer and that looks like the best place for the college, but if I back Hickory it certainly will have to come up better, that is certain. I am glad the trustees let it be open for bids. They did right. I did not care for the name of the college to be changed. What I want to see is a college that is a credit to the Lutheran church and all the Lutherans back it up and at a place where it is appreciated."

Incidentally, Gastonia is after the Lenoir Lutheran college and Mr. Rhine, the trustees and several prominent men of the Lutheran church were the guests tonight of the college committee of the chamber of commerce at a dinner served at the Gastonia Country club.

Doek Klutz Is Given 20 Years. Monroe, July 31.—Doek Klutz, 18 years old, was sentenced to serve 20 years in the state penitentiary here today by Judge A. M. Stack, when he submitted to the charge of having murdered George W. Chambers, a rural mail carrier of Mecklenburg county, last February.

Klutz did not go on the stand. His submission was entered by one of his attorneys, John J. Parker, of Charlotte. The defense was prepared to make a plea of insanity for Klutz, but later decided upon the submission plea. The evidence was entered for several witnesses for the state an dthe case submitted to Judge Stack without argument by attorneys.

Bandits Get \$16,000. Baltimore, Aug. 1.—Three bandits entered the state branch of the Baltimore Trust Co. before banking hours this morning and beat Russell K. Forsyth, paying teller into insensibility and escaped with \$16,000 in bills.