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LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1918.

W. D. Dixon on Trial For Killing before the two men left the store.

About 3 or 4 minutes later he heard Alfred Thomas.

STATE ASKS VERDICT FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Defendant Pleads Self-Defense and Apparentlya Strong Case is Being Made Out-Case Has Stirred Intense Interest and Many Are Attending Trial.

### LAWYERS WILL BEGIN SPEAKING TOMORROW

the trial of W. D. Dixon, charged with killing Alfred Thomas, Indian, at Pembroke November 10, last, is still in progress with only a few more wit-nesses to testify. It is expected that the attorneys will begin arguing the case tomorrow morning, and certain-

and Mr. H. S. Kirkpatrick of Rae-

The families of both Thomas and the defendant are in attendance at the trial. There is much interest in the case and the court room has been crowded since the trial began.

Seventy character witnesses were

was in corroboration of that of her husband.

A. S. Locklear First Witness.

testified as follows: licensed minister. Knows the defend- W. W. H. Proctor,. State's. Leading ant, Dixon, and knew Alfred Thomas. Thomas was killed about 8 o'clock. place. Was about 5 steps from Thom-

Ernest Bell, Indian, who said that he was clerking in Thomas' store and was in the store when Thomas was shot. He said that Thomas worked in the store the day before he was in the store the day before he was in the store the day before he was shot. He said that Thomas was weighing shot the man as to shoot his dog. When Thomas was weighing here. The said that Thomas was weighing shoot the man as to shoot his dog. When Thomas was weighing shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he when Thomas was weighing shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well shoot the man as to shoot his dog. Thomas' store the day before he shot livering brick from a car in front of he told Dixon that he might as well should be a delivery of a finished boat every deal when the cycle of production is commended that the lived just across the railroad bad and getting worse on route 6.

Jim Harvey, son of W. H. Harvey, at the Lumberton cotton mill office at some fish when Dixon entered the He also said that Dixon told him that

store and that he heard Dixon tell ADDRESS WEDNESDAY 11 AM SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS. THIS MAY BE LAST Thomas that he wanted to see him a minute. Dixon walked out of the store and Thomas followed him. He said that no other words were spoken pistol shots. He saw Thomas at store door and asked "What's the matter, Alfred?" Thomas replied, "Dixon has shot me." The witness said he took some papers out of Thomas' pockets, but saw nothing else. He said that he did not look in Thomas' side pockets. Bell said that Dixon had traded

with Thomas. On cross examination the witness said that Dixon spoke friendly to Thomas when he went into the store

next examined, practically corroborated that of Bell. Thomas said he was working in the Thomas store at the time of the shooting, that there was only one gun in the store and that belonged to him; that after the shooting he looked to see if the pistol was gone, but found it where he had As The Robesonian goes to press placed it. He also stated that ne he trial of W. D. Dixon, charged with searched Alfred Thomas' pockets, but found no gun.

Stephen Hunt. 'Stephen Hunt, Indian, was the next near the Thomas store and saw two men walk out of store side by side. ly by tomorrow afternoon. Judge As they turned he saw the faces and speaker on knew both Dixon and Thomas. Dixon importance. The trial began Thursday afternoon at 2:30 when the selection of
the inverse began From a special

be scared when she heard the shooting. He said that he would not give his wife for all of Pembroke. Mabry Sampson.

examined this merning and practical- ing. Saw two men walk out of ly all of them testified that the repu- Thomas' store. Recognized Thomas, tation of Thomas as dangerous and but did not recognize Dixon. Said county and the majority of them tes- pieces. Don't see why he would have tified that the reputation of the de- done it." Thomas had nothing in his hands, or did not see anything. Was Mrs. W. D. Dixon was placed on the stand this morning and her testimony within 20 steps of them. Was looking at Dixon when he fired first shot. Gaston Locklear.

Gaston, Locklear, Indian, was the estified as follows:

Lives at Pembroke, is a farmer and Lives at Pembroke, is a farmer and ed that of Mabry Sampson.

His testimony practically corroboration and that he had asked Dixon not to go to Thomas' store.

Witness. W. W. H. Proctor, the leading wit- as, testified that she was working in turns. Was standing in the road opposite ness for the State, was the next wit- the restaurant on the night her hus-Thomas' store when the shooting took ness called. He testified as follows: band was killed and that she saw Saw Dixon at Thaggard's store the Dixon enter the store and go to her as when he was shot. Saw the two night of the shooting. When he came husband and touched him on the shoulmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask him to step out, he wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of out of Thaggard's store Dixon was der and ask nim to step out, ne wantmen (Dixon and Thomas) come out of the place of the come of the Thomas and the come of th other and then the shooting took place. if his son, Dan, had a bill against him shots and rushed to the door. I saw commissioned as captain in the U. S. When asked who did the shooting he said it was Dixon, but that he shot so swered no. Dixon then asked if he store that he shot so swered no. Dixon then asked if he shoet not be store that he shot so swered no. Dixon then asked if he shoet not be store to the store many shots were fired, but judged 4 out a bill. When returning from Ralor 5. Saw Dixon when he shot Thomas store and that he traded or 5. Saw Dixon when he shot Thomas store and that he traded or 6 weeks before the time of the deceased was the "father of the deceased was the "father of the killing, he got off the train at commissioned first lieutenant. Mr. Shannon about 11 clock Saturday or 5. Shannon about 1 as, who was facing him at that Thomas was killed met Dixon while there. Also that he ate at her restime. Thomas and Dixon were close on way home from the station. Dixon taurant occasionally. together and saw Dixon raise his right told him that he was going to see Upon the cross examination the before going to the training camp. hand and shoot. Thomas then fell Dan about killing his dog. I told witness said that she knew nothing Capt. Fuller is in charge of the him and cursed back and caught on his hands and exclaimed, "Dixon has killed me. He has shot me to pieces." Thomas then started to the store and fell in at the s started to the store and fell in at the door. Thomas was in his shirt sleeves and I went to the place where he was oor. The mass was in his shirt sleeves and I went to the place where he was shot and saw nothing. As the two men were walking out of the store near were walking out of the store near feelings. I told him that Dan said the only thing he heard was Dixon manumble something, but did not understand what he said. After the look on the day before Thomas was killed and was about at the control of the store in the following state of the two have gone from here. Saturday morning the following state with the two have gone from here. Saturday morning the following state's witnesses were examined: Two American Killed and Four a colored boy of his age and seems to be greatly worried about his deed.

Wounded.

Mrs. Frank L. Parnell died suddenly at her home near Lumberton is proud of capt Fuller and the other men in the road and died in 10 minutes. Blue says his parents are dead.

Two American Killed and Four a colored boy of his age and seems to be greatly worried about his deed.

Wounded. derstand what he said. After the shooting Dixon walked up the public road towards Maxton. Some one asked "Where is Dixon?" and Dixon answered while near the reilword "Here that Thomas and I was afraid of him. Dixon remarked that they thought he was drink-ling. Henry Sampson denied, when cross was afraid of him. Dixon remarked that they thought he was afraid of him. Dixon remarked that they sampson denied, when cross was afraid of him. Dixon remarked that they had seen Dixon on the day before Thomas was killed and that they thought he was drink-ling. swered while near the railroad, "Here that Thomas said I was afraid to examined, that he was mad with DixI am, do you want to see me." The that he was going over there and on because he took the lead in having witness testified that the gas lights shoot his God damned liver out. "I'll the Governor to appoint white men as in the Thomas store made it light kill him in his place of business as officers of the town of Pembroke. in front of the building where he was standing at the time of the shooting. The witness also stated that he saw mobile and soon heard pistol shots. Dixon the afternoon before the shoot- ing.

I heard Thomas say "Dixon has shot played before the jury. The clothes showed signs of much blood.

The witness also stated that he saw income and soon heard pistor shows played before the jury. The clothes showed signs of much blood. On cross examination Locklear got go home, as Dixon wanted me, too. J. H. Mooring, E. M. Ellis, C. F. his distances slightly mixed. When I hid in the bushes for a while and Ferrell, and H. C. Markham, all of asked why he went to look for a pis- then went home. When I got home Mooresville, where W. W.H. Proctor tol on the ground where Thomas was I told my daughter that Dixon had formerly lived, testified that his charshot if he could see that Thomas had killed Thomas. The witness testified acter was good.

no pistol, the witness said that he had that he had no ill feeling toward ther that he thought somebody else On cross examination the witness fense were: Robt. L. Baker, of Nash might have placed one there for a admitted that he had been married county, J. L.Bailey, Oscar Harrison, blind. The witness said he had no twice, had a wife living, but that he J. D. Wells, J.T. Watson and I. D. feeling against Dixon and when asked if he did not remark that if Dixon his reason for not living with his ol dhome, who testified that Dixon was not convicted he had better never wife that she was periodically insane was a man of good character. pass Pembroke unless he passed in an and that they agreed while she was W. D. Dixon, the Defendant, on the ter or taking much interest in the means to support herself. The wittenance of the means to support herself that he was 35 years old and was marness and women's institutes will be held today at Orrum and the means to support herself. The wittenance of the means to support herself that he was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he had rented that he was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he had rented that he was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he was 35 years old and was marness and women's institutes will be held today at Orrum and the means to support herself. The without the was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he was 35 years old and was marness and women's institutes will be held today at Orrum and the means to support herself. The without the was 35 years old and was marness and women's institute will be held today at Orrum and the means to support herself. The without the was 35 years old and was marness also testified that he was 35 years old and was marness and women's institute will be held today at Orrum and the will be held today at Orrum land from an Indian for the purpose ried in March, 1907, and has six chil The next witness examined was of growing plants, and that hewas a dren. That he had twice been police-

### Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson Will Deliver Important Message in Lumberton-War Savings His Theme.

Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, State organizer of the National War Savings committee of North Carolina, has been invited to Lumberton, and will deliver one of the stirring addresses which have made him so widely known throughout the State on February 6.

Every man, woman, and child in and that he saw a pistol lying on a shelf in the store after the sacoting.

Joe Thomas.

The testimony of Joe Thomas, a brother of Alfred Thomas, who was protected of the aid it gives to every even many days, but at last accounts account accounts account accounts account account accounts account account account account accounts account account account account account account account account accou

ferent sections of the country. He had been made untenable.

has the force of a great orator, backed up by the ability to reach his hearers in an unaffected and simple manner. He has spoken in practically every county of North Carolina and is every county of N witness examined. He was standing favorably known all over the State. States until a peace based upon the

speaker on a subject of tremendous tained.

shots were fired. Was standing withing noon at 2:30 when the selection of the jury was begun. From a special venire of 100 men the selection of the jury was completed by 5.p. m., the following composing the jury: Irona, As Thomas fell he said, "Jixon Barfield, C.E. Inman, D. A. Pittman, D. A. Pittman, D. S. Marley, W. S. Small, P. S. Steed, A. A. Wright, G. M. Baggett, F. N. J. McMillan, A. H. Parker, Hector McMillan. Examination of witnesses was begun Friday morning. Dixon is being tried for first degree murder. He is represented by Messrs, McLean, Varser & McLean and Britt & Britt, Mr. H. E. Stacy and Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., all, of Lumberton, and Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean is being assisted in the prosecution by Mc exams. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean of Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton. Solicitor S. B. McLean of Mr. G. Patterson of the dog had killed almost all his the general strike continues to diminchickens, which were worth about \$1 ish in importance and according to

tation of Thomas as dangerous and but did not recognize brown the learn of the heard no talking. Heard Thomas violent was bad. These witnesses were from various sections of the say "Boys, Dixon has shot me all to phrey Jones, Indian, Archie Loublest appointments now for Robeson, Heard Thomas as dangerous and he heard no talking. Heard Thomas lindian, Clifton Graham, Indian, Humber of the learn of the say "Boys, Dixon has shot me all to phrey Jones, Indian, Archie Loublest appointments now for Robeson, Heard Thomas as dangerous and he heard no talking. Heard Thomas lindian, Clifton Graham, Indian, Humber of the learn of the heard no talking. Heard Thomas as dangerous and he heard no talking. Heard Thomas lindian, Clifton Graham, Indian, Humber of the learn of the learn of the learn of the heard no talking. Heard Thomas lindian, Archie Loublest appointments now for Robeson, Heard Thomas are the learn of witnesses who testified that they saw the shooting take place.

Mrs. Dan Proctor. Mrs. Dan Proctor testified that she heard the shooting and that soon 20-21; White Oak, Feb. 22-23. thereafter her father-in-law, W. W. next witness examined and he said H. Proctor, went home fromup street The first witness called for the he was standing in front of Wm. and told her that Dixon hadtold him sons whose incomes are \$1,000 or more State was A. S. Locklear, Indian. He Lowrey's store at time of shooting. that he was going to kill Thomas, must make returns. If you did not

Alice Thomas, Wife of Deceased. Alice Thomas, wife of Alfred Thom-

At this point the State rested. The first witness put on by the de-

### Americans Occupy Sector of Lorraine Front-Vigorous War to Be Waged by U. S. and Allies Until Their Cause Triumphs-Fear of Death Sentence Breaks Down Strike in Germany.

American troops now are occupying a sector of the Lorraine front in and a further conference will be held France. The Germans began a "straff- Tuesday, but there was every indica-Lumberton and Robeson county should ing" of this sector Saturday. Late in President Wilson, who has been concause of the aid it gives to every one many days, but at last accounts, acwho wants to save money and increase cording to this morning's press sumhis personal prosperity. He has a mary, Gen. Pershing's men were an-message for everyone. This entire swering them shot for shot. The cas-17 as a measure to save coal and to sold 34 marriage licenses during the community will be better and broad- ualties among the Americans were relieve railroad transportation. To- month of January. Of this number As a speaker, Mr. Stephenson has their marksmanship had been so ef-day holidays were preceded by a five and 22 for colored. The colored fclks er for listening to what he has to say. slight when the report was sent and met with wide success in many dif- fective that several German dugouts day industrial shutdown, at the close seem to be in the lead along the mat-

Every patriotic citizen should seize principles of freedom, justice and rethis opportunity of hearing a gifted spect for international law is ob-

Under strong repressive measures of military authorities in Germany the general strike continues to dimin-

number of Indians, he being the only who spent last week in Lumberton as- nurses for American soldiers in 1870, 48 years ago, and no business white man on the car except the driv- sisting those who consulted him about France. Also he reported a substan- house anywhere is better known to G. C. Farthing, Geo. H. Ross, J. E. figuring income tax, was notified tial sum in the treasury for local readers of this paper. At the time of Friday by Collector J. W. Bailey that work. Mr. Goodwin's written report the death of the founder the business

Rowland, Feb. 4-6; Fairmont, Feb. win French. 7-9; St. Pauls, Feb. 11-13; Lumberton Feb. 25-28; Raeford, Feb. 14-16; Clark-

ton, Feb. 18-19; Elizabethtown, Feb Married persons whose incomes are \$2,000 or more a year, and single persee the income tax man on his first round you had better see him when he comesa round again, for you cannot escape making out the proper re-

### David Fuller Steps Up Again-Captain Fuller Now.

From Press Summary, Feb. 1. On the fighting fronts the most important event has been another attack by the Germans on a small American post in which two Americans were killed and four wounded. Another soldier is believed to have been captured by the enemy. This po-sition on the French front daily has been searched out by shells from the Germans for several days past, but Wednesday morning, aided by a heavy fog and covered by a violent artillery barrage, the Germans decided to attack. It is believed that the German casualties were greater or as great as those of the Americans whose cannon and rifle fire was played unstintedly on the marauders.

## Mr. W. Lennon at Rex Tomorrow.

## Roads Bad-Case of Typhoid.

# OF BLUE MONDAYS

# Heatless Monday Program May improved. Be Abandoned After Today.

day program after its enforcement 1st inst. today was predicted Friday night at and Director of Railroads McAdoo.

A final decision was not reached tion that both officials, as well as that only about 400 out of every 10,road embargoes now in force.

Ten heatless Mondays were decreed

## Cross Executive Committee-Additional Members.

The executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter met in the commissioners' room at the court house en Mrs. Townsend to secure an in-structor, her railroad fare and board Deceased was born in Wilmington

liams, withard Prevatt, Berry God-

## 12-Year-Old Boy in Jail Charged With Killing Boy 11 Years Old tacked Him at Shannon.

is in jail here charged with killing John Johnson, another negro boy 11 the things that he did to help any that years old, at Shannon Saturday morn-needed help. He gave often and libing. The boy was carried from Shan- erally, and put it out of his mind." non to Red Springs after he had kill-

He says he had no idea of killing Daily, and interment was made in Johnson. He sheds tears freely about the family burying ground near the the affair.

### Price of Wheat Flour Substitutes Must Not Be Advanced Unreasonably.

Unwarranted price increases in wheat flour substitutes will not be near Sat. Pauls Friday night. permitted. The food administration Friday night gave warning to dealers Sam Small Friday Evening at that they must not take advantage of temporary shortages in other cereals brought on by the heavy demand the new bakng regulations has caused.

## Shepard Nash is Now in Italy.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

-The condition of Mr. J. A. Green, Sr., who has been very sick since Wednesday of last week, is somewhat

-Mr. Rufus Kinlaw has accepted a position as day clerk at the Lor-Abandonment of the heatless Mon- raine hotel. He began work on the

-Mr. W. F. Franch returned Satthe close of a prolonged conference urday from the West, where he spent between Fuel Administrator Garfield several days buying mules for his sales stables.

-Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie pass their 50th mile post in their married life tomorrow. Statistics say

members are urged to be present.

It seems that another epidemic of sidewalk skating has broken out.

### J. N. JACOBI PASSES.

### Well-Known Citizen of Wilmington Died Suddenly Friday.

While en route to his office Friday surgical dressings committee by Mrs. about 10 a. m., Mr. Joseph N. Jacobi, Abner Nash, chairman of the woman's one of the best-known and most popucommittee, to the effect that that lar business men of Wilmington, sufcommittee could do nothing until an fered an attack of heart trouble and instructor should come to start the died in a few minutes, before he could ladies on the work according to Red be taken to his home. He had been Cross regulations. Authority was giv- confined to his home with grip for

At Rowland First Three Days while here to be paid by the chapter. July 5, 1870, a son of the late Nathan-Treasurer Junius J. Goodwin made an jel Jacobi, founder of the N. Jacobi This Week—Other Appointexcellent oral report which showed that the chapter has already started to doing things. He reported that the chapter has been one of the largest wholesale to doing things. He reported that over \$2,500 had been collected by the finance committee and forwarded to the largest wholesale in the South. The company has car-Deputy Collector N. A. Watson, headquarters for hospital service and sonian since the first issue back in

> John Coble McNeill, A. Wein-selling end of the business, spending much-of his time on the road. His genial nature and absolute integrit won for himself the affection and high regard of hundreds of customers NEGRO BOY KILLS ANOTHER throughout the eastern Carolinas who will join with the people of this city in mourning his death. \* man in the city was more universally loved and esteemed than Mr. Jacobi. A man with a broad mind and a big heart, that held no malice for any, he -Stabbed One of Two Who At- was. No one in distress or in need of help ever appealed to him and was turned away empty handed. His ben-Lacy Blue, a 12-year-old negro boy, race nor creed. There was nothing less liked by him than publicity for

Deceased was a member of several tees of the Odd Fellows' orphan home According to the story told a Robe- at Goldsboro, of which institution the

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

home. Mrs. Parnell is survived by her husband and three children, one sister, Mrs. Hester of Bladenhoro, and three brothers, Messrs. Ira Davis of Lumberton, and L. C. and Stephen Davis.

### Mr. H. L. Baxley of St. Pauls. Mr. H. L. Baxley died at his home

## Court House at 8. Rev. Sam Small, D. D. one of the

most brilliant, unique and entertaining lecturers in America today, will speak at the court house Friday even-Mrs. Abner Nash received a letter ing at 8. His subject will be "Uncle Friday advising her that her son Mr. Sam's Water Wagon.' Dr. Small is S. K. Nash, who is in the aviation one of the leaders in the great drive accepted an invitation to address the service, had been transferred from for national prohibition. No admis-France, where he had been since last sion fee will be charged. Children morrow on food conservation. As October, to Italy. Mr. Nash, who was of the graded school have entered in stated in recent issues of The Robe- assistant cashier of the National Bank to a contest for a beautiful American of Lumberton before enlisting for the flag which will be given to the grade

anti-submarine craft contemplate the