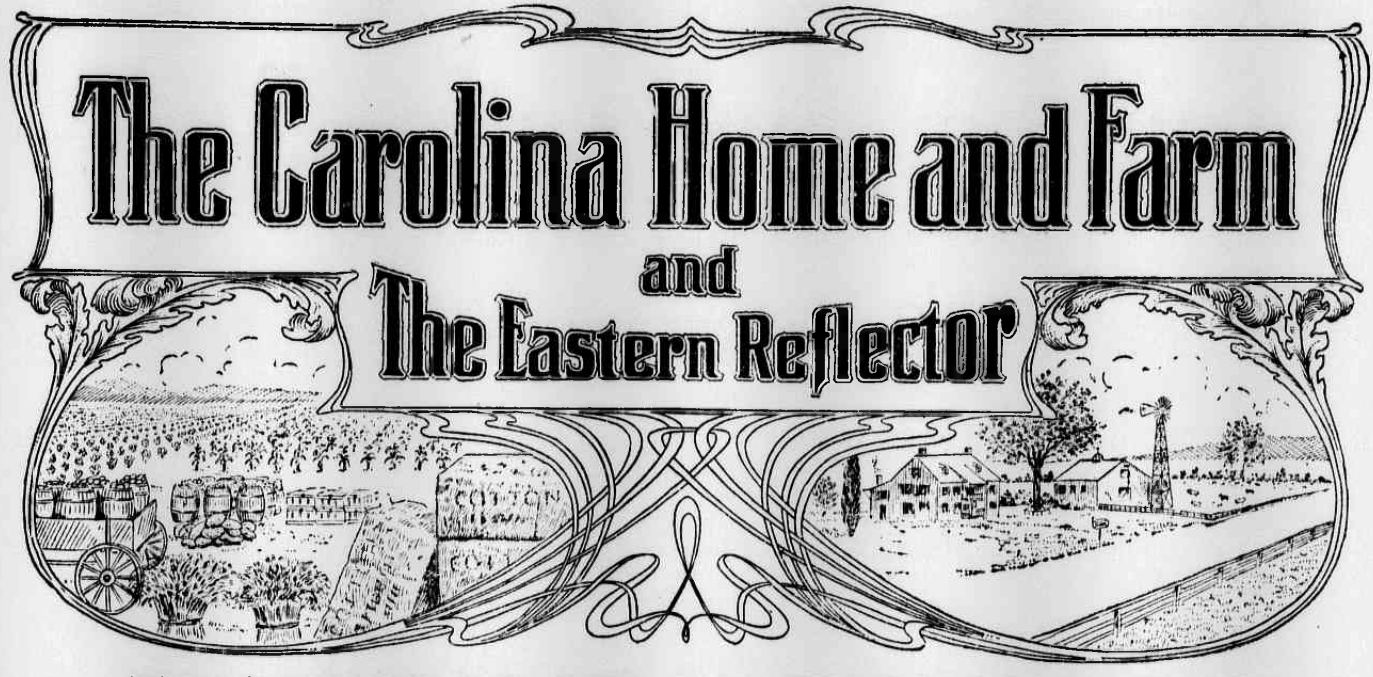


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Smith-Pollard Murder Trial

3 O'clock Wednesday Hon. F. C. Harding Opened the Argument For State

FRIDAY

At a late hour Thursday afternoon the jury having been duly drawn and empanelled, the trial of S. M. Pollard, for murder in the second degree began in earnest. Owing to the late hour only one witness took the stand this one being Dr. D. S. Morrill for the state.

The testimony of Dr. Morrill was as follows:

He stated that about 10:15 o'clock Saturday night January 17 he received a phone message to come to the home of T. H. Smith and that he arrived there about ten minutes later. Upon his arrival he found Smith with a pistol shot wound in the left side of the abdominal region. Smith asked him for help. He told Smith that there was nothing that could be done unless he could get him to a hospital where he could undergo an operation. To this Smith replied that he would rather die at home than in the hospital. Smith then told Dr. Morrill how the shooting occurred which as he stated was as follows:

That he entered the store of S. M. Pollard and that Pollard said to him, "Smith get out of here, get out of here." He then stated that he asked Pollard what for, and that without other words Pollard drew his revolver and fired the fatal shot."

Dr. Morrill testified that Smith was carried to the Washington hospital on the midnight train, where he died about six o'clock Sunday morning, having made no other statement than the above mentioned.

After the cross examination of the witness by counsel for the defense, Judge Daniels ordered that court take a recess until 9:30 this morning.

After court had adjourned and the jury retired, counsel for the defense applied to Judge Daniels, under a writ of habeas corpus, for the release of Pollard under bond in the sum of \$10,000. This was opposed by counsel for the state, and there was much discussion on both sides, and the matter ended for the time being by Judge Daniels saying he would take it under consideration until today for his decision.

court assembled this A. M. at 9:30 and it was decided by Judge Daniels that he would take up the matter of writ of capias at the noon hour.

First witness for prosecution this a. m. was Mr. F. S. Corbitt whose testimony was as follows:

That he went into Pollards drug store for a cigar about 10:00 o'clock Saturday night Jan. 17th, where some boys were playing a punch board. Pollard was behind the counter. After a very short time Smith entered by front door placed hands inside pockets walked toward rear and stopped. Corbitt said he noticed Pollard watching Smith. As Corbitt started to leave store he heard someone say "get out of here." Corbitt then turned and as he did so, he heard the second command, "get out of here" and a revolver report followed immediately. Says that there were only a few seconds from the time Pollard said get out of here and the time of the firing of a gun. The two clinched and a second shot was then fired, and that Pollard had hold of the breech of the

gun and Smith the barrel. He then wrung the gun from Smith and Pollard, while this was going on Smith said, "Sam you have shot me and killed me for nothing." Pollard replied "you have cursed me enough and I have taken it my last time."

When Smith was being carried from store he pulled revolver from his left hip pocket and fired across breast at Pollard.

Corbitt, Askew and Belcher helped to take Smith home. On way home, Carl Turnage said that he would go for the doctor and Smith told Turnage he need not go for a doctor as he was already dying. When they got Smith to his home he called his wife by name and said, "Mollie, Sam Pollard has shot me and killed me, you need not cut up about it for I am going to die."

On cross examination Corbitt held to former testimony.

Second witness was Chief Lupton of New Bern, to state good character of F. S. Corbitt former witness. Then was called Sheriff A. C. Gaskins, of New Bern, also to state good character of Corbitt. Both said same to be good.

The fourth witness was D. R. Morgan, (eye witness) he stated that on Saturday night Jan. 17th, he came out of barber shop adjoining Pollard's place. He saw a number of boys standing around and he opened the door to go in and as he did he saw Pollard standing by the counter with a gun in his hand and heard him say "get out of here," to Smith and at that moment shot him. Upon cross-examination Morgan held to same testimony.

The fifth called was H. M. Howard, also an eye-witness. He stated that he was in Pollard's drug store on Saturday night Jan. 17th, standing by side of counter, and that Flowers, Skinner boys, Burch, Perkins and a few others were in the store and that all the boys were at a punch board when Smith entered door. Smith was walking with hands in side pants pockets.

Howard spoke to Smith and said "Chief come up and take a chance," Smith said "no, I am not taking any chances tonight." Howard turned his face toward punch board and paid no more attention, Pollard turned and walked toward the cash register. Howard testified that he then heard a voice say "get one" and at that moment a shot was fired. He turned and saw Pollard with the revolver in his right hand and Smith had his left hand on barrel of the gun, the two had clinched and another shot followed. Howard ran out. When another shot was fired he returned and heard Pollard say "that Smith had cursed him like a dog and he had taken it his last time."

E. S. Hobgood another eye witness was then called and his testimony was that on Saturday night 17th he went into Pollards drug store to get a package of cigarettes and that a number of boys were standing around a punch board. That Smith was standing in the store about 12 or 14 feet from Pollard. Hands in his side pants pockets. That he had seen Smith in Turnage's store a few minutes before

Less Than Three Hundred Americans are Now Left In Capital of Mexico

Pollard went to the cigar case and sold Hobgood a package of cigarettes. He started out. Smith was standing near middle of store. Hobgood heard Pollard say "get out" and turned and saw Pollard standing with a revolver drawn on Smith and he fired into him. After shot was fired Smith sprang forward and took hold of barrel of gun. Hobgood then ran to Turnage's store where he found the night policeman and told him that Pollard had shot Chief Smith. He stated that he did not go back to the drug store and that when he saw Smith again he was being carried across the street to his home. Mr. Hobgood held his testimony in cross examination.

Seventh witness was Rufus Skinner an eye witness. That he lived four miles from Farmville, and that he and his brother, had come to Farmville to the moving picture show. That he lit the show about ten o'clock and as he passed Pollards store a bunch of boys were punching a punch board. Pollard was standing at counter waiting on boys, Smith entered about 10 minutes. Came in with coat unbuttoned and hands in side pants pockets and one of the boys asked Smith to take a chance and he replied that he didn't want to. Pollard moved to the cigar show case. Smith was standing a little distant. Skinner turned his face to the punch board and in a few minutes he heard Pollard say "get here" and a shot was fired. Skinner said he fled from the store.

Eighth witness was Roy Skinner an eye witness. He stated that he was in Farmville on the same occasion as above witness. Smith came in and walked toward middle of store. Skinner said that he heard Pollard say "get out of here." Smith said what does this mean and without other words Pollard fired at him. Skinner ran out and later returned to the store where he heard Pollard say "that Smith had cursed him like a dog the week before and that no man could do that."

Ninth witness was C. E. Bowen of Martin county also eye witness. That he was in Farmville on business Saturday January 17th and that Saturday night he was in Pollards drug store where a bunch of boys were playing a punch board. A few minutes Chief Smith entered the door with his hands in his side pants pockets. When he first came in he walked by the boys and passed to the middle of the store in a few moments he heard someone say "get out of here" and immediately a revolver shot was fired. He turned and saw the two men clinched and he rushed out of the door. He looked through the window and saw Pollard's right hand on the breach of a revolver and Smith's left second report. He then saw several hands on the barrel and he heard the men start to carry Smith out and as they were nearing the door Smith drew gun and fired at Pollard.

Tenth witness L. C. Turnage. The pistol is produced by Mr. Turnage and some of the chambers being still loaded. Sheriff Dudley was ordered to unload same which he did.

Mr. Turnage is mayor of Farmville and said that on Saturday night January 17th, that he was in his office in his store. That about 9 o'clock Chief Smith came in and that at that time he was in a sober condition. About 10 o'clock Turnage was told

that S. M. Pollard had shot Smith. Turnage rushed in and found Mr. Corbitt and Mr. Askew endeavoring to separate the men.

Smith said "he has shot me and killed me for nothing. Mr. Turnage and Mr. Belcher and Askew started to take Smith out. Just before leaving the door Smith drew a revolver from his left hip pocket and fired at Pollard. On the way home Smith remarked several times that he was going to die. Turnage says that he was in the bank Monday or Tuesday before the shooting and that Pollard came to the window and asked him what he would sell him a pistol for Mr. Turnage told him that he would sell him one for 10 per cent profit.

Immediately after the adjournment at 12:45 the counsel again met with the Judge in conference to continue the motion for writ Habeas Corpus to allow the defendant bail in the sum of \$10,000. After a warm discussion of the matter Judge Daniels refused to Ad'w'j wy faow bntaf tam teveemfwy permit bail for Mr. Pollard.

Afternoon Session.

This afternoon's session of court convened at 2:30 o'clock and up until this paper went to press the following witnesses for the prosecution had testified:

J. K. Spivey whose testimony was as follows: That he began work at the store of T. C. and J. W. Turnage January 1st. On Monday or Tuesday of the week before tragedy, Pollard came into the store to purchase an automatic gun and Mr. Spivey sold him one. The pistol with which Pollard shot Smith was brought into court and identified by Mr. Spivey as the one sold him Saturday night he was at Turnage's store and states that he went to Pollards drug store about 20 or 25 minutes after shooting had occurred. He also states that the only statement which he heard made was that of Pollard who said that Smith had cursed him to everything he could think of a few days before and that now he had put an end to it.

Andrew Moore, who testified that he was night police. That at the time of the shooting on Saturday night January 17th that he was in the rear of Turnages and Co's. store and that previous to this time he had talked to Smith and knew him to be in a sober state. That upon hearing of the shooting he went immediately to Pollards store. He entered the drug store where he saw the two men clinched, Pollard holding the breech of a pistol and Smith holding the barrel. He caught Pollards wrist and tried to part the two when Smith said "dont pull my arm like that, Pollard has shot and killed me for nothing," and Pollard said that Smith had cursed him to everything that he could think of an dthat he had put up with it his last time. The two men were then separated and Smith was carried from the store. That when near the door Smith drew a revolver from his left hip pkeket and turning, fired at Pollard.

Mrs. T. H. Smith, who testified that she was the wife of the late T. H. Smith. That she had been married 9 1/2 years. That they had one child who was now dead. That on the night of Saturday, January 17, her husband was brought home and that he

Refugee Train Left There Last Night With Five Hundred, Enroute to Puerto, Mexico.

CONGRESS ASKED FOR APPROPRIATION PREVENT EPIDEMIC

Reports Coming From Cordoba States That Seven Americans Were Executed There Yesterday by the Federals. Upon Investigation Secretary Bryan Has Been Unable To Have Report Confirmed

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(Special)—Less than three hundred Americans remain in Mexico City. It is the smallest number in that city in half a century according to official dispatches received here. Most of those remaining are expected to take chances and stick in the capital. Jammed refugee train with more than five hundred Americans; several Englishmen and Germans left the Mexican capital last night enroute to Puerto, Mexico, where they will board an American transport. Swamped by influx refugees from the war scene desperate efforts to care for them are being made by the treasury, public health, labor, state, war and navy departments. Secretary McAdoo asked congress to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars to be used by the public health service to prevent the epidemic that generally hits Mexico about this time each year. The safety of the thousands of American soldiers now in that country.

VERA CRUZ, April 29.—The fighting fifth brigade are still fighting aboard the transports tied up at the docks while General Funston is conferring with Admirals Badger and Fletcher completing details to transfer the control of Vera Cruz from navy to army. Administrative forces of the city now completely organized. Every report from Mexico City indicates that the danger of Americans have passed for the present. Although agreeing to mediation plan Argentine, Brazil, Chile powers are asking Americans to leave interior. Huerta doing everything possible to strengthen his forces. Officially treating with Bandit rebel Zeapata with view of forcing an alliance.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Marching time was the diplomatic status of the Mexican mediation program today. Secretary Bryan stated that this government was on a standstill regarding mediation, pending some affirmative action by Argentine, Brazil and Chile mediations. That representatives of Brazil, Argentine and Chile would act alone without injecting any European powers into the situation. So far as is known as stated by Secretary Bryan no further word has been received from Villa or Carranza. Confirmation was lacking Bryan stated at the reports of several Americans being executed at Cordoba and Aguaz Calientes.

VERA CRUZ, April 29.—From reports received here there are good reason to believe that not a single American has lost his life in Mexico during last two weeks. Many jailed, but refugees stories indicate that the imprisonment was to save them from the mobs.

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