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OLIVE HISCOX NOT GUILTY

Jury Determines Her Innocence in a Few
Hours.

CLOSE OF THE SELLERS MURDER CASE

Prisoner Gives Little Evidence of Emotion During the Trying Seemingly Incident to the Report of the Jurors.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the Hiss case returned a verdict of not guilty at 7:39 this evening, after being out but three and one-half hours.

The prisoner took her place in the court room, as calm as at any time during her long trial. The only sign she gave of the strain upon her mind was the paleness of her features.

She showed no signs of animation after the announcing of the verdict, until her relatives and friends crowded around her.

In the trial today the time was consumed by arguments on an argument for the defense. Attorney Gillis for the state and the instructions of the judge to the jury.

Argo in his closing remarks paid Judge Powell a handsome compliment in saying that in all his practice as a criminal lawyer he had never tried a case before a judge who was more fair to both sides than was Judge Powell.

The instructions consisted of twenty-seven separate counts, and were mostly upon the law of the case. The jurors were advised that it was their duty to banish

from their mind all passion, prejudice or sympathy. The evidence as to the declarations and whereabouts of Calvin and Grant Hixox during the day and night just prior to the commission of the crime was not shown by the state to have any connection with the defendant, and the jurors were instructed to give it no consideration. They were also instructed not to consider the testimony of Hans Hanson as to the conversation had with the Hixox boys in the

trial at Oakland on the afternoon of June 2, the conversation being several hours after the homicide and in the absence of the defendant. The court instructed that the evidence of acts and declarations of the defendant and her relations with Fred Sellers prior to the homicide should be considered by the jury found that the defendant committed the crime for the purpose of showing whether she probably acted under such provocation as might reduce the degree of the offense from murder to murder in the second degree or to manslaughter.

In the eleventh instruction the judge told the jurors that if they believed Sellers pointed a revolver at the defendant and threatened to take her life, and that soon afterward he followed her into the house where the shooting took place, that there he seized her in such a manner as would naturally and reasonably cause her to believe that she was in immediate and present danger of suffering great bodily injury or of death, then the defendant would be

justified in using such force, means or weapons as she believed necessary, and if it resulted in the death of Sellers she would not be guilty of any offense. In the twelfth instruction the jurors were instructed that if they found that Sellers was unlawfully killed and that the defendant was present and in any manner aided or encouraged the same, she is guilty, although some other person may have fired the shot.

In the succeeding instructions the judge

instructed the jury as to what constitutes murder in the first and second degrees and manslaughter. Instructions were given as to how the jury should weigh and consider the testimony. They were also instructed not to discard the testimony of the defendant, given in her own behalf, nor were they to blindly believe it as wholly true, but to give it fair consideration in connection with other evidence in the case.

COLLAPSE OF A COTTON COMPRESS.
Thirty People Carried Down and Several Are Lost in the Debris.
 MEMPHIS, Nov. 19.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Macon, Ga., says: Thirty people, 3,000 bales of cotton and hundreds of tons of heavy timbers went down in one loud crash at 7:30 o'clock to-night at the Central Railroad compress in

The platform was twenty feet high, 850 feet long, and 140 feet wide. Over 500 feet gave way without warning, the supports being rotten. It is believed two teams

and their drivers were caught beneath the platform, as it extended over Popular street and the teams are said to have been seen going under the platform just before it fell. So great was the noise accompanying the collapse that it was heard a mile away. All of the injured were taken to their homes and to hospitals and given attention by surgeons. Several are badly hurt. The wrecked platform covers several acres of ground and presents an appalling sight in

The hunt for dead bodies supposed to be buried beneath the wreckage will not begin until tomorrow, as derricks and other appliances for raising cotton and timbers cannot be procured before then. The damage to the machinery and engines was only slight.

KANSAS COURTS FAIL TO CONFLICT.

No Solution of the Santa Fe Receivership Yet Presented.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 18.—Bound by ironclad restraining orders from both the federal and state courts, both sides to the controversy in the Santa Fe receivership case are now powerless to move and it is thought there will not be any new developments until the case comes up for hearing before Judge Foster in the federal court.

Attorneys Koeler and Hilo were this morning served with the restraining orders issued yesterday by United States Judge Foster. They say they will obey the injunction, and will take no further steps until Judge Foster decides upon the question of jurisdiction. If he decides his court has jurisdiction they will at once, it is stated, carry the case up to the United States supreme court on this point alone.

Cheap Western Rates Withdrawn.
CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The roads of the Transmissouri association today announced that on Nov. 25 they will abolish winter tourist rates to all points in their territory east of the tracks of the Illinois Central, including New Orleans. The only exception to the rule will be that the rates will be still made to the southeastern resorts from Colorado common points. This exception is

made necessary by the Denver & Gulf road, which has declined to join the other roads in their action. The reason for the abolishment of the winter tourist rates is that these tickets were to a large extent demoralizing the passenger traffic of the roads.

Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.
CINCINNATI, Nov. 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore &

Interchangeable Ticket Knocked Out. CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The roads of the central passenger committee met today to consider the advisability of adopting a 5,000-mile interchangeable mileage ticket.

and the proposition to issue the ticket was knocked out.