

THE TRIAL OF MRS. HERMAN H. HIRSCH
FOR BLACKMAIL, ATLANTA,
GEORGIA, 1918.
THE NARRATIVE.

Less than three weeks after the conviction of her confederate Cook (*ante*, p. 624), Mrs. Hirsch was brought to trial. Mayor Candler (*ante*, p. 629) and Mr. Adair (*ante*, p. 633) repeated the amazing story which they had testified to on the trial of Cook. And the other witnesses on Cook's trial gave similar evidence here. Then Mrs. Hirsch, the Court having been cleared of all spectators, made a long statement or address to the jury in which she stuck to the charge of criminal conduct which she had made against Mayor Candler and in which she attempted to make it appear that the money which was talked about in Mr. Adair's office was not a demand made by her but an offer on the part of Mayor Candler's agent to hush up the matter and keep it from the public. But in less than half an hour after the Judge had charged them on the law of the case, the jury came back into court with a verdict of guilty and Mrs. Hirsch was sentenced to a fine of \$1000 and imprisonment for one year.

THE TRIAL.¹

*In the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia,
March, 1918.*

HON. BENJAMIN H. HILL,² *Judge.*

March 14.

Mrs. Herman H. Hirsch, who had been jointly indicted with W. J. Cook for blackmail, and had pleaded *not guilty*

¹*Bibliography.* The *Atlanta Constitution*, March 15, 16 and 17, 1918.

² See *ante*, p. 628.