

PROPRIETORS OF TRIANGLE WAIST FACTORY FREED

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NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The state failed to fix the blame for the fire horror of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employes of the Triangle Waist company lost their lives. A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today by the jury in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted in connection with the holocaust.

Unusual precautions were taken to prevent a repetition at the courthouse today of the demonstrations which have been made against the defendants during the trial. Only a few persons were allowed in the courtroom and the corridors and entrances were guarded by policemen.

The jury came in at 4:36 p. m. after deliberating for an hour and 45 minutes.

The pronouncement of acquittal was first taken quietly by the defendants, but after an adjournment to an anteroom they gave way, to their emotions and were embraced by relatives and friends. As they passed out through a lane of policemen to the street, a large number of men, women and children awaited them. One hysterical man tried to press through the throng, crying: "Not guilty? Not guilty? murder! murder! murder!"

Fell in Convulsions.

He fell on the steps of the courthouse in convulsions gasping that he had lost a sister in the fire.

Harris and Blanck were not charged in a wholesale manner with the deaths that occurred at the fire, but specifically with manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, a young girl who was found dead near a door on the ninth floor of the building.

The main argument of both prosecution and defense was directed against this door, the state introducing over 100 witnesses in an attempt to prove that it was locked.