

**BARRISTERS** with his **ASSISTANT** left of him. **SIR WILFRID**, for the Defense, is seated left of the front row of Barristers with his **ASSISTANT** right of him. Four **BARRISTERS**, one a woman, are seated in the back row of the Barristers' seats. **LEONARD** is standing in the dock with the **WARDER** beside him. Down right, **WYATT** is seated on the stool right of the table. The **INSPECTOR** is seated on the chair above the right end of the table. **MAYHEW** is seated left of the table. A **POLICEMAN** stands at the double doors. Three members of the **JURY** are seen, the first a man, the **FOREMAN**, the second a **WOMAN** and the third a **MAN**. The **USHER** is administering the oath to the **WOMAN JUROR** who is standing.

**WOMAN JUROR.** (holding the Bible and oath card) ... lady the Queen and the prisoner at the Bar whom I shall have in charge, and a true verdict give according to the evidence.

(She hands the Bible and oath card to the **USHER**, then sits.)

(The **USHER** gives the Bible and oath card to the **FOREMAN**.)

**FOREMAN.** (rising) I swear by Almighty God that I will well and truly try and true deliverance make between our sovereign lady the Queen and the prisoner at the Bar whom I shall have in charge, and a true verdict give according to the evidence.

(He hands the Bible and oath card to the **USHER**, then sits.)

(The **USHER** puts the Bible and card on the ledge of the jury box, then sits on his stool down right)

**CLERK.** (rising) Leonard Vole, you are charged on indictment for that you on the fourteenth day of October in the County of London murdered Emily Jane French. How say you, Leonard Vole, are you guilty or not guilty?

**LEONARD.** Not guilty.

**CLERK.** Members of the Jury, the prisoner stands indicted for that he on the fourteenth day of October murdered Emily Jane French. To this indictment he has pleaded not guilty, and it is your charge to say, having heard the evidence, whether he be guilty or not.

(He motions to **LEONARD** to sit, then resumes his own seat.)

(**LEONARD** and the **WARDER** sit. **MYERS** rises.)

**JUDGE.** One moment, Mr. Myers.

(**MYERS** bows to the **JUDGE** and resumes his seat.)

(He turns to the **JURY**.) Members of the Jury, the proper time for me to sum up the evidence to you, and instruct you as to the law, is after you have heard all the evidence. But because there has been a considerable amount of publicity about this case in the Press, I would just like to say this to you now. By the oath which each of you has just taken you swore to try this case on the evidence. That means on the evidence that you are now going to hear and see. It does not mean that you are to consider also anything you have heard or read before taking your oaths. You must shut out from your minds everything except what will take place in this Court. You must not let anything else influence your minds in favour of or against the prisoner. I am quite sure that you will do your duty conscientiously in the way that I have indicated. Yes, Mr. Myers.

(**MYERS** rises, clears his throat and adjusts his wig in the manner taken off by **SIR WILFRED** in the previous scene.)

**MYERS.** May it please you, my lord. Members of the Jury, I appear in this case with my learned friend Mr. Barton for the Prosecution, and my learned friends Sir Wilfrid Robarts and Mr. Brogan-Moore appear for the Defence. This is a case of murder. The facts are simple and up to a certain point are not in dispute. You will hear how the prisoner, a young and, you may