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evidence after he became angry because he did not get a fair trial, share of the loot. He said he got \$1,000, and Perry Jean King, then 21, only \$7,500, and learned only from newspaper accounts that the "lakie" was more than \$4.

Court at Wimberly, S.C., on Aug. 13, 1948, robbery of store-

keeper. Wash Ladd of Salem Crossroads of his life's savings.

Ladd testified Pitts and Russell, both armed, invaded his living quarters above his store, tapped his eyes and tied him up, then took a tackle box from beneath his bed that contained the money. Miss King was convicted as an accomplice who helped Pitts three days before the robbery.

Russell, who testified for the state, said the money was divided at the King home in Charlotte. Officers said Ladd's savings ever were recovered.

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