

MORIARITY TRIAL FOR MURDER OF GARDENER'S WIFE

TOM RIVER, N. J., Dec. 17.—Charged with the murder of Mrs. Carrie Turner, wife of a gardener on the estate of George Gould, Joseph Moriarity, alias William H. Leeban, today went on trial for his life. The state was represented by former Prosecutor Theodore R. Brown, Prosecutor Harry E. Newman, and former United States District Attorney Walter Bacon. Moriarity was represented by Wilfred Jayne, T. T. TenBroeck Stout, Moriarity is practically penniless. His attorneys were retained by Mrs. Jasper Lynch, wealthy society woman of Lakewood, who has interested herself in the defendant's case and believes him the victim of a conspiracy.

Moriarity is thirty years of age and has a wife and child. He has been confined in the Ocean county jail since his arrest last April at Fort Lee, N. J., by Sheriff Frank Tilton, after a sensational hunt for the murderer. A bitter fight by the defense is expected when the prosecution expects to attempt to produce evidence, dictagraph records of conversations. Moriarity is said to have had with a Catholic priest in his cell here.

The crime of which Moriarity stands accused was committed April 28, 1911. On the afternoon of that day Mrs. Turner left her home to deliver some dresses she had made. Her body, badly mutilated, was found in a wooded valley, late in the afternoon two days later. A huge club, covered with blood and hair, lay near the body. Burns agents were employed but failed to find the murderer. Detectives from the Schindler agency were employed, and one year after the crime, they fastened suspicion on Moriarity, who at one time had been employed near here as a stenographer for Mrs. Lynch. Detectives enticed Moriarity into New Jersey and Sheriff Tilton arrested him. He has steadfastly maintained his innocence. Mrs. Lynch declared her belief that Mrs. Turner was killed by a speeding automobile, and her body carried into the woods to divert suspicion.

The real name of Emmy Destinn, the singer, is Emilie Kittel.

SOIL AND MARKETING PROBLEMS FEATURE HOUSTON'S REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The secretary of agriculture has published his annual report for the year 1913. The report differs in many essentials from those usually sent out from the department of agriculture. Instead of merely reviewing the agricultural situation, many broad economic questions are presented. The secretary calls attention to the facts that heretofore the department of agriculture has of necessity concerned itself mainly with the problems of production. He points out that these problems will be most urgent for a long time. Increased tenancy, absentee ownership, soils still depleted and exploited, inadequate business methods, the relative failure to induce a great majority of farmers to apply existing agricultural knowledge, and the suggestions of dependence on foreign nations for food supplies warn us of our shortcomings and incite us to additional efforts to increase production.

Soil Limit Not Reached.
The secretary says there is on ground for thinking we have yet approximated the limit of our output from the soil. As a matter of fact we have just begun to attack the problem. We have not even reached the end of the pioneering stage, and have only in a few localities developed conditions where reasonably full returns are secured. We have, however, unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. He says that as a nation we are suffering the penalty of too great ease of living and of making a living. It is not singular, therefore, that we should find ourselves in our present plight. Recklessness and waste have been incident to our breathless conquest, and we have had our minds too exclusively directed to the establishment of industrial supremacy in the keen race for competition with foreign nations. We have been so bent on building up great industrial centers by every natural and artificial device that we have had little thought for the very foundations of our industrial existence.

Marketing Problems.
One chapter of the report is devoted to the subject of marketing.

The secretary points out that it is now becoming clear that we must definitely and aggressively approach these newer and, relatively speaking, urgent questions, and must direct our attention to the broader economic problems of rural life. We have suddenly been brought face to face with the fact that in many directions further production waits on better methods of distribution, but that the field of distribution presents problems which raise in very grave ways the simple issue of justice. That under existing conditions the farmer does not get what he should for his product; that the consumer is required to pay an unfair price, and that unnecessary burdens are imposed under existing systems of distribution, there can be no question. The various marketing projects are outlined. These projects cover marketing surveys, methods and costs of marketing, including available market supplies in given production areas; demand at consuming centers; cold and other storage systems; marketing systems and prices; and costs of wholesale and retail distribution of farm products. There are studies in transportation problems and the elimination of waste in transportation to be prosecuted; a study of city marketing and distribution, a study of grades, and finally co-operative production and marketing must be investigated. Special emphasis is laid on the necessity for standardizing agricultural products as a prerequisite to proper marketing.

Co-operation Essential.
The point is made and emphasized that in this work of co-operative effort equity and justice must be kept in mind. Co-operation does not mean an organization which shall attempt to establish a closed market and to fix prices. We should condemn this as strictly in one field of industry as in any other. The aim should be an economic arrangement which shall facilitate production and lead the producer to standardize and to prepare his product for the market, and to find the readiest and best market for his product. Such actions will result in gain to the producer, as well as to the consumer.

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