

CHINESE SHOT DEAD; NEW TONG WAR FEARED

Waiter Tries to Stop Gunman and Is Wounded—Unrest Here and in Newark.

One Chinese was killed and another badly, perhaps fatally, wounded by a Chinese gunman at 1 o'clock this morning in King's Tea Garden, a chop suey restaurant, on the second floor of 500 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. Unusual activity was reported simultaneously in the Chinatowns of New York and Newark, N. J.

The police believe that the shooting, accompanied by signs of trouble in Chinatown, marks the beginning of a new tong war and do not think it has anything to do with the civil war in China. Detectives of the Butler Street Station, Brooklyn, investigating the murder, learned that both victims of the gunmen were tong members, but did not establish to what tong they belonged.

The restaurant, which has a capacity of 1,500, contained about 800 persons, men and women, when the shooting occurred. The gunman, whose identity is not known, walked through the restaurant into the kitchen, where he fired two shots into the body of Ly Poy, 50 years old, a dishwasher. Poy fell dead with a bullet through his heart and another in the shoulder.

Leaving the kitchen, the murderer was confronted by Chin Luk, 45, a waiter, who tried to stop him. The gunman fired three bullets, striking Luk in the left elbow, left forearm and left groin. As the killer ran through the excited crowd and dashed downstairs, Luk staggered to a table around which seven women and four men were sitting and collapsed. Patrons of the restaurant poured out in a panic. The murdered had escaped before the police arrived. Luk was taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital in a serious condition.

The last big tong war in the United States was brought to an end by a treaty of peace signed on March 26, just about a year ago, before the On Leong and Hip Sing tongs, after twenty Chinese had been killed in New York and thirty in other large cities since Oct. 8, 1925.

Following the Brooklyn shooting, the streets of Chinatown in lower Manhattan filled with Chinese early this morning. They flocked there from all parts of the city. Captain James A. McArthur sent many extra policemen to the district. The Chinese here did not seem to know what the trouble was. They said they had heard reports of a Chinese merchant killed in Chicago last night.

At the Hip Sing headquarters, 6 Pell Street, it was denied that that tong was involved in a new war. Police Headquarters in Manhattan was inclined to believe the Brooklyn shooting was a result of trouble between Cantonese and Northern sympathizers in the Chinese civil war.
