

TONGMEN KILL NINE AS WAR FLARES ANEW

Two Chinese Slain in Brooklyn Restaurant While 250 Are Dining There.

KILLINGS OCCUR IN 6 CITIES

27 Bullets Fired Into Man at Newark—Banton Warns He Will Start Deportations.

Chinese tong warfare flared anew yesterday over the eastern part of the United States after a peace of two years between the On Leong Tong and the Hip Sing Tong, and last night nine Chinese had been killed and two wounded in six different cities. The police arrested forty-five.

In Chicago one man was killed early yesterday morning and three were wounded last night. Two of these died later. In Brooklyn two were killed early yesterday morning in a crowded restaurant. In Newark a Chinese from Boston was riddled with bullets in the early morning. Cleveland and Pittsburgh each had one murder during the early hours of the day and in Pittsburgh a second Chinese was wounded.

In New York's Chinatown there was an air of fear and mystery yesterday, and a most unusual number of uniformed patrolmen and detectives. There were more police than Chinese on the three streets of Chinatown. On the "bloody angle" at Doyers and Pell Streets a single uniformed policeman remained alone most of the day.

Tongmen Out of Sight.

The ornate building of the On Leong Tong on Mott Street was deserted and the leaders of that organization congregated elsewhere. The Hip Sings gathered at 15 Pell Street in a room behind a darkened laundry. The once dead-line between Pell and Mott Streets was again drawn, and few if any Chinese turned from one street into the other.

Two years ago, almost to the day, the two tongs signed a peace pact. It was hailed with relief by the police and with rejoicing by the Chinese. It was to last "for all time" it was said, though the skeptical who know the nature of the two tongs and grave doubts. The success of one tong means the decay of the other. Each is jealous, suspicious and watchful of the other.

According to the reports yesterday in Chinatown, the renewal of the warfare was started by the shooting in Chicago of Chin Pock, found shot to death in a gambling house in Chicago's Chinatown. Chin, the story goes, belonged to the On Leong Tong. A few months ago he resigned and joined the Hip Sings. Recently he reversed the process, going back to the On Leongs.

The Hip Sings called him a spy and a traitor. He died in Tom Jack's Chinese gambling house Wednesday night, and by morning Hip Sings had been killed in Brooklyn, Newark and elsewhere, another On Leong man was dead in Pittsburgh and a large part of

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the Chinese population of the United States had given up business and scurried to cover.

Hip Sing Were Prospering.

Behind this somewhat superficial explanation lies the fact that the Hip Sing Tong, which is composed for the most part of workingmen, while the richer merchants belong to the On Leong, has been prospering. When the worst warfare between the two tongs broke out two years ago last Fall the Hip Sing treasury was in such shape that the organization contemplated the erection of a national headquarters of its own. When the war ended there remained little treasury and the ambitions of the Hip Sing leaders were thwarted. In the two years of peace the Hip Sings have done so well that the talk of a national headquarters building has been renewed. Now the warfare has started again, and killings, according to detectives, cost \$2,000 each.

The record for twenty-four hours' warfare is as follows, according to

The Associated Press:

Chicago, three killed, one wounded, one arrested; Pittsburgh, one killed, one wounded, five arrested; Newark, one killed, twenty-seven arrested; Manchester, Conn., one killed, two arrested; Cleveland, one killed, ten arrested; Brooklyn, two killed.

Chin Pock was found in a room in which gambling tables and other paraphernalia had been overturned and smashed. The police arrested Tom Jack, owner of the place. Five others were taken to the station house and questioned. They were released and Chinatown rejoiced. In the evening three more Chinese were shot in west side laundries. Police are searching for Wee Woo as the possible slayer of Chin Poch, and are guarding Frank Moy, head of the On Leongs in Chicago, who says there is a price on his head. The two other fatalities in Chicago are Sam Sing, Chinese laundry owner, and a Hip Sing member and Moy Kung, one of the Leong Tong.

Two Are Killed in Brooklyn.

The killings in Brooklyn were dramatic. The gunman entered the kitchen of King's Tea Garden, at 500 Fulton Street, after midnight and shot and killed Si Poy, a fifty-year-old dishwasher. He then went into the dining room, where there were about 250 persons, the gun still in his hand. On his way through the place he shot Chin Luke, a waiter. Reports differ as to whether Chin tried to stop the gunman. One report is that Chin was the man sought, not Si Poy. Chin, with two bullet wounds, died in Cumberland Street Hospital after denying he belonged to either tong. But the police said that none but Hip Sings were employed in King's Garden.

Police in Newark obtained from a Chinese woman, Leong Lou Yuet, a good description of the killing of her brother-in-law, Chinchack Shou. Both came recently from Boston. Early yesterday morning they, with other Chinese, were playing games in a house in Mulberry Arcade, Newark's Chinatown. There was a shout outside. The proprietor of the place warned Chinchack, the only known Hip Sing in the gathering, and Chinchack hid in a closet. Four or five strange Chinese broke into the place, searched it and found Chinchack. They fired twenty-seven bullets into his body, then ran. Leong Lou Yuet and twenty-six Chinamen were held as witnesses.

It was hardly sun-up when two New York Chinese drove up in a taxicab to Sam Ong's laundry in Manchester, Conn. One man got out, walked into the laundry, shoved Sam Ong aside, found Ong King asleep in his bunk and shot him dead, firing five shots. Two minutes later the taxicab drove away, but a policeman in New Haven later stopped a cab with two Chinese in it and Chin Long and Su Hu Wing of New York were arrested. They protested their innocence, though Sam Ong identified them. The dead man, known to be active in Hip Sing affairs, had returned to Manchester from New York on Tuesday.

Battle in Pittsburgh Streets.

The two tongs clashed in Pittsburgh at Grant Street and Third Avenue in the early morning. Yee Hong Wah, 36 years old, was shot first and died from his wounds in a hospital. His cousin, Yee Wing Hong, was badly wounded and may die. Both were On Leong men. Yee Wing Hong told the police that Yee Why, a Hip Sing, did the shooting. Yee Why could not be found. The police arrested five Hip Sings. Georgie Lee, Secretary of the Hip Sings, was held as a suspicious person but denied any knowledge of the shooting. He asked the police later to allow him to go to his home and don a bullet-proof vest.

Yee Gar, an On Leong, was the victim in Cleveland. Three men broke in upon him as he lay in his bunk in his laundry. He told the police he recognized two of the assailants. He said that they lived at the home of George Yee, the Hip Sing leader. Yee and his wife, a white woman, said they did not know what had become of their lodgers. Eight Chinese and two white men were arrested.

District Attorney Banton issued last evening a warning to the Chinese that continued activities would result in deportations. Toward the close of the last war the Federal authorities took a hand, rounded up about 100 Chinese and sent them out of the country.

Suggests Fighting in China.

"I have sent for all the factions in the expected tong outbreak," Mr. Banton said, "and have told them that unless they cease trying to create disturbances at once I will take drastic action. They know what that means. It means that if necessary I will see to it they are sent back to China, where the present fashion seems to be for Chinamen to fight Chinamen. If they can't confine their war to China at least they can keep it out of New York."

Detective Sergeant Quinlan of the Newark police arrived at Police Headquarters last night with the fingerprint of the Chinese arrested in Newark, leaving them for comparison with the records and as a possible basis for deportation proceedings. The discovery of a large quantity of opium where the Newark killing occurred is expected to lead to action by the Federal authorities against some of the Chinese.

Chinese said that the tong warfare has nothing to do with the war in China. The Chinese Consulate was closed and the Consul not to be found. The telephone was disconnected.

The previous tong war lasted from Oct. 8, 1924, to March 26, 1925. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association was credited with bringing about the peace, which was regarded as somewhat of a victory for the Hip Sings. More than seventy Chinese had been killed in different parts of the country during the strife.