

RECURRENT OF GUN PLAY AMONG CHINESE DATES BACK TO 1912

Murder of Seid Bing in Portland Four Years Ago Has Been Followed by Violence.

10 KILLED UP TO PRESENT

Chinese Method of Settling Old Scores Takes Violent Turn. Gun Men Are Called In.

By Robert Doble. A week ago, perhaps, "Charlie," your Chinese laundryman, brought you...

And thus you get your first close-up touch with the mystery and curiously of the Chinese tong war. Charlie, whose life apparently was spent between taking away soiled clothes...

There is really nothing mysterious about a Chinese tong, though it takes an Oriental cast of mind to view with equanimity some of the murderous operations of the tongs when they are fighting.

The word "tong" in Chinese means a company, an association, a society or organization. The Hop Sing tongs, Bow Leong, On Leong, Sney Sing tongs are secret organizations, which compare in many ways to the "normal" lodges of the white man's world.

The tongs go on about their ordinary business through the year, collecting their dues, holding their banquets at the New Year, and providing for their financially unfortunate members.

This year's trouble, through many deviations, dates back to 1912, when Seid Bing, a member of the Hop Sing Leong tong, and a relative of Seid Bing, the wealthy Portland contractor...

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The Bow Leongs had lost a life—which must be avenged—money payments, having failed to make reparation. Less than a month passed before a murderous attack was made by the Bow Leongs against the Hop Sing member.

Membership in the tongs that are of strictly a secret nature is carefully concealed, and it is only by chance or careful spying that opponents learn of the relative of the Bow Leongs. Sue Ding, his relative, helped him to board a train secretly for Seattle, to catch a Pacific steamer.

Money pays for blood. The Bow Leong mistake cost them \$3000, which was paid over to the relative of the dead man through a prominent member of the Four Brothers society.

There was another item, too, that sprang on the war. The Chinese, in tongs and out of tongs, prefer to settle their differences without the aid

FIGURES IN CHINA TOWN LAWLESSNESS THAT PROVOKED RECENT TONG WAR



Above, left to right—Ol Sen, Chinese girl, central figure in tong feud; Lew Soon, former president of the Hop Sing tong; Joss, such as adorns headquarters of rival tongs. Below, left to right—Chinese reading proclamation of truce in tong war, Wednesday afternoon, from bulletin board at Second and Oak streets; Ol Sen's certificate of membership in the Hop Sing tong; Louie Hing, Chinese "highbinder" and accused murderer; Fong Gee Lung, the "tiger man," a highbinder, charged with three murders.

of the white man. But the wealthy Bow Leongs had spent money like water to control the lawless lawless, but any member of the Hop Sing tongs, carried over a year, was liquidated on March 12, 1912.

As before, the Bow Leongs used their powerful finances to gain what fighting would not do. They pushed the legal battle to land Louie Hing in the penitentiary, and violated the Chinese code by stepping outside of prescribed tong methods to get their revenge.

Thus it happened with Louie Hing and the other tongs—appears all through the story. When Seid Bing's dismembered body was found in a trunk in a railroad car in Seattle, January 22, 1912, his family spent more money to catch the murderers, it is safe to say, than ever spent in any before for the capture of a criminal.

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Medford Academy Graduates Organize. Sixty-five former students of St. Mary's Meet in Benson and Forman Alumni is Formed.

Meeting at White Salmon. White Salmon, Wash., Feb. 25. The horticultural meeting held Friday was addressed in the morning by E. W. Allen, assistant horticulturist of the experimental station at Corvallis.

the Hop Sing, feeling themselves outnumbered because they had a side feud with the Sney Sing, paid an indemnity—the sum is not known outside of Chinatown—for the 1912 murders.

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outward and were consistent in their basket shooting, while the local club players showed their true form but once during the game and that was shortly after the opening of the second period, when they took the lead, only to lose it later.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Feb. 26.—Winning every bout but one, the veteran Oregon Aggie wrestlers defeated Oregon tonight in Hayward hall. One of the six bouts, Prestel against Hawkins, went three extra minutes.

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LOCAL WOMAN MAY SEEK A SHARE OF LEGACY OF \$40,000

Miss Elizabeth Spencer Said to Be Niece of Late Francis Ripley of New York.

MAN SAID TO BE A MISER

Edna Kitching, Another Relative of Greenwch, N. Y., Refuses to Accept the Legacy, It Is Said.

If Edna Kitching, serene and philosophical in her hall bedroom in Greenwich village, N. Y., persists in her scorn of Uncle Francis F. Ripley's tainted legacy, Miss Elizabeth Spencer of Portland will be glad to accept it.

Doubtless many other young women would also be willing to take a chance but Miss Spencer has rather more claim than others because she is the late New York miser's niece, once removed.

Miss Spencer received, only a day or so ago, clippings from eastern papers telling of Miss Kitching's refusal of a legacy of \$40,000 left her by Ripley, her uncle.

Miss Spencer's mother was a cousin of Ripley's, Cole stated yesterday. Another cousin is a Mrs. Robinson, now of New Jersey, and a son, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Robinson are the only surviving kin of the deceased miser, with the exception of the stubborn Miss Kitching.

Miss Spencer came to Oregon from Elizabeth, N. J., several years ago. With some \$12,000 left her by her mother, she invested in a ranch near Prineville. A heavy mortgage had encumbered the property and she was unable to carry it.

Patrol Highway for Bootleggers. Medford, Or., Feb. 26.—District Attorney Kelly has been promised state aid in the matter of patrolling Pacific highway for those who unlawfully carry intoxicating liquors into this country from California.

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