

CHINATOWN MAY MOVE OVER TO WILLIAMSBURG

It Is Certainly Getting Away from
Its Old Home.

WHITE WIVES ONE FACTOR

Police Activity and Tong Hostility Are
Other Causes—6,000 Now Instead
of 15,000 Downtown.

Chinatown, which has these many years provided Oriental theatres, picturesque opium dens, and gambling joints for the admiration of New York's visitors, will soon be a thing of the past. There have been three forces working toward the dissolution of the community. They are the dissensions between the Hip Sing and On Leong Tongs, the agitation to build a park on the site of Chinatown, and the influence of white women who have married Chinamen.

The prospects appeal very dismally to Paddy Flaherty, self-styled Mayor of the Bowery, and his side partner, Chuck Connors, who have for years received a lucrative income by unveiling the mysteries of Chinatown to the wondering gaze of seeing New Yorkers.

"Those Tong scraps and this talk about a park on Chinatown are puttin' this place all to the ash can," sighed Paddy yesterday afternoon. "Two years ago there were 15,000 chinks right here in this bunch of shanties. Now they're only 6,000, and they're goin' as fast as they can."

The latest rumor regarding a site for a new Chinatown selects the district near the Brooklyn end of the Williamsburg Bridge. It is said that the firm of Soy Kee Brothers, who are wealthy Chinatown novelty dealers, has purchased two whole blocks of real estate in that vicinity, and that they will rent the houses to the Chinamen, who are fast leaving Chinatown. Tom Lee, leader of the On Leong Tongs, it is reported, has purchased adjoining property. Tom Lee is the owner of a large number of Chinese laundries in this city, and, according to the report, he is sending his employes to live in his new houses in Williamsburg.

The increased police vigilance resulting from the Tong fights is principally responsible for the migration of the opium den and gambling house keepers. Up to a year ago only three policemen patrolled the streets of Chinatown. Now there are eighteen, and their numerous raids have made the gambling and opium business anything but profitable. The opium dens and gambling houses that are left in Chinatown are snugly hidden away in attics and cellars. To get to them one has to go through a veritable labyrinth of passages and hallways.

In this city there are 300 American women, it is said, who are the wives of Chinamen. Only sixty of them still live in Chinatown. The rest refused to live in the attics and cellars of Mott and Doyer Streets, and their husbands meekly obeyed their orders to move. Chinamen are said to make ideal husbands, especially when their wives are white women. The difficulty which a Chinaman would naturally have in inducing a white woman to become his wife makes him almost worship her. Her word becomes law, and, as many of these Chinamen are in comfortable circumstances, they can satisfy all their wives' whims.

The new Chinatown, wherever it may be, will surely be built according to the mandates of prosaic tenement house laws. It will be devoid of the picturesqueness of crooked streets and tumble-down balconies, and there will be small opportunity for underground gambling dens with secret and complicated passages.

WED DESPITE DEATH THREAT.

Sister of Young Man Said She'd Kill
the Widow—Bride with Six Children.

"If you marry my brother I will kill you," said Miss Antoinette Grimniu of New York, walking into the home of Mrs. Catherine Rich in West Twentieth Street, Bayonne, N. J., yesterday. "You are too old for him and he is too young to get married."

Mrs. Rich is a widow with six children. Grimniu is only 18 years old. Both Grimniu and Mrs. Rich said they intended to be married and the scene became stormy.

Policeman Hassmiller took them all to Police Headquarters. The sister was warned not to interfere with the prospective bride and bridegroom, but she declared the ceremony would never take place.

At last the police detailed Court Officer Melando to accompany Mrs. Rich and Grimniu to the priest. They were married at the rectory of the Church of the Assumption, the policeman being the best man.

COURT AIDS POLICY HOLDERS.

Austrian Judges Compel the Mutual
to Open Its Lists.

A phase of the campaign among Austrian policy holders of the Mutual Life Insurance Company by the Baker-Warner wing of the policy holders' committee was made public yesterday through the giving out of correspondence between John De Witt Warner and Dr. Julius Ullmann of Vienna, President of the Austrian Life Policy Holders' Association.

It shows that the efforts of the policy holders to obtain the names of all those holding policies in the Austro-Hungarian Empire were frowned upon by the Mutual General Agency in Vienna, whereupon recourse was had to the Supreme Court of Austria, which ordered that the policy holders' committee should be allowed to copy the lists. This is now being done.

VOLUNTEER AUTO AMBULANCE

Takes an Injured Window Cleaner in
Style to the Hospital.

While hurrying to 15 Pearl Street, where Isaac Rosenberg, a window washer, had fallen from the second floor, a Hudson Street Hospital ambulance was disabled by the breaking of the rear axle at Whitehall and Bridge Streets. Dr. Bryant hurried on foot to the injured man.

After attending to his hurts the doctor hailed a passing automobile, in which were two fashionably dressed women, and asked them to take the man to the hospital. They vacated the tonneau to accommodate the doctor and his patient, and they went to the hospital in style.