

CHINESE PROCURESSES.**Consul Bee Makes a Statement
in Court.**

When the habeas corpus case of the Chinese woman Loi Ah Sun was called for hearing before Judge Hoffman yesterday, Consul Bee made the following statement to the Court:

"Upon an investigation by the Chinese Consul-General into five cases now before the Court, it has been proved that a well-known procuress left here in September last and returned on the Belgic with five women who are known to be prostitutes. The woman is well known as the keeper of a house of ill fame. Two of the women were landed upon certificates. The consular officials are satisfied that these women are being brought here for the purpose of prostitution. There are also four other cases more than doubtful in which the bondsmen are known to be engaged in this illicit business. The persons interested in the suits have been asked to come to the Chinese Consulate to explain matters, but have failed to appear. In every other case when the women are legitimate wives, upon request of the Consul, they have come to his office; but as these people have not made any response, the presumption is strong that the women are bad characters."

Consul Bee also said that the Consul-General had received instructions to aid the courts in these cases in every possible manner.

Judge Hoffman instructed the clerk not to accept Lee Shun as bondsman in any future case. The District-Attorney stated that he would present the matter before the Grand Jury to take action against the procuress with a view to having her indicted.