

HIGH SEAS MURDER.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Two Witnesses to Homicide Under Lock and Key.

United States District-Attorney Carey had his hands full yesterday in attending to the case of the Chinese who is said to have killed a fellow-passenger on board the steamer City of Peking on her voyage to this city. Early in the morning Mr. Carey secured the aid of Consul Bee, who, with Secretary King and the United States Marshal, visited the vessel, and there found Chow Bow and Mon King Vow, who knew of the circumstances attending the man's death. These two men were immediately taken into custody of the Marshal and conveyed to the Appraiser's building, where they were held as witnesses. The physician of the vessel, Dr. J. A. Hart, and the officer who put the defendant in irons were also subpoenaed.

At 2 p. m. the District-Attorney had his two witnesses ready and then waited for the arrival of the doctor, who soon appeared. Then arose difficulty. There was no interpreter, and after considerable discussion it was resolved to telephone to the Consulate and ask for Mr. King. Mr. King arrived and then the District-Attorney, the doctor and Mr. King stowed themselves into a hack and left for an undertaker's establishment where the body of the murdered Chinese was supposed to be, in order to have it identified. The whole party, including the two witnesses, arrived at the undertakers, but were disappointed when they were told that the corpse was still on board of the vessel.

"You see," said the undertaker, "the Coroner would not hold an inquest as it was out of his jurisdiction, and the Board of Health would not give me a permit to remove the body. And then you see this certificate does not amount to anything," presenting the following:

"This is to certify that Jo Shing, a steerage passenger on the Pacific Mail steamship City of Peking, died during the voyage from Yokohama to San Francisco soon after receiving an injury from a fellow-passenger. It is my opinion that the death was immediately due to internal hemorrhage, and would further state that the death was not due to any contagious disease.
J. A. HART.

The name of the killer is Le Te Li, who is now in the County Jail.

Balked at this point, the District-Attorney then went on a hunt for Dr. Blach, who had been asked to hold an autopsy. No sooner had the District-Attorney turned the corner than Dr. Blach arrived at the undertaker's, radiant over the prospect of holding an autopsy.

"They have gone to the Mail dock," said the undertaker.

"Then I will go to the Mail dock, too," replied Dr. Blach, and forthwith he and his assistant jumped into his buggy. When passing his office he saw the District-Attorney, and a consultation was held on the sidewalk.

"I don't care who buries him," said the District-Attorney. "All that I want is the identification of the corpse."

And thereupon the two witnesses, the two doctors and the District-Attorney headed for the Mail dock, the District-Attorney assuring the reporter that the Federal Court had jurisdiction over the matter.