TYE LEUNG SCHULZE

TRANSLATOR for JUSTICE
Who was she?
Born Aug 24, 1887 at 14½ Ross Alley, San Francisco, Cal.
I've lived and helped carry out duties to support rescue work with the Occidental Mission Home for Girls founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1874. The Mission Home was a safe haven and advocate for thousands of vulnerable enslaved girls and women, mostly from China.

Residents at the Home were taught skills such as sewing, religion, and English.
She risked her life leading rescue missions to help sex- and slave-trafficked women escape their owners with support from the police and Presbyterian Mission.

*The church will help you.*
She also served as both interpreter and witness in the courts of San Francisco and Oakland to convict slave owners.

Miss Leung, can you please point out to the court the victim's slave owner?

Yes, the victim's slave owner is sitting over there.
She became the first Chinese woman employed by the U.S. government as an interpreter and assistant matron at Angel Island Immigration Station.
Travelling by ferry from San Francisco everyday from 1911-1913, Tye Leung Schulze witnessed & offered solace to many struggling immigrants by listening & speaking on their behalf... by being a voice for freedom & justice.
As an assistant matron & interpreter, Tye was hired to use her skills to detect whether Chinese women were being trafficked into prostitution unwillingly.

*Sit down, don't worry. I will help you.*

However, her son, Fred Schulze, believed his mother did her best to ease the interrogation process for wary & anxious new arrivals.
In 1912, Jye was the first Chinese American woman to vote in a presidential election. The state of California granted women suffrage in 1911. Years later, all American women were allowed to vote after the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920.

I learned about new laws. I wanted to know what was right, not to act blindly... I think it right we should all try to learn, not vote blindly since we have been given the right...
And... her spirit lives on in those who use their voices for justice & freedom today; while also inspiring all those who come upon her incredible life journey.