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Three to Die by Gas Under New Nevada Law

Two Chinese and one Mexican convicted of murder, are the men who go to their ends by the "latest way," death by confinement in lethal gas chamber.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Nevada today added a new method to its list of legal punishments. The new method is death by lethal gas, which in Nevada replaces hanging by the neck until dead. The new law, passed by the legislature and then by the courts of this state, makes four methods of carrying out death sentences legal in the United States. The other three being hanging, execution by the firing squad and electrocution.

Two Chinese and one Mexican convicted of murder, are the men who go to their ends by this "latest way" of taking "a life for a life." The men are Jon and Hingy Sing, both from San Francisco's Chinatown, and the two Chinese, Russell of Elko, Nevada, and the Mexican, Hernandez. For two years the Chinese have been fighting to save themselves from the fate to which they were sentenced, but a month ago the Nevada court ruled that death by lethal gas is "not cruel or unusual" but is "an humane, speedy death," and ordered the sentence carried out.

The decision was in answer to a attack on the law on the grounds that it violated the constitutional provision against "cruel or unusual" punishment. A War Development Today's execution, like so many others, is a development of the war. The use of poison gas, the swift sure way in which it had death, gave members of the Nevada legislature, who were seeking some means of eliminating the means of hanging their idea. They passed a bill at the session which substituted death by gas for hanging. The bill was signed by Governor Seward, and carried as an humane measure, was favored as providing a more humane means of ending a life than breaking a neck, shooting off a head, or burning out the human brains with electricity. It was argued that a man could be placed in a tight chamber and that when the gas was turned on he would never wake. He would die without knowing it.

Opponents of the bill argued that there were tortures in death beyond physical tortures; that the uncertainty of not knowing when death would come creeping into one's dreams would be greater torture than knowing that at a given moment one's neck would be broken at the end of a rope. But the advocates of lethal gas won and the measure became a law. Nevada was ready to lay before the world an experiment—a subject being all that was needed. The state waited a few weeks. Then war broke out in Chinatown, San Francisco. Two tong wars were fighting. In Chinese tong wars the law is rigid—"a life for a life" be obeyed and not questioned.

Two Ordered to Kill So, when the war spread beyond the confines of San Francisco's Chinatown and the tong chiefs ordered that Hingy Sing and Jon should take their guns to the little town of Mina, Nevada, and kill Tom Quong Kee, they never hesitated. Tom Quong Kee belonged to the opposing tong. His tong had killed a brother tongman of theirs and it must pay "a life for a life." In Mina, Tom Quong Kee lived peacefully and quietly doing most of the town's washing at his laundry. He was a familiar figure, smoking his pipe during the noon hour of warm summer days, sitting in front of his rude building. The children and the grown folks alike of Mina knew him. But whether he lived peacefully or not, he was marked to die at the hands of Hingy Sing and Jon, members of a rival tong. Hingy and Jon arrived at Mina, slipped up at night to the window of Tom's laundry and shot Tom to death. The next day they were arrested. Hingy Sing, who had lived most of his life in Nevada, confessed the story in all its details. The two were convicted and so, it came, that two Chinese members of the world's oldest civilization were ordered by a judge to pay with "a life for a life" by being the first to die by civilization's newest legal means.

Hard Court Fight The tong of which they were members threw thousands of dollars into a court fight against the sentence and against the law. Some of the shrewdest of Nevada's (Continued on page 9)



Baron Julius A. Nowotny, 24-year-old Polish nobleman, is now in New York with the avowed intention of learning the art of love making as 'she' is practised in America. He is busy working as a bus boy to pay for it.

Isabel McDonald in Downing St.

Premier's Daughter Will be his Hostess

LONDON, Feb. 8.—With the advent of the Labor Government here this week popular interest has been transferred, momentarily at least, from debutantes and aristocratic society women to Miss Isabel Macdonald, daughter of Ramsay Macdonald, the new Premier. As her father is a widower, Miss Macdonald has now to take up her duties as hostess of the famous old official residence of British Prime Ministers, No. 10 Downing Street. "Of course, I shall be my father's hostess," said Miss Macdonald, after her first inspection of her new home. "Why not? I am twenty years old, although, to be sure, I do not look it. People think I am younger, but I always get them right, or I do not mind one bit telling my age. I know I am undertaking a great responsibility, but it will be an interesting experience and I am looking forward to it."

Proud of Her Father "I am awfully proud of my father but I did not see even the day on which he became Premier in celebrating his success. I was, as usual, at the Domestic Science College, where I am studying domestic economy. I may finish up there in a few weeks."

"I am studying laundry work and housewifery and cooking, but I am not a bit fond of housekeeping. I prefer science, physics. I shall not do the housekeeping at No. 10. I think I shall like that house. It is very impressive; I think the central staircase is particularly beautiful. We will not have to take much new furniture into the house because a certain amount is provided for us."

As far as literature is concerned, Miss Macdonald is conservative. "I am no great reader, but sometimes I read the old-fashioned novels," she said in concluding the interview. "I like really thrilling tragedy such as 'The Mill on the Floss.' Of course, I meet many women of the Labor Party, but I never discuss politics with them."

Miss Macdonald is fond of music and plays golf and hockey but does not like dancing. Her taste for self is inherited, perhaps, for her maternal grandfather was Dr. J. Hall Gladstone, professor of chemistry at the Royal Institution, and another maternal relative was the famous scientist, Lord Kelvin.

King Pharaoh's Casket Is Now Open to View

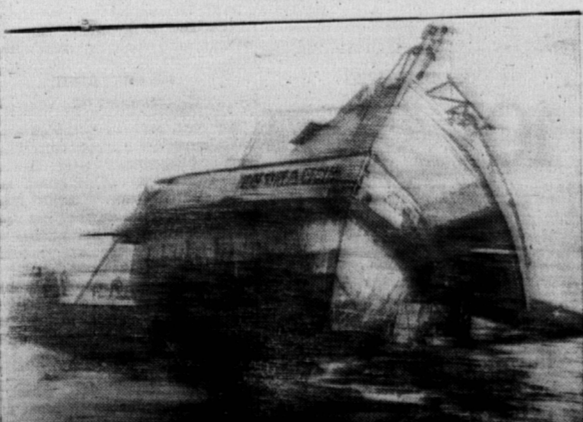
Sarcophagus finest specimen that the world possesses—Carving is wonderful—Outstanding features are figures of four protective goddesses.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS, Feb. 8.—This has been another eventful day in the annals of the Valley of the Kings. Exactly a month ago we had the first glimpse of the self has an enshrouded sarcophagus of King Tutankhamen of a fine carved cornice, beautiful which the shrines of the sepulchral torus moulding and an elegant hall enclosed. Today we have been able to see the stone casket in its entirety, standing free from all surrounding structure.

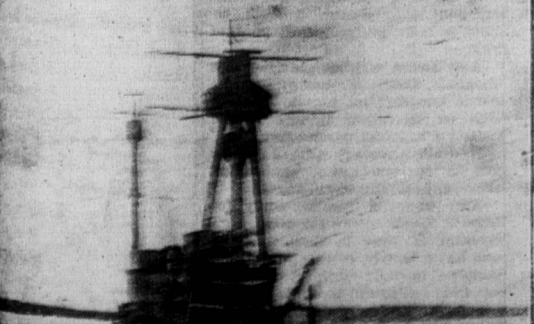
It was on January 3 that Howard Carter made an investigation of the great shrine, which the length rendered possible, and finally established that the sarcophagus of the King, as far as then could be seen, and untouched. The dismantling of the four shrines that enclosed this wonderful stone coffin had still to be effected, and the sarcophagus was finally removed. It may be mentioned as indicating the difficulty of the work that it took three months since the handling of the outer shrine was first taken, and it has taken eighty working days, or roughly one day per section, to complete the dismantling of the whole structure.

The sight which met our eyes this morning, however, more than repaid us for the weary weeks of laborious exertions which we have been gone through. The beauty of the sarcophagus far exceeds our expectations. It is in every respect a casket fit to contain the mortal remains of a King. Of yellow crystalline sandstone, curiously rose-tinted, it is in perfect preservation, and of even more superb workmanship than the view through the shrine doors had led us to anticipate. It is far superior to that of King Aye, Tutankhamen's immediate successor, and in the opinion of experts it is probably the finest specimen of its kind that the world possesses.

Protective Goodnesses The lid, which is a slab of stone casket and rebated into the top of the casket, has at its head, partly



This is the way a recent storm treated the steamer "Squatum," for years a familiar sight in the harbor of New York as it plied back and forth from the Battery to the island where the Statue of Liberty is located.



Contracts have been placed for the salvaging of 68 German battleships which were scuttled at Scapa Flow after the signing of the armistice, five years ago. The battleship Hindenburg is seen above water.

of Luther could not bear Maister's... will be stamped with their general trade mark, the "Paper Cross."