

Calvin Coolidge is to give up the reigns of office to Herbert Hoover, who it is believed will closely adhere to the policies formulated by his predecessor. Both men are more given to action than to words, and have marked business and executive ability. Calvin Coolidge has been nominated for many offices, never suffering a defeat, but Herbert Hoover has not engaged in politics before. The many important offices he has heretofore held have been appointive offices.

## **UNCOVER EVIDENCE** OF HORRIBLE RITUAL

ANCIENT KISH

Indications That Old Kings of Mesopotamia Had Attendants **Buried Alive When Their** Masters Died

Evidence of a horrible ritual which, it appears, the attendants of ancient kings in Mesopotamia were buried alive with their masters when the latter died, has been uncovered by the Field Museum-Oxford University Joint Expedition conducting excavations on the site of Kish, seat of the world's earliest civilization. This was revealed today in a report from Prof. S. H. Langdon of Oxford, leader of the expedition, to Stephen C. Simms, director of Field Museum of Natural History, in which the operations of the expedition's sixth season, just concluded, are reviewed.

In one royal tomb into which members of the expedition penetrated, four human skeletons were found under circumstances which seem to indicate that they are the remains of victims of this ritual, and were thus sacrificed to accompany their rulers into the land of the dead, Prof. Langdon reports. This inhuman practice was in vogue between 4000 and 3000 B. C., the archaeologist estimates. Prof. Langdon maintains that the theory regarding the reason for the presence of these skeletons in the tombs of kings is supported by distombs at Ur, not far distant from Kish.

Abolished Later

In later times, from about 3000 B. C., on, this cruel ritual was abolished, says Prof. Langdon, as the Sumerians were too civilized to continue it. Inscriptions and archaeological remains unearthed by the expedition at Jemdet-Nasr, sixteen miles away, prove that the earliest inhabitants of this area were really Elamites, from whom the Sumerians descended, and it is among the former that the practice of burying alive was carried on, Prof. Langdon's researches indicate.

The season just closed has been extremely fruitful in the recovery of treasured objects in the lower strata of the great temple mound of eastern Kish, the report states. The excavators, in charge of L. C. Watelin, have attacked the huge complex of mounds which cover the temple area of the principal cult of the ancient city, that of Har igkalamma, the Earth Goddess. Two ancient stage towers, built in plano-convex bricks, and never restored since before the days of Sargon (28th century B. C.) have been laid bare. The foundations of one of these towers lie at least 40 feet below the top of the walls of a reconstruction of the temple of Harsagkalamma undertaken first by Ne-

buchadnezzar, and carried on by Nabonidus, last king of the Babylonian empire, and father of Belshazzar. This immense building, large sections of which have now been exposed by the excavators, lies upon the ruins earlier buildings, and is the best preserved and largest example of a Babylonian temple ever exposed in Mesopotamia, says Prof. Langdon. For the first time a Babylonian excavations it is possible to obtain an idea of the upper part and roof of a temple, and secure complete material for reconstructing its appearance, he declares. Walls reaching to the very top of the building, and even part of the cornice, have been preserved.

Beneath the Noo-Babylonian temple of Nebuchadnezzar lies the ear lier Sumerian temple. The tombs in which the human remains have been found lie thirty feet below the Nebuchadnezzar level. The removal of these remains was conducted under the supervision of Henry Field, assistant curator of physical anthropology at Field Museum.

Complete Chariot

Among the most notable discoveries in the tombs were an almost complete four-wheeled chariot, parts of another four-wheeler, and well-preserved remains of two two-wheeled chariots. With the first of those were found, beside the pole, skeletons of four oxen which drew it. Copper rein guides ornamented with small figures of asses or bulls were also excavated. All this material is being shipped to Field Museum to be prepared for exhibition. Prof. Langdon says these pieces rank among the "most unique archaeological objects ever found in

the history of modern excavations." Three monumental gateways standing upon the ruins of earlier reconstructions of the temple have been exposed. These earlier ruins extend right down to water level, where lie the ruins of the oldest Sumerian kingdom, before 3500 B.C. It is planned in coming seasons to demolish the entire massive building above, and excavate the entire area to this great depth in order to reach the monuments and records of the first dynasties. This will be a gigantic engineering task with the equipment and native labor available.

Many Priceless Relics Many priceless relics, which will be shared between Field Museum and Oxford, have been found in the an-

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cient debris during the past season, came out of the old fashioned kitch- growing a 'grove' from, seeds of four years an' handin' out fat offices One of these is a late Sumerian stat- ens," says the writer. "At each of grapefruit. Another planted pine- t' organize th' farmers. Politically uette portrait of a woman holding a the universities there is a model apple tops and had an attractive be a chestnut. This age has develgoblet and wine decanter, carved in house and, although there is a teacher miniature palm graden. The whole oped some marvelous organizers who alabaster. Another is a headless male in charge, the girls are given turns at point is that girls are taking more have brought about some great configure in early Sumerian dress, with buying supplies and managing the interest in these courses and are en- solidations, vast poolin's o' brains an'

Stray objects from the Sargonic period include a fine clay plaque showover naked victims of his victorious arms. It is believed to illustrate an episode in the conquest of Sumer and when they finish their courses. Accad by the Guteans in the 26th and 25th centuries B.C. The skeleton of a woman, believed from her jewelry to have been of royal rank, has been found. Around her head was a gold band, and she had a lapis-lazuli seal showing a scene interpreted as representing the protecting gods of man overwhelming the gods of evil, and a symbol of the powers of magic rituals used for the expulsion of devils. Other articles excavated include similar sybolical seals, gold and lapislazuli beads, bracelets, hair-pins. and buckles. Bowls of alabaster and various types of pottery have been uncovered. In one of the tombs, believed to date back to 3500 B.C. or further, was found what Prof. Langdong calls "the finest work of art ever recovered from the hand of the earliest civilization in the world." It is a copper candle stick, cast in three pieces, the base being a frog with inset shell eyes, from whose body arises a lotus stem and petals to hold the

The expedition is financed by Captain Marshall Field for the museum, and by Herbert Weld for Oxford.

CLAIMS CO-ED MAKES MODEL HOUSEWIFE

Investigator Says That Most New Ideas on Subject Found in College

Despite all that has been said of the co-ed, she is a model housewife at college, especially in the state universities, according to Miss Clementine Paddleford, of Farm & Fireside, who has just returned from a visit to a number of the state schools of the Middle West.

"There are more household ideas coming from the co-eds than ever

dishwashing, laundering and cleaning. than ever before." "Often there is a baby in the household and the girls take turns caring FARM PLANKS MADE TO ing a king in Semitic garb standing for it according to the latest sanitary methods. There is very little about home making that they do not know

"In one kitchen I saw a dozen ingenious devices that had been invented by the girls. The simple trick of putting a piece of glass over a window sill saved the paint from potted plants and made a needed extra shelf for putting out hot dishes to cool. Another

GET IN ON, SAYS ABE

"If some o' these farm bills politicians is talkin' about should git than they're fergotten." passed," says Abe Martin in Farm & Fireside, "it wouldn't cost the taxpayers any more t' enforce farmin' than it does t' enforce prohibition an' besides, in th' end they'd have somethin' besides a lot o' old battered-up copper stills t' show fer it. This thing many gunmen, and not enough hoegirl had made her kitchen fragrant by o' pullin' off national elections ever' men.

hands folded in the characteristic household, as well as preparing meals, tering the classes in greater numbers initiative, that have rolled up mountains o' wealth an' created gigantic monopolies that control th' very air we breathe, but up t' this writin' nobuddy has shown up who's big enough t' organize the farmers. Politically speakin', farmers are like party platforms-they're made t' git in on an'

> The politicians should not predict they are going to carry any state by a majority bigger than the total vote.

This country is turning out too

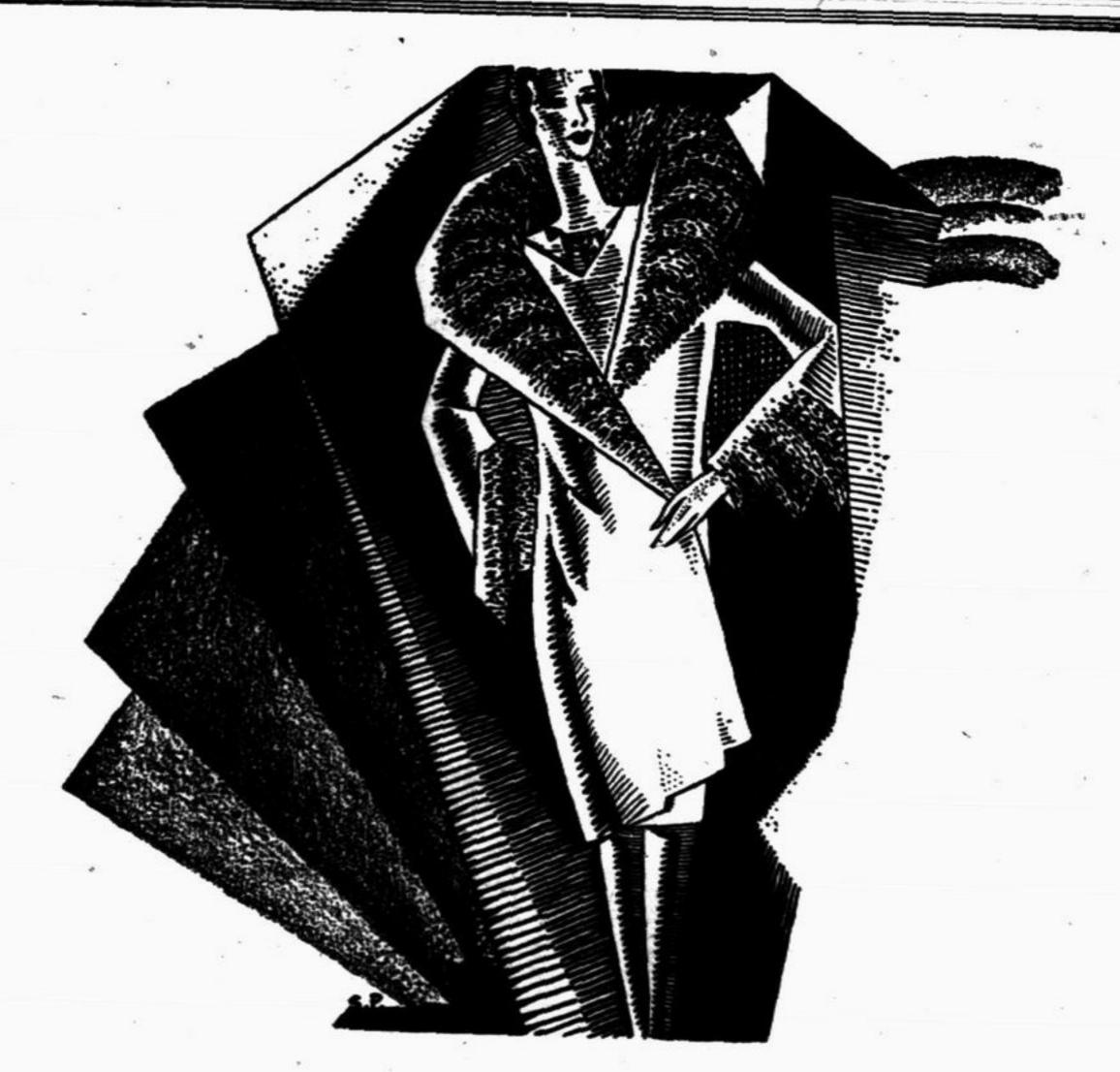
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