

An Egyptian Treasure!

LORD CARNARVON'S LONG QUEST RESULTS IN GREAT FIND IN THEBES

From our Egypt correspondent, Valley of the Kings

This afternoon, Lord Carnarvon and Mr Howard Carter revealed to a large crowd what they had found. This promises to be the most sensational discovery of the century.

They have discovered the lost tomb of Tutankhamen, the famous pharaoh of ancient Egypt, filled with priceless objects.

This remarkable discovery is the reward of patience and perseverance. For nearly 16 years, Lord Carnarvon provided the money and Mr Howard Carter the expertise, to carry on the search. Convinced that the lost tomb would be in The Valley of the Kings, Howard Carter continued to explore after many others had given up. He searched systematically, refusing to stop. His doggedness has been rewarded with this amazing find. On hearing the news, Lord Carnarvon at once travelled from England to Egypt.

When Lord Carnarvon arrived, the sealed outer door was carefully opened, revealing 16 steps and a passageway of about 25 feet. The steps were crammed with rubble and had to be cleared. At the end of the passageway, the door to the burial chamber was found. This was also sealed. Breaking through with difficulty, the excavators could not believe their eyes!

THE TREASURE WITHIN

In the chamber, they saw three magnificent State couches, covered in gold and carvings. On these rested golden, carved beds, inlaid



with ivory and semi-precious stones. There were also innumerable carved boxes. One box was painted with hunting scenes and contained royal robes, precious stones and gold sandals.

Beneath one of the couches was the State throne of King Tutankhamen, probably one of the most beautiful objects ever discovered. There was also a gilt chair decorated with paintings of the King and his Queen and covered in turquoise, carnelian, lapis and other semi-precious stones. There were also four dismantled chariots with rich gold decoration.

Perhaps the most remarkable objects were two life-size statues of the King. Each one held a golden stick and wore a headdress richly studded with gems.

But the most amazing find was in the sarcophagus itself – the embalmed body of King Tutankhamen wearing a magnificent death mask – found in the second chamber behind another sealed door.

