

## Joe Yen Yee ( - 21 Oct 1928)

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### **Two Victims Of Tong Pistols Are Given Christian Burial Methodist and Episcopal Services Held for Chinese Killed in Store Orientals Take Part In Countrymen's Rites Son of Joe Fook Tung Will Take His Remains Back to China**

Victims of an ancient feud of the Orient were given Christian funeral services here yesterday. They were Lee Chong and Joe Fook Tung, whose bodies were targets of bullets fired by gunmen in Washington's recent tong war.

Although the funeral ritual of the churches of their adoption was followed and their bodies placed in vaults here, the custom of burial of their native land will be ultimately observed.

#### *Services Held in Chapel*

Services for Lee Chong were held at 2 p.m., at the chapel of the J. William Lee & Sons, 332 Pennsylvania avenue. The Episcopal ritual was led by the Rev. Jackson L. Code, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church, where Lee Chong attended the Americanization school. A small group of mourners attended, and accompanied the body to the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was held for Joe Fook Tung at the Mount Vernon Place Church, Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue. The Rev. Haskell R. Deal, assistant pastor, officiated. A musical program was given by the church choir.

Members of the congregation participated in the services with a group of Chinese, including Joe Yoke Poy, son of Tung. He will take the body to China.

#### *Was Church Member*

Tung had been a member of the church and its Sunday school for 14 years. His teacher, Mrs. A.M. Fetzer, occupied a seat on the rostrum. Miss Julia Smith, who also was his teacher, was present. Tung had taken an active part in the various affairs of the church. In paying a tribute to him, Mr. Deal called attention to his Christian life, and mentioned the fact that Tung had charge of the floral decorations when the church was dedicated.

The remarks of Mr. Deal were interpreted by David Pol Lee, an intimate friend of Joe Fook Tung. Flowers covered the casket and many floral designs were banked at the rostrum. The body of Tung was placed in a vault at the Congressional Cemetery.

The son of Joe Fook Tung will leave for China with the body as soon as an uncle comes here from that country to handle the laundry business established by Tung. It will be the first time a laundryman's body has been sent to China within a comparatively short time after death. It will cost approximately \$1,000 and the average Chinese laundryman can not afford to make such provisions.

Generally, the Chinese who are in modest circumstances are buried at the place of death and after 10 years the bones are sent to China. The bones of a half dozen or more Chinese are sometimes sent in the same shipment at small expense to their survivors.

Tung's widow is living at Hongkong, two other children being with her.