

## ENTICED TO DEATH

### Execution of Two Americans Was Held Illegal.

## ACTION AROUSED INDIGNATION

#### Nicaraguan Lawyers Opposed Inflicting Death Penalty—Cannon and Groce Were Taken on Board Ship by Captain, Who Promised to Protect Them—Zelaya Threatens United States Consul at Managua.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The United States consul at Managua has been threatened by President Zelaya and he has been granted permission to occupy the legation premises as being more secure.

The Nicaraguan congress will assemble tomorrow and it is rumored that President Zelaya will retire and possibly attempt to escape from the country at night by the Pacific coast. Anarchy, it is said, may ensue. Persistent rumors from various quarters indicate that Irias may succeed Zelaya as president of Nicaragua.

This information is embodied in telegrams which have been received at the state department from the consulate representatives in Nicaragua.

The first telegram, dated Managua, states that Leroy Cannon was captured on Oct. 21 and Leonard Groce on Nov. 2. They were executed Nov. 12 and no news reached the department of the execution until the 17th.

Members of the Red Cross arriving from Castillo state that Cannon and Groce were captured while they were lost on the banks of the San Juan river, and that the captain of a ship called them, promising not to harm them. These allegations were in part confirmed by the Nicaraguan press, which stated that the execution was for an attempt to blow up steamers. The execution caused general indignation, which was shared by the commander in chief. The minister general, Irias, claims to have interceded on the ground of humanity.

Nicaraguan lawyers maintained that the execution was unlawful. The Nicaraguan captain is in prison for having refused to carry out Zelaya's sentence that the Americans be shot.

A later telegram from the consul at Bluefields states that Cannon and Groce respectively were lieutenant colonel and colonel of engineers in the revolutionary army and both were regularly enlisted under the command of General Chamorro. The highest revolutionary leaders declare that Groce, acting in the line of duty, was with an outpost of ten men beyond the camp of General Chamorro, and Cannon, with two men, had been sent beyond to survey a new position. The outpost was surprised by the forces of General Toledo and both officers were captured.

## FIVE MEN PICKED UP AT SEA

#### Search Continues for Five Others Missing From Gunboat Marietta.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Five of the members of the deck crew of the gunboat Marietta, who were adrift in a gig off Port Limon, Costa Rica, were picked up by a rescue party of the Des Moines, according to a dispatch received at the navy department. The men had made their way to the shore at Coleta point, about twenty miles from Port Limon. The gig was not recovered.

The five men adrift in the whale boat of the Marietta have not been heard from, but it is said their rescue will be reported soon, as searching parties have been sent out for them.

The men in the boats were missed Friday, but owing to the fact that provisions are kept in the boats, it is believed they have suffered little from hunger and thirst.

## SEND GANG EAST FOR TRIAL

#### Court Orders Alleged Swindlers Sent to Omaha.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Judge De Haven of the United States district court issued an order sending R. B. Herriman, B. W. Brown and E. C. Moore, said to be members of the Mabray gang of alleged racing and prize fight swindlers, to Omaha for trial.

The men were arrested a few weeks ago at San Jose. The attorney of the accused men maintained that the preliminary hearing did not specify that the acts complained of were committed in the Omaha district, and Judge De Haven, in issuing the warrants, granted a three days' stay in order that habeas corpus proceedings may be brought.

## Ratless Nurses Now.

#### St. Louis, Nov. 27.—The thirty nurses at Mullanphy hospital began their labors last night with only their rooted hair on their heads, following the order of Sister Gabriel that all "foreign material" should be abolished. The injunction prohibiting "rats" was issued for sanitary reasons.

## Calls Special Election.

#### Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 30.—Governor Hadley issued a call for a special election in the Sixth congressional district of Missouri for Jan. 25, 1910, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman David A. De Armond.

## "Dry" Amendment Defeated.

#### Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 30.—All in elections point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment.

## ON TRIAL FOR SUGAR FRAUDS

#### Six Former Employees of Trust Are in Court in New York.

New York, Nov. 30.—On criminal charges, resulting from the revelations of extensive underweighing frauds on the docks of the American Sugar Refining company in Williamsburg, six former employees of that company were placed on trial in the United States circuit court here.

Two years ago, on Oct. 20, 1907, Richard Parr, then a special agent of the customs service, raided the Will-



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iamsburg sugar docks and reported the discovery of fraudulent attachments to the scales used in weighing sugar imports. It was as one outcome of this raid that James F. Bender-nagel, former manager of the company's Williamsburg plant, and Oliver Spitzer, former dock superintendent, and five checkers and weighers employed on the docks at the time were indicted and brought to trial.

## CRANE IS WIRE KING

#### Massachusetts Senator Largest Holder of Stock in Western Union Combine.

New York, Nov. 27.—W. Murray Crane, junior senator from Massachusetts, appears to be the dominant figure in the field of wire communication and electrical manufacturing, the combination in the latter of which is being investigated by the department of justice. Senator Crane is the head of the Crane company, paper manufacturers of Dalton, Mass., and is a man of great wealth, but the showing of his extensive holdings in the telephone and electrical concern is a surprise even to those conversant with the situation. He is the largest single stockholder in the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and therefore becomes a power in the Western Union Telegraph, which the former corporation absorbed last week. He is a director in the Western Electric company, also owned by the American Telephone, and how it develops that he is a heavy stockholder in the General Electric company.

## IOWA STUDENTS WIN

#### Ames Team Takes First Honors in Cattle and Hog Judging.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Students of the Iowa agricultural college were awarded first in the students' judging competition for the J. Ogden Armour scholarship at the International Live Stock exposition.

The Iowa students won with a total of 4,940 points. Their nearest competitors were the students of the Ontario agricultural college with 199 points. Ohio state college was third, Kansas agricultural college fourth, Mississippi fifth and Texas sixth. The Iowa team took first honors in cattle and hogs; the Mississippi team was first in horses, and Ohio first in sheep.

## TWO DIE IN BALLOON WRECK

#### Bodies of Most Daring Members of Berlin Club Found in Austria.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—Dr. Brenckmann and Hugo Francke, the two most daring members of the Aero club of Berlin, have been killed through the collapse of their balloon, Kolmar. Their bodies were found near Flume, Austria-Hungary. Nearby was their balloon, a huge rent in the envelope telling the story of their death.

## Shoots Wife and Himself.

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 29.—Fred T. Robinson came here from Lincoln and, going to the home of his father-in-law, shot his wife, who was visiting there, and then shot himself. Both Robinson and his wife were taken to the hospital. The woman probably can live but a few hours, and there is little hope that the husband will long survive.

## Robber and Officer Shot.

Bemidji, Minn., Nov. 27.—One robber, whose name is said to be Jim Smith, was instantly killed and Deputy Sheriff Andrew Johnson was fatally shot in a gun fight between two robbers who had blown a safe in the village of Puposky, seventeen miles from here. The other robber escaped.

## Combine Four Railroads.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Official announcement was made of the consolidation under one management of the Chicago and Alton, the Toledo, St. Louis and Western (Clover Leaf) roads with the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Iowa Central railroads.

## 140 Horses Cremated.

Kansas City, Nov. 29.—One hundred and forty horses were cremated when the Blue Front livery stables burned. Loss, \$60,000.

## ATTACKS DR. COOK

### Wellman Analyzes Claims of Rival Explorers.

## CALLS DOCTOR AN IMPOSTER.

#### Says It Is Suspicious Both in What It Tells and in What It Does Not Tell. Could Not Have Reached Pole With Meager Outfit—Says Commander's Claims Are Consistent and Credible—Cook in Vicinity of New York.

New York, Nov. 29.—They found Dr. Frederick A. Cook last night. That is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North pole in an airship was abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary, issued here a long statement in which he analyzes the claims of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, consistent, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares. "He is generally vague and indefinite, but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does his story ring true. It is always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his descriptions of everything. Those of us who have had a share in Arctic work, and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice, had a first hope that Dr. Cook would be able to demonstrate his good faith. This has dissolved in analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was the victim of an hallucination, and he himself believed he had been to the pole, though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest regret, only the wretched alternative that the journey which he did make, and the report which he gave of it were deliberately planned from the outset."

The gist of Mr. Wellman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished the feat for which he claims credit, that his astronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash or the lecture platform and his acceptance of "crowns of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children," before submitting his field records to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

## WILL NOT ASK PARDON

#### Gompers to Go to Jail if He Loses Appeal to Supreme Court.

Washington, Nov. 27.—"I repeat what I have said heretofore. Justice Wright is biased and is unfit to wear the judicial ermine."

Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, who arrived here, thus referred to Associate Justice Wright of the District supreme court, who sentenced Mr. Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, all officers of the federation, to varying terms of imprisonment for contempt of court.

"If the supreme court of the United States affirms the decision of the lower court, will you ask the president for a pardon?" was asked Mr. Gompers.

"I will not," he replied; "nor will I willingly permit my friends to do so. Had I violated any law and been found guilty and sentenced to prison, I might consider the question of seeking executive clemency."

## HUNDRED WORDS A MINUTE

#### New Yorker Sets New Mark for Fast Typewriting.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27.—At the meeting of the Missouri Valley Commercial Teachers' association H. O. Blaisdell of New York made a new world's record, writing 1,505 words from copy he had not seen before in fifteen minutes. This was a little more than 100 words a minute, the previous high record being ninety-five words a minute.

## Mme. Steinhilf at London.

London, Nov. 29.—Mme. Steinhilf, who recently was acquitted in Paris of the charge of murdering her husband, arrived in London. The woman evaded the crowd of waiting newspaper reporters and proceeded to a hotel. Traced to this place, she declined to see anybody, and the manager of the hotel, upon learning her identity, requested her to leave. She took a train at Euston station, it is believed, for Liverpool.

## Surgeon Is Selected.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Dr. Harry Edmunds of San Francisco has been elected as the surgeon of the Amundsen Arctic expedition, which will start from Norway in July.

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