

the death sentence imposed upon them at 10:30 o'clock on the night of November 15th. They were executed at 10 o'clock the following morning. On the way to the scene of execution they passed the open graves that had been prepared for them. At one time Groce stepped out of the line and pleaded with General Medina: "Do not shoot me; I am a brother Mason."

Cannon quickly seized his companion and pulling him back into line said: "Brace up, old man. We have no chance under Zelaya's orders."

The hands of the condemned men were bound and their eyes blindfolded. Cannon shook his head, attempting to prevent the banhaige being placed over his face, but his protest was unavailing. They were seated on a low bench side by side.

The firing squad was made up of 12 soldiers who advanced in three rows within six feet of their victims. Captain Constantino Saenz was in command and instructed two soldiers at the right to fire upon Groce and two soldiers at the left to fire upon Cannon. All four bullets were effective. Groce was shot through the heart and death was instantaneous. The bullets intended for Cannon tore the breast and abdomen. He survived his wounds a few seconds. When the body of Groce was buried a blanket hid the features but the body of Cannon was buried without any protecting cover.

Zelaya in Mexico City. Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Jose Santos Zelaya, self styled "titular president" of Nicaragua, arrived in this city today. No Mexican officials met him. He was, however, greeted by 200 Central Americans and Mexicans who welcomed the deposed executive with cries of "Long live Zelaya!" "Lona live Mexico!" and "Down with the Yankees!"

Despite the fact that he had resigned the presidency of Nicaragua, witnessed the election of his successor by Congress and sought refuge on the Mexican vessel with the promise that he would never return to the land which had to all intents and purposes expelled him, Zelaya repeated the assertion that he was still the head of the Nicaraguan government.

To avoid confusion he has adopted the title of "Titular President." "I am out of politics and possibly will engage in business in Mexico," said Zelaya. "The character of the business I have not yet determined."

Zelaya indicated his intention to remain in Mexico and said that he would bring his family here. He added that he was going house hunting at once.

Of the future of Nicaragua its former chief executive said: "The only way to prevent continued disturbances throughout Central America will be found in the consolidation of all the republics. Now is as good a time as any for the United States and Mexico to engage in a friendly intervention with this end in view. I believe that it will be possible to secure as the head of this proposed consolidated government a good man and one acceptable to all."

He did not care to say, who if any one, he had in mind for this office. Estrada Will Fight On. Washington, Dec. 29.—Doubting the sincerity of President Madriz who has made representations to the revolutionary army in Nicaragua with the establishment of peace as the ostensible object in view, General Estrada has declined to suspend hostilities and is determined to push his army onward toward Managua.

A cable dispatch from Estrada dated Bluefields, Dec. 29th, received tonight by Dr. Castillo, representative here of the provisional government in Nicaragua, indicates the attitude of the revolutionists toward the proposition made by the new President. Its text is as follows: "Madriz has asked me to suspend hostilities but our military operations cannot be suspended, but we know Madriz is making descriptions of troops from the interior and is promoting a division between the eastern and western sections of the republic."

"You know that this procedure can only result in more bloodshed and the foundation of anarchy in our fatherland," Estrada said. "Owing to the fact that the State Department has had much difficulty in obtaining from Vice Consul Caldera at Managua important details of recent happenings in and about the Nicaraguan capital, it has been decided by the Department to send Consul Oliveras now on leave to Washington, immediately to Managua to take charge of the consulate there."

The Department is inclined to attribute Mr. Caldera's short and therefore unsatisfactory, telegrams to the fact that he is over economical in spending money for cablegrams, the toll on which is 25 cents a word.

MURDERED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW Youth of Eighteen Acted Upon Orders From His Father. Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Acting, it is said, upon the orders of his father, Rupert Carlton, aged 18, today shot and killed his brother-in-law, Arthur Howard, aged 27, and a former special police officer. As Howard fell dead with two loads of shot in his body, his father appeared upon the scene but made a hasty retreat when the Carlton's opened fire upon him.

The shooting occurred at the home of the Carlton's after the elder Carlton had ordered his son-in-law, Howard, not to enter his house. When Howard attempted to enter regardless of Carlton's warning the latter is said to have shot at his son-in-law, who shot and killed Howard, which young Carlton promptly did.

Howard was recently prosecuted on a criminal charge by the Carlton's. John Carlton, his wife and son, Rupert were arrested following today's killing.

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POLE CONTROVERSY SKINNED.

Country Stirred Over Pronounced Popularity of "Dixie." Washington, Dec. 29.—"Is 'Dixie' more popular than 'Yankee Doodle'?" That is the question which apparently has divided the country into two camps and brought about a controversy which promises to become second only in importance to the recent great question of the day: "Who discovered the North Pole?" The innocent assertion of Otto G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the Library of Congress in a publication on American National songs, that "Dixie" was more prominent in patriotic popularity than "Yankee Doodle" has stirred up a hornet's nest and even resulted in threats of death to Mr. Sonneck. His office has been swamped with letters from various parts of the country in which the writers take exception to the statement about "Dixie". Some of these letters threaten Mr. Sonneck with dire punishment. Because the letters have been so unpleasant to him and so numerous, Mr. Sonneck has requested the suppression of further mention in the newspapers of his work on American National songs. "Yankee Doodle's" popularity summed up in 1826 was:

"Yankee Doodle is the tune Americans delight in. 'Twill do to whistle, sing or play. And just the thing for fighting.' Speaking of his work on Yankee Doodle, Mr. Sonneck says: "For 150 years Yankee Doodle has appealed to our people and the tune shows no sign of passing into oblivion. Surely a tune of such vitality must have some redeeming features. This remark is directed against those who have ridiculed the musical merits of Yankee Doodle or treated it with contempt. It frankly appeals to our sense of honor. Critics, pedantic or flippant, have overlooked the fact that every nation has its humorous, even burlesque, patriotic airs, and that they are just as natural and useful as solemn airs—indeed, more so occasionally. As a specimen of burlesque, even slangy, musical humor, Yankee Doodle may safely hold its own against any other patriotic air."

WOMEN OF CONFEDERACY

Design of Nashville Lady For Monument Accepted. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—A design for a suitable memorial to the women of the Confederacy was selected here this afternoon by a committee of Confederate veterans named by General Clement A. Evans at the Memphis reunion last June. All the Southern States except Virginia were represented at the meeting. Only two artists submitted designs, Louis Potter, of New York, and Miss Belle Kinney, of Nashville. The design submitted by Miss Kinney was selected.

For the purpose of raising funds to pay for the erection of one of these memorials in the capitol of each of the Southern States, the following committee was appointed: General C. I. Walker, South Carolina, chairman; General Julian S. Carr, North Carolina, treasurer; General John P. Hickman, Tennessee, secretary general; General J. O. Waddell, Georgia; Major C. M. Felder, South Carolina; Major L. C. Scott, Mississippi; Colonel James Dickens, Louisiana.

The price agreed upon for the monument is \$5,000 the veterans entering into an agreement to accept no less than ten in duplicate. The committee named today will be incorporated under the laws of Tennessee, as a memorial association and will actively enter upon a campaign for funds, appealing especially to the different State legislatures for appropriations.

BASEBALL FOR COMING YEAR New President For American Association—Will Play 168 Games. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Thomas M. Chivington, of Louisville, today was elected President of the American Association of Baseball Clubs over Joseph D. O'Brien, of Milwaukee, incumbent, at the annual meeting of the association. Chivington won the office for one year on the first ballot by five votes to three. He announced that the association headquarters will be removed from Milwaukee to Chicago about February 1st.

The association decided to play 168 games in 1910, elected W. R. Armory, of Toledo, vice president, and decided to hold the schedule meeting in Chicago at the time of the American League meeting about the middle of February. A rule was passed requiring all clubs to provide dressing rooms at the various parks for players.

JANUARY 1st. Is the beginning of a Regular Interest Period at The People's Savings Bank. Deposit with this bank on or before January 3rd and you will receive credit for Three Months interest April 1st. de 28-31.

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FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

One Body Blown Through Tops of Tall Trees at Distance. Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—By the explosion of a boiler at the new plant of the Metropolitan Electric Company in West Reading five men met instant death early today. The dead are: Clifford Martin, rigger, Tomis River, N. J.; Elmer Dingler, fireman, Mt. Penn. a suburb of this city; Martin Lynch, engineer, Phoenixville, Pa.; James Connelly, fireman, Reading.

The night watchman had just left the plant at 6:50 A. M., and the day force had arrived when the boiler exploded. All in the immediate vicinity met instant death.

The men were thrown several hundred feet from the boiler house. Martin's body was blown through a high tree and was found about 200 feet from the scene of the explosion. The men were employees of Sims & Co., contractors, who are erecting a power house at the plant.

The boilerhouse was wrecked and the frame work scattered in all directions. The five men were in the boilerhouse when the explosion occurred. All other employes having left the building to begin their work.

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