

POLICE BOARD CASE

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of the Savage Appointees.

AFFIRMS POWER OF THE LEGISLATURE

Again Lays Down Law of State-Controlled Government for Cities.

OVERTURNS DOCTRINE HOME RULE

Police and Fire Departments Subject to Governor's Board.

EXPLAINS DOCTRINE OF RES JUDICATA

Questions of Law May Be Opened or Not, the Rule Depending on the Matters Involved in Litigation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., April 30.—(Special Telegram.)—At an adjourned meeting of the supreme court today, the opinion in the Omaha police board case was handed down. It is in favor of the present board. Judge Holcomb wrote the opinion. The syllabus: 1. The legislature may by statute confer upon the governor the power to appoint members of the police and fire departments of cities of the metropolitan area.

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AMERICA SALUTES LOUBET

Naval Squadron Joins in Welcoming French President Home from African Tour.

MARSEILLES, April 30.

President Loubet arrived here today from Biscaya on the warship Jeanne d'Arc, by the French fleet.

As the president's ship approached port, moving at a slow speed, it was saluted by the land batteries and the American warships, under the command of Rear Admiral Cotton.

As Jeanne d'Arc entered the roadstead Admiral Cotton proceeded in a steam launch alongside of the French cruiser. He was met at the rail by the captain of the vessel, who presented him to M. Loubet. Admiral Cotton greeted the president and expressed the affection of President Roosevelt and the American people for the government and people of France.

The president cordially returned Admiral Cotton's greeting and asked him to assure President Roosevelt and the American people of the most cordial sentiments for the United States.

The ship's band then played "The Star Spangled Banner" and Jeanne d'Arc fired an admiral's salute. The American ships answering, the French sailors cheered and the Yankee tars replied with cheers for France.

Later President Loubet landed and took a train for Paris, where he will arrive at 7 a. m.

OTTOMAN BANK IS BLOWN UP

Bulgarian Hurl Bombs While Others Keep Sultan's Guard in Check.

SALONICA, European Turkey, April 30.

The Ottoman bank was destroyed by dynamite today. The explosion was caused by a bomb. A Bulgarian has been arrested in connection with the outrage.

In an encounter with Turkish troops yesterday at Nevrokop, European Turkey, eighteen Bulgarians were killed and fourteen made prisoners.

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MOUNTAIN STILL FALLING

Boulders Continue to Crash Into Canadian Mining Town.

VALLEY RISES OVER TWO HUNDRED FEET

Residents Flee in Terror, Seeking Doctors to Continue Horror and Police to Stay Behind Ravages.

FRANK, N. W. T., April 30.

It is definitely known that fifty-six people lost their lives in Wednesday's rock slide from Turtle mountain. Many of the bodies will never be found, as some cabins are buried under 150 feet of rock and although organized efforts were made last evening and today only nineteen have so far been recovered.

Valley Rises Hundreds of Feet.

The whole east end of the mountain, extending from the tippie eastward, has gone out. It was 4,000 feet high and slid across the entire valley, blocking the track to the French mines.

This track is about forty feet higher than the Canadian Pacific railway track and its distance is about three-quarters of a mile from the mine entrance. The slide extends from a point about 300 feet east of Frank station to a point one and a half miles west. The country in between being covered with rock ranging in size from a pebble to high rocks the size of a railroad car.

The slide carried away the entire operating plant of the French-Canadian Coal company and seven houses, also owned by the company, were smashed into kindling, while ten others situated in the valley east of town were also demolished and the people in them killed as they slept.

The direct monetary damage will exceed \$1,000,000 upon which the mining company will lose about \$200,000.

Pieces of rock, often weighing hundreds of tons, are still falling from the strangely altered top of Turtle mountain, consequently it is extremely dangerous to approach the mountain to make an investigation into the exact cause of the catastrophe.

Picturesque Spot Obliterated.

The scene of this awful catastrophe was originally one of the most picturesque valleys in Canada. Through the center ran the Old Man river, which has its source on the eastern slope of the Crown's Nest pass.

The total width was a little over a mile and a sheer wall of rock rose 3,500 feet above the level of the town.

Old Man river followed the side of Turtle mountain, close up against the foot of which Frank was built. The mountain wall was so tall and precipitous that even in the longest day in midsummer the sun set in Frank at 3 in the afternoon and after that a twilight ensued.

The slide came down a vertical wall of rock and crossed the valley, a distance of over a mile, and piled up the foothills on the opposite side of the valley to a height far above that of the highest building in the town. Where once existed cozy homes, fertile farms and stock ranches there is now nothing but huge chaotic piles of debris.

It is feared that the appearance of a volcanic eruption.

The land, which was once of great value and was rapidly increasing in price on account of the known presence of natural gas as well as coal deposits, is now buried many feet deep under waste matter and is practically valueless for agriculture or any other purpose.

As there is no geological expert in the town it is impossible to ascertain exactly the true character of the force exerted, but judging from the evidence now brought in by many who have been scouting around the outskirts many are inclined to believe that it was a huge mountain slide caused by an earthquake or a subterranean explosion.

Turtle mountain is composed largely of limestone rock. A theory advanced by many of the mining men of the town is that the limestone cliff had been undermined by some subterranean branch of the Old Man river which had been silently working for years.

Residents Flee in Panic.

But two houses were used last night and they not by their owners, but by physicians less timid, who decided to remain and take chances. Many of the people went to Blairmore, two miles to the west, to remain until the danger was over, which has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Imperial to Grant, Neb.

The application of J. M. Wilson, J. H. Mack, Martin Rowe, Ed Harrison and L. W. McLennan to organize the Mackayburg National bank of Mackayburg, Ill., with a capital of \$100,000, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

Postmasters appointed: Henry D. Tucker, Bingham, Page county; A. R. Miner, Bussey, Marion county, Ia.

Proposals for the construction of new school buildings on the Tongue River Indian reservation were opened today at the Indian office. The lowest bidder was W. A. Wagner of Helena, Mont., at \$48,000.

BOODLE REPORT EXONERATES

Illinois House Committee Unable to Find Any Attempt to Bribe Speaker.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 30.—The house boodle committee reported this afternoon that it was unable to find any real attempt to bribe the speaker. The report was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of 135 fifteen minutes after its introduction.

The report also condemns George H. Hinman, editor of the Chicago Lake Ocean, for his charges, which, the report says, he failed to substantiate.

The text of the report follows: (1) The evidence produced before us does not establish any real attempt to corruptly influence the action of the speaker.

(2) There was no reasonable or substantial ground for the editorial entitled "Boodle," published in the Chicago Lake Ocean April 29, 1903, and the charges