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HIGHER COURT ON CRAIG LAW

Holds That the Act is Constitutional.

CASE FROM DURHAM

In Which Bell Company Was Defendant.

THE SUIT IS TO BE TAKEN AT ONCE TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BY WRIT OF ERROR.

Raleigh, N. C., June 8 .- [Special.]-The Supreme court has filed an opinion in a case of extreme interest and importance. It decides the construction of the Craig law, which was intended to force corporations chartered by other states to domesticate themselves here for the purpose of preventing them from transferring suits from the state to the federal courts

The case came up from Durham. A man while walking on the sidewalk was struck by an iron bar dropped from a pole by a Bell telephone employe. He sued the company as a domestic corporation for damages.

The company filed a petition for removal on the ground of diverse citizenship, claiming original incorporation in New York. Judge Brown of the Superior court refused the removal, holding the Craig law constitutional and the Bell company to be a domestic corporation.

The Supreme court affirms Judge Brown's decision, holding the Craig law constitutional and that by compliance with its terms the defendant became a domestic corporation, and cannot remove a suit to the federal courts when sued as a domestic corporation. Justice Douglas wrote the opinion. Drawers 25c to 1,50 Justice Furches dissents, not on the legal argument, but purely on the ground that the plaintiff really sued the defendant as a New York corporation. The Bell company will, by writ of night. error, take the case at once to the United States Supreme court.

Justice Douglas said in an interview that he had devoted a fortnight to writing the opinion.

INDIAN CHILDREN **BEHEAD PLAYMATE**

BLOODY GAME OF "CHICKEN" IN-

RESERVATION.

DULGED IN ON THE ONEIDA

Green Bay, Wis., June 8 .- Some Indian children in the Oneida Indian reservation near Stockbridge saw their mother hack off the head of a chicken vesterday. This suggested a new

game to their childish minds, the play

resulting in the death of nine persons. Yesterday morning a woman went out into the yard of her home where her children were playing, caught a chicken, with which she wished to prepare a meal, got a hatchet and chopped off its head. Then she returned to the house, leaving the blood-stained hatchet on the ground.

One of the children suggested that they play chicken, and the suggestion was carried out. One of the smaller children was selected to act the part of chicken. The child was thrown to the ground by its playmates, its head placed on a block of wood and hacked

A number of men were engaged on a derrick in the yard, raising heavy timbers, in the erection of a barn. As soon as the men above noticed the child being beheaded they became panicstricken and in the confusion the heavy timbers which were being raised fell with a crash, killing eight men.

FOUR NEGROES KILLED.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 8 .- Tom Jen. kins, Peter York, Harry Davis and Peter Wiggins, all negroes, employes of the Merrill-Stevens Engineering company, were killed by lightning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon while at work under the steamer Commodore hauled out on the ways at

South Jaksonville. Fourteen other men were snocked, some of them seriously. Wiggins' neck was broken, but not a mark ap-peared on the body of either of the other dead men. Scalps of several of the injured were badly torn and lacer-

The bolt struck a large chain that is used in the ways to haul out the steam-ers and ran down to the men, who Phone 78 were at work on the hull.

EXPLOSION OF GAS IN AN OHIO MINE

Two Hundred Men Were Imprisoned.

OF THESE 175 WERE REACHED BY THE RESCUERS-WORK OF AF-

TERDAMP.

Gloucester, O., June 8.-By an explosion of gas in mine No. 2 near this city today, four men are reported to have lost their lives. Two hundred miners were imprisoned. One hundred and seventy-five have been rescued. The following are reported dead: Evan Joseph, John McClelland, Aaron Swanson, John Evans. Eight were removed unconscious from effects of afterdamp.

Shortly after 7 o'clock, when the mine was filling with workmen who had descended by means of the cage of No. 2 shaft, an explosion occurred which broke the timbers of the mine in every direction. The air fans were disarranged and it was some time before any progress could be made towards opening the way for the rescue of the imprisoned men.

Fire Boss Joseph went down through shaft No. 6, which connected with the one where the explosion occurred. He made his way through the connecting gangway and, it is supposed, was overcome by afterdamp which followed the explosion and was unable to make his way back to the fresh air. Rescue parties followed the way

taken by the fire boss. They found a party of eight men near the connecting gangway and carried them to the fresh air. The work of rescue continued several hours and by noon it was believed that all imprisoned men had been released but 20. It is practically certain that many of these miners are dead, for deadly gas gathered in large quantities near the connection between shafts Nos 6 and 7, where the party of eight were rescued.

A temporary lift was put into place and descended to the bottom, where over 100 panic-stricken miners were found lying flat on their faces in the effort to get the only pure air in that part of the workings. They were loaded onto the cage and carried to the surface, where they were received with open arms by members of their families.

It is supposed the explosion was caused by an electric spark from one of the ventilating fans touching off a pocket of gas that gatheredd uring the

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CONVENTION HALL ABOUT COMPLETE

HANNA EXPECTED TO REACH THE SCENE SATURDAY.

Philadelphia, June 8.-The work of preparing the national export exposition auditorium for the Republican national convention is practically completed and the formal transfer to Sergeant at Arms Wiswell is scheduled for Wednesday.

Members of the national committee are expected to begin to arrive Saturday. Hanna is expected here then. Wednesday Hanna will call the entire committee together.

Because the Republican national hall is said to have been completed by nonunion labor, the 43 organizations of the Allied Building Trades Council have refused to accept an invitation to participate in the parade of the Allied Republican clubs during convention week.

The trade organizations were asked to turn out 20 men each in the parade. The invitation was sent by the Young Republicans, the most prominent political organization in this city. Each union affiliated with the allied council declined on its own account to parade and R. T. Mitchell, secretary of the council, replied for the organization as

REGISTRATION BOOKS.

The date for the opening of the, r.) istration books is a matter of some uncertainty. It will be either June 28 or

The act of the legislature says that the books shall be closed the second Saturday before the election, and that they shall be open 20 days prior to that time. This will make the date the 28th, if the law is construed strictly. Sundays are excluded in the 20 days.

No one has the authority to pass upon the question, and the registrars have the right to determine the matter. However, it is thought that the question will be solved by the state chairmen of the political parties, and that whatever date they will agree upon will be followed in all cases, so as to secure uniformity in the registration.

OTIS CERTAIN WAR IS OVER

Declares Guerilla Warfare Cannot Last Long.

55,000 U.S. SOLDIERS

Great Majority of Filipinos Desire Peace.

AGUINALDO WAS AT FIRST RE-GARDED BY HIS PEOPLE AS A LEADER, BUT IS NOW LOS-ING PRESTIGE.

Chicago, June 8.-General Otis and party arrived here this morning. Mrs. Otis arrived from New York about the same time. General Otis declined to enter into a detailed interview, saying it would be inconsistent with his postion as an officer to enter into an extended discourse regarding the situation in the Philippines before reaching Washington.

"I left the Philippine situaton in the best of hands," he said. "The officers are all able men and well qualified to cope with the questions and situations that may arise.

"The war is over. Guerilla warfare cannot last long. We have 55,000 effective troops under arms in the Philippines.

"Estimates regarding the number of inhabitants in the islands are all wild, but the number is considered between six and seven millions. The great majority of the people desire peace and wish to resume activity.

don't know where Aguinaldo is. l never saw him personally. It is possible but not probable that he is in the Cagayan section of northern Luzon. It is a rough, mountainous country and very sparsely settled. At first he was regarded by his people as a leader, but lately he is losing prestige and is not held in such high regard.

"Funston is now in the Bulcan section. The officers in charge are all capable men. Stories have been circulated about depredations committed by the men of our army, but they are caused by an electric spark from one false. Our men have been held under of the ventilating fans touching off a close restraint and have conducted themselves like soldiers."

NEGROES TO HOLD A RACE CONGRESS

SESSIONS IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., JUNE 25-27.

Montgomery, Ala., June 8,-For the first time in their history the negroes are to hold a national race congress. The meeting will be in Montgomery, July 25, 26 and 27.

The speakers will include Bt . p Turner, Booker T. Washington, Prof. Council, and other prominent negroes of highest intelligence. No inflammatory addresses will be made and racial difficulties will be discussed from different standpoints. Rev. W. H. Mixon, Montgomery, is chairman of the organization committee

Tuskegee, Ala., June 8.-Booker T. Washington, president of the negro industrial institute at this place, and one of the leading men of his race, said regarding the formation of a national negro party; "I know nothing of Philadelphia's movement to organize a national negro party. I am not a candidate for any political office and do not intend under any circumstances to become one." Prof. Washington had been mentioned as a candidate for vicepresident,

TWO STATES HAVE NOT INSTRUCTED

TWENTY-FOUR HAVE HELD CON-VENTIONS.

Chicago, June 8.-Senator Jones. chairman of the national Democratic committee, is expected here next week Bryan will meet him shortly after his arrival and plans will be discussed for the Kansas City convention.

Keen interest is taken by the officials at national headquarters in the reports from Democratic state conventions. Up to date 24 states have held conventions. Of these 22, representing 436 delegates have instructed for Bryan. Maryland and New Jersey are unpledged. Bryan lacks 30 instructed votes of having a majority.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Anxiety Respecting Events in Far East Spreading.

EXCITEMENT AMONG DIPLOMATS SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN KNOWN FOR YEARS.

New York, June 8 .- A Herald dispatch from London says:

"Anxiety respecting events in the far east is spreading. One hears the opinion expressed that nothing can prevent war between Japan and Russia. In diplomatic circles nothing else is talked about. There exists now an excitement among diplomats such as has not been known for years. A visit to the city revealed an increase in anxiety. There exists in financfal circles all the preliminaries of a panic, which sentiment has affected all markets and quite neutralized the anticipated effect of good news from South Africa."

ADMIRAL KEMPF REPORTS BATTLE

LARGE NUMBER OF "BOXERS" ON WAY TO TIEN TSIN.

Washington, June 8 .- The following cablegram was received at the naval department this morning from Admiral Kempf on board the Newark off Taku

"Tong Ku, June 8 .- Battle yesterday between Chinese and 'boxers' near Tien Tsin. A large number of 'boxers' are expected to reach Tien Tsin tomorrow. Kempf."

Minister Conger at Pekin has also been heard from today. Zis message to the state department said there was no improvement in the situation and asked for instructions. It is not deemed proper by the officials to indicate upon just what point Conger needs advice, but there is an intimation that he wishes to know to what extent he is to co-operate with the diplomatic representatives of the European powers at Pekin. Secretary Hay took the message to the cabinet meeting where an answer will be framed.

LOCAL STRIKE SITUATION.

Committees have for several days past been endeavoring to get the union carpenters to strike in sympathy with the painters, who are out for increased wages. In some have succeeded and in some they have

The entire body of workmen employed at Albemarle park is out, including the state convention, which is to meet carpenters, plasterers and painters, and work is at a standstill. The men employed on Architect J. A. Tennent's jobs were approached this morning, and the foremen were asked how many men would go out. The committee was told that none of the men would quit. O. D. Revell anticipates no trouble with his men.

BELL FOR SENATOR.

At the Democratic convention at Andrews yesterday, J. S. Bell of Clay was nominated for the state senate.

THE MARKETS.

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WAR SURE BETWEEN UNITED STATES TO OOM PAUL

Dispatches Urging Him to Treat for Peace.

CLOSE CONFERENCE

onsul General Hollis Returns From Transvaal.

ONLY SHELL WHICH TOOK EF-FECT DAY BEFORE OCCUPA-TION OF PRETORIA HIT THE U. S. CONSULATE.

Lorenzo Marquez, June 8.-United States Consul Hollis, who returned here yesterday from the Transvaal by special train, had an interview in close conference with Kruger. Hollis was the bearer of friendly dispatches from the United States government urging Kruger to treat for peace.

London, June 8.-The driblets of news filtering from the Transvaal fail to throw much light on the situation in and around Pretoria. Public interest centers largely in the fate of the British prisoners, but it seems probable that 3500 have been recovered, including 129 officers. The federals, therefore, removed 1000 as hostages.

A special dispatch from Pretoria says the only shell which took effect in the town the day prior to the occupation of Pretoria hit the United States consulate. A dispatch from Capetown announces the work of organizing the government of the Transvaal is progressing. A portion of Milner's staff has gone to Pretoria to prepare the proclamation annexation.

STATE CONVENTION OF THE W. C. T. U.

SESSIONS TO BEGIN HERE NEXT THURSDAY.

The W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon held a meeting at Mrs. Hilliard's on South Main to complete plans for the entertainment of the delegates to

here next Thursday. The convention will hold morning and evening sessions and will continue until Tuesday, 19th. Fifty or 60 delegates are expected.

Sunday the annual sermon before the convention will be preached by Rev. W. M. Vines, in the First Baptist

Everyone interested in the work of the union will be welcome at the meetings and it is to be hoped that there will be an attendance worthy of the

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