

United States officer who had shot Terry to save the life of Judge Field, and which affirmed the right of the Federal Government to protect its judges on circuit, had a significance beyond the special case or class of cases. It denoted an extension of the Federal and National power. The two Democratic members of the Court, the Chief Justice and Judge Lamar, asserted the principle of the State Right Party by a dissentient judgment accordingly. But nationalization will not stop here. The social and commercial fusion consequent on the extension of railways and of commercial enterprises and corporations has been silently removing the landmarks of State Right. To a corporation trading in half-a-dozen States it is most inconvenient to be under as many different commercial codes. The frightful diversity of divorce laws is also producing effects which are fast becoming intolerable. Unification both of commercial law and of the marriage law is in the air.

—The indications now are that the so-called McKinley Tariff Bill at Washington will become law without material change. The Republican leaders have felt the public pulse most anxiously and carefully, and believe that the Bill will give them votes and money enough to carry the autumn election for members of the House of Representatives, which is their almost openly avowed purpose in settling the details of the Bill. If they have grievously or even fatally injured some important interests, they have imparted at least a temporary stimulus to others, and as they have not scrupled to give the preference to interests from which they expect the most in a partisan sense, it is probable that the proximate results of the measure will tell politically in their favour. That the ultimate and not very distant effect of the Bill will be to hasten the movement towards freer trade can hardly be questioned. The McKinley tariff will further reduce the declining export trade of the United States, and, as the inevitable tendency of the protective system is to accumulate the