many, use only the German language, have almost autonomous governments within the limits of the American Republics and are, in fact, little Germanys wherever located.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

This Week.

smaller than at any previous conference, The questions of the right of women to seats in the general conference and of laymen to representation in the annual

conference will, if possible, be taken up later in the week. Following this the committee on the state of the church will deal with the question of amusements

and what to do with the discipline on

IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Territory.

The Germans burned the station. Their officers acted on instructions from Mer-

Bomb Explosion in Paris.

the junction of the avenue with the Rue Boithle. Although considerably fright-ened, the occupants of the carriage were

Dreyfus in Paris

German Torpedo Fleet.

Ashantee Rebellion.

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BULLER'S BOLD MOVE

Successful Turning of the Boer Position in Natal.

HE IS EXPECTED TO PUSH ON

Hunter Operating in Transvani Territory-Free Staters Weakening-Treatment of Prisoners.

LONDON, May 15, 3:45 A. M .- General Buller's turning of the Biggarsbers posi-tion was made by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmaaker, but were making a stand Monday evening at were making a stand Monday evening at Blespoplaagte, seven miles from Dundee. The corps on the spot regarded this as a rear-guard action, intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time General Hildyard took Innoba, and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in discorder. General Builer, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were 40 miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory which has been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the republic, they holding courts and levying taxes.

lic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infanity are concentrating at Kroonstad, where they will report being on the effectiveness of the board of general superintendents. The re-port, which was adopted after a short debate, recommended that the whole list rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated 18 miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway 15 miles beyond Kroonstad was the American of present acting bishops be declared ef-fective. The conference then adjourned for the day.

Following the choice of bishops will

scout, Frederick Burnham.
Two hundred Boers who had hidden in
the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service have surrendered to the Britcome the election of editors for the var-ious Christian Advocates and of secre-taries for the different church societies. The book concern committee is expected to report on the consolidation or abandonment of several of the unprofitable weeklies Wednesday, and the number of editors to be voted for will probably be

ish and taken the oath of allegiance.

According to a dispatch from Bennett Burleigh to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, May 19, Paul Botha and MacDonald, members of the Free State Volksraad, demanded that the chalman should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further resistance was suicidal, and proposed to make President Steyn a prisoner.

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Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as probable dates. Inquirers at the War Office are told that the news of the relief will be made public immediately upon its receipt. No word had come to hand at midnight. and what to do with the discipline on this point.

The committee on temperance, of which Samuel Dixie, of Michigan, is chairman, and of which Congressman Johnson, of North Dakota, author and champion of the anti-canteen law, is a member, adopted resolutions today which, in the minds of a number of the committeemen at least, is a direct slap at President Mc-Kinley because of his acquiescence in the decision of Attorney-General Griggs, declaring the law ineffective. The resolutions are a portion of the report of a subto hand at midnight.

to hand at midnight.

The latest supposition concerning General Hunter is that possibly he is marching up the north bank of the Vani, with a force sufficient, in co-operation with Lord Roberts, to render Boer defense of the Vani frontier impracticable.

East of Bloemfontein, General Rundle is advancing toward Ladybrand. His troops and those of General Brahant are

Colonial prisoners. The Transvani's reply was to the effect that there was no difference in the treatment of the prisoners, and that only a few who had controverted martial law, or who had tred to escape, or who, it had been suspected, might try to escape, had been piaced in jall for security. Otherwise they had been treated like the other prisoners of war. Regarding enteric fever, the Government of the Transvania said it was revealed. of the Transvaal said it was prevalent among the prisoners, and every remedial measure had been taken. Lord Roberts replied April 22 that he

Lord Roberts replied April 22 that he was glad to receive President Kruger's assurances, and pointed out that ne difference was made by the Brilish authorities in regard to the Boer prisoners against whom there might be reasonable ground for suspicion that they would try to escape, adding that such exception gave room for abuse by officials without the knowledge of the authorities.

THE CAMPAIGN IN NATAL. Buller's Movements, as Reported by

the Boers. PRETORIA, Saturday, May 12.-(Via Lourenco Marques).-A war bulletin has been issued here announcing that the British are advancing against the Feder-als at Helpmasker and Tonders Nek. The burghers this morning attacked Mafe-

The telegraphist at Malope says that a heavy rifle and cannon fire was heard before 6 o'clock today, and that the Kaffir location was in flames within an hour, and was totally destroyed. At 10 o'clock, he adds, everything was quieter. At a meeting of 250 Afrikander women,

held yesterday, it was resolved to ask the Government for arms and ammuni-tion, and suggest that they do the work of the men officials in the town, who they declared, "ought to be fighting at the front." The resolution was carried unan-

The Volkstem asserts that the British prisoners in the hands of the Boers will first feel the effects of the embargo placed on tinned meats and clothing destined for the Transvasi at Delagon Bay.

GERMANY'S COLONIES.

State Department Investigating in the Southern Republics.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—In view of the significant references to the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine by Secretary Root, Senator Lodge and other prominent men, the State Department has taken steps to accure data on the subject. The burden of these speeches has been the startling increase of the German colonies in South and Central America, which have been regarded as menacing the Monroe Doctrine. It has also been asserted that these German colonists maintain their home customs in the new land, deal almost exclusively with German, deal almost exclusively with German.

The State Department has addressed instructions to every Minister and Con-sul in South and Central America to in-Supreme Court Declares the sul in South and Central America to in-form the department fully on all points to which reference has been made. Of course, Germany is not referred to by name, for such a direction might natur-ally give umbrage to the German Gov-ernment. The circular applies to colo-nists of all nationalities, though it is, of course, expected that the Consuls, in com-piling their reports, will differentiate the colonists. Law is Constitutional.

IT APPLIES TO LEGACIES ONLY

And Not to Estates As a Whole-Explanation of the Progressive Feature of the Law.

WASHINGTON, May 14-The Supreme Court of the United States today an-Court of the United States today an-nounced opinions in the cases arising un-der inheritance tax provisions of the war revenue act, and also in a case involving the applicability of the state inheritance tax law of New York to estates com-posed of Government bonds. There were five decision under the Federal law, and one under the state law, but two in the former class applied, as did one of the latter class, to the taxation of Govern-CHICAGO, May 14.-The M. E. Con ference today adopted a motion, made by Bishop Hurst, that a commission be cre-ated by the General Conference consistated by the General Conference consisting of one delegate from each district
to select 129 delegates to the Ecumenical
Methodist Conference in London. A little politica was injected into the proceedings by a resolution to allow delegates the privilege of vacant seats in
their delegations for their friends. This
was opposed on the ground that it gave
too much operation for lobbying, and
was defeated.

The time of the session was extended
to hear Chairman Buckley's report No.
2 from the committee on episcopacy, the
report being on the effectiveness of the

geographical, "considering the text." He

"It is apparent that the word 'uniform means 'equal and uniform,' in the sense now asserted by the opponents of the tax, the words, 'throughout the United States, are deprived of all real signifi-cance and sustaining the contention must hence lead to a disregard of the elementary cation of construction, which requires that effect be given each word of the Consti-

tion.

"One of the most satisfactory answers to the argument that the uniformity required by the Constitution is the same as the equal and uniform clause which has been embodied in so many of the state constitutions result from a review of the practice under the Constitution from the beginning. From the very first Congress down to the present date, in laying duties, imposts and excises, the rule of inherent uniformity, or, in other words, intrinuniformity, or, in other words, intrin-sically equal and uniform taxes, has been disregarded, and the principle of geographical uniformity consistently enforced."

On another point of uniformity he said:
"It is yet further asserted that the tax does not fuifill the requirements of geographical uniformity for the following

reason:
"As the primary rate of taxation depends upon the degree of relationship or want of relationship, to a deceased person, it is

SHELBY M. CULLOM, OF ILLINOIS.



The time limit for Methodist preachers seems doomed. By a vote of \$2 to 21 the committee on litherancy today decided to present to the general conference a report favoring the abolition of the time limit pow before the conference. tional, was untenable, as also was the contention that the matter of inheritance

Justice Shiras' opinion covered the phase

Justice Shiras' opinion covered the phase of the law applying to cases in which estates, consisting of United States bonds, are taxed. This opinion held that the bonds were subject to this tax.

The principal decision in the list handed down by Justice White covered the case of Eben J. Knowlton and Thomas A. Buffum, executors of Edwin F. Knowlton, brought bere from the eastern district of Germany Seising Congo Free State LONDON, May 15 .- Lionel Decia, who is conducting a Cape-to-Cairo expedition, fitted up by the London Daily Telegraph, sends by wire and steamer from Uvila. north of Lake, Tanganyika, the following:

The situation here is critical. The Germans have forcibly seized all the Conbrought here from the eastern district of New York. The opinion of the Circuit Court was adverse to the validity of the law, and accordingly it was reversed. The pinion is a very luminous one, and disgo Free State territory up to Rusini Riv-er, occupying 2000 square miles of Congo Territory with 1000 soldiers, 15 officers "The Belgian officer withdrew from his station under threat of instant attack. The Germans burned the station. Their

opinion is a very luminous one, and dis-cusses exhaustively every phase of the law. Referring to the "progressive" feature of the act, Justice White said that it was conclusive that it created no new subject of taxation.

"It simply provides," he said, "for the progressive rates on property mentioned in the opening sentences, which is de-scribed exactly as it was in the act of 1844. Now, as the act of 1864 taxed not the whole estate, but each particular leg-acy or distributive share, the conclusion cannot be escaped that the present law does the same thing, except that there is added thereto a progressive rate."

Then he took up the question as to wheth-er the law commands that the progressive

PARIS, May 15, 5 A. M.—Some commo-tion was caused about 9 o'clock last even-ing on the Avenue des Champs Elysees by the explosion of a bomb under a car-riage of M. Raphael, the banker, who was accompanied by his wife. The explo-sion occurred just as the carriage reached the junction of the avenue with the Puner the law commands that the progressive rate shall be measured by the amount of a legacy or the personal estate, the con-clusion being reached that it was not the stention to tax the entire estate, but the "separate and distinct sums or items of personal property passing." The conclu-sion then was announced that the tax is "on the legacies and distributive shares, the rate being primarily determined by the classifications establishing progressive NEW YORK, May 14.—Captain Alfred Dreyfus left Geneva last evening and ar-rived with his wife in Paris this morning, says a Paris dispatch to the Heraid. The Government is much worried by this journey, which was quite unlooked for. increases, according to the amount of the legacies or shares." Continuing on this line the Justice said:
"As the whole amount of such personal property as aforesaid relates to the sum

and will take measures to have him leave as soon as possible, owing to its fear of demonstrations. of each legacy or distributes to the sum of each legacy or distributive share considered separately, it follows that all legacies below \$19,000 are not taxed, and that those above that amount are taxed primarily by the degree of relationship or absence thereof, specified in the five classified conventions contained in the statute. BERLIN, May it.—The torpedo flotilla arrived at Mayence at noon today. The Grand Duke of Hesse went on board the vessel of the flotilla commander, and the guns of the fort saluted. Immense and that the rate of tax is progressively increased by the amount of each separate legacy or distributive share. This being this correct interpretation of the statute, it throngs lined the shores. Two steamers containing the military and civil author-ities greeted the arrivals.

the correct interpretation of the follows that the court below erroneously maintained a contrary construction, and, therefore, the tax assessed and collected was for a larger amount than the sum actually due by law."

The decision held that the tax was not altered tax within the meaning of the legaces and distributive shares, included in the war revenue act of 185, is graded in two ways, according to the degree of kinship of the legace.

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ACCRA, May 14—Runners who arrived here teday report that Kumassie is still closely invested by the Ashantees, but that the garrison is holding out. The Adasia, neighboring tribes, threaten the Bekwais, who are loyal to the government. a direct tax within the meaning of the Constitution, but a dury on an excise tax. Within the point of "uniformity," as required by the Constitution, Justice White said the Constitutional requirement was (Concluded on Second Page.)

White said:

"The review which we have made exhibits the fact that taxes imposed with reference to the ability of the person upon whom the burden is placed to bear the same have been levied from the foundation of the Government. So also some authoritative thinkers and a number of economic writers contend that a progressive tax is more just and equal than a proportionate one. In the absence of Constitutional limitation, the question whether it is or is not is legislative and not judicial. The grave consequences which, it is asserted, must arise in the future, if the right to levy a progressive tax be recognized, involves in its utilimate aspect the mer's assertion that free and

that the progressive feature of the tax is a violation of "uniformity," but concurred on all other points.

In cases involving the right to tax inheritances consisting of Government bonds, which were handled in an opin-

curities does not invalidate the tax or the law under which it is imposed." This opinion was rendered in the case of Plummer vs. Controller Coler, of the City of New York, and involved the state

law of New York. Solicitor-General Richards, who conducted the case for the Government before the Supreme Court, later in the day made the following statement in explanation of

(Concluded on Second Page.)

No Hopes for Passing the Nicaragua Canal Bill.

ALTHOUGH FAVORABLY REPORTED

Quarter of a Million for Improving the Mouth of the Columbia River.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Mc-Bride, speaking of the action of the committee on the Nicaragua bill, said that he had always left instruction with Senator Morgan that whenever the canal bill was to be counted in favor of the bill. He only consented to hearings on the statement that they would only delay the matter two or three days, but also stated that the hearings would not change his opinion, and that he would vote for the Nicaragua route. He says he will vote to take up the bill at the first opportunity. Notwithstanding the report on the bill, there is not the siightest possibility of it passing the Senate at this session.

Already the notice has gone forth that Congress must adjourn by June 15, and a statement said to have come from the White House today confirms this, which means that the canal bill cannot pass. More than this, the President informed the Pacific Coast delegation that called on him some time ago that waile he had no objection to the bill passing the House

on him some time ago that while he had no objection to the bill passing the House, he did not think it ought to become a law at this session.

Hanna's vote against the bill indicates the purpose of the Republican leaders who are opposing the bill while the treaty is hung up and before the Walker commis-

Money for the Columbia.

Senstor McBride today offered an imendment, favorably reported by the committee, appropriating \$250,-Senator McBride today offered an amendment, favorably reported by the commerce committee, appropriating \$250,000 toward improving the mouth of the Columbia. This amount is to be expended in repairing the existing jetty and in doing other preliminary work in anticipation of a full appropriation next year. He also offered an amendment, favorably reported by the public lands committee. ported by the public lands committee, appropriating \$5000 for making an inves-tigation with a view to adjusting the claims of persons who entered lands within The Dailes military wagon road land grant.

Campaign Material. Representative Lucey, of Iowa, has con-

tributed a very interesting chapter to the political literature of the day, which will be of benefit to the Republicans in the coming campaign. He has printed, as a part of his speech, statements showing the conditions of the country under the Democratic Administration of four years Democratic Administration of four years, taking occasion, by the way, to commend the good action of President Cleveland in standing for sound money in the face of Democratic clamor, but pointing out how the Democratic promises and attempts to legislate on economic subjects generally resulted in such disasters to the country. As every one knows and it was pointed out very clearly in the message of President Harrison to the session of Congress which convened in December, 1822, the United States has never been in a more prosperous condition than it was in that year, when it decided to turn the entire Government over to the Democratic party. Government over to the Democratic party.
What followed in the four years, beginning in 1893, and ending in 1897, when a Republican President was Inaugurated, is still stored in the mind of every business man and many of the working men and farmers throughout the country. Representative Lacer accentuates this by showing from the newspaper accounts what took place in those years and what followed under Republican rule, making a contrast in favor of the Republicans which should certainly continue them in power, progressive feature of the law, Justice More than this, he takes from Bradarcet's White said:

is asserted, must arise in the future, if the right to levy a progressive tax be recognized, involves in its utilimate aspect the meré assertion that free and representative government is a failure, and that the grossost abuses of power are foreshadowed, unless the courts usurp a purely leginlative function. If a case should ever arise where an arbitrary and confiscatory exaction is imposed, bearing the guise of a progressive or any other form of tax, it will be time enough to consider whether the judicial power can afford a remedy by applying inherent and fundamental principles for the protection of the individual, even though there be no express authority in the Constitution to do so. That the law which we have construed affords no ground for the contention that the tax imposed is arbitrary and confiscatory is obvious.

Concluding, he says:

"It follows from the foregoing opinion that the court below erred in denying all relief, and that it should have held the plaintiff entitled to recover so much of the tax as resulted from taxing legacies below 19,000, and from increasing the tax rate with reference to the whole amount of the personal estate of the deceased from which the legacies or distributive shares were derived."

Justice Brewer dissented, on the ground that the progressive feature of the tax is a violation of "uniformity," but consider the progressive feature of the tax is a violation of "uniformity," but consider the right of the polet of the construction of the personal estate of the deceased from which the legacies or distributive shares were derived."

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Rev. T. J. Wills, of New York, read a paper be-fore the Presbyterian ministers of this In cases involving the right to tax inheritances consisting of Government
bonds, which were handled, in an opinnon handed down by Justice Shiras, the
court said:

"We think the conclusion fairly to be
drawn from the state and Federal cases
is that the right to take property by will
or descent is derived from and regulated
by municipal law, that in assessing a tax

is the work of unbelief continues? We need drawn from the state and Federal cases is that the right to take property by will to descent is derived from and regulated by municipal law, that in assessing a tax upon such right or privilege the state may lawfully measure or fix the amount of the tax by referring to the value of the property passing, and that the incidental fact that such property is composed in whole or in part of Federal securities does not invalidate the tax or the law under which it is imposed."

This opinion was rendered in the case of Flummer vs. Controller Color, of the hands, but it is the fuith in the Bible which is imperiled. They might as well shoot peas at Gibraltar with a child's