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Portland, Thursday, Feb. 14. Many tender people cannot reconcile themselves to expansion because it sacrifices so many young men.

IT IS SERIOUS BUSINESS. National independence for Cuba is in jeopardy. The United States is pledged to assure independence to Cuba, and we must keep our word.

Secretary Gage seems suddenly to have changed his mind on the subject of countervailing duty on Russian sugar.

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It is perhaps desirable, on the whole, that Mr. Laurier should inform his countrymen of the Alaska boundary, its status and destiny.

probably will stand indefinitely, as neither government has good reason to be dissatisfied. This is doubtless true. From the first announcement of this "temporary" arrangement, from the State Department's explanation of the terms of the agreement before they were published, there has been strong ground for suspecting that the United States and England intended this survey to be permanent, but called it temporary to save the feelings of Canada.

Industrial discussion in the Scotch papers is uncovering a profoundly operating cause of the gloom that seems to overhang the British iron and steel trades. Among the disadvantages of the British manufacturers in their competition with the United States and Germany special stress is laid upon the efforts of the labor organizations to keep down the amount of production.

OUR CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE. The Federated Trades of Astoria propose to boycott the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad because it employs Japanese as laborers. The objections to the Japs are not stated, so we are thrown upon conjecture.

Mexico's Opportunity. It is not incredible that the statesmen of Mexico should be seriously considering the adoption of the gold standard, though there are against the change the two considerations that the country produces much silver and that the decline of silver has been checked.

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France as the Chevalier St. George. The conspiracy to secure this succession of the son of James II included a number of very influential Englishmen. Among them were the famous statesman, St. John, Dean Swift and Francis Atterbury. The conspirators intended to get rid of the Act of Settlement by having the son of James II renounce Rome.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE VATICAN. Pope's Residence to Have One Thousand Rooms More. Rome—Future pilgrims to Rome will be interested to learn that alterations for the benefit of the Holy See are being made in the Vatican.

Decidedly Clever. Anti-Imperialist Aesmen Worthy of a Better Cause. With the most earnest desire to please everybody, especially the imperialists, the Evening Post has not been able to do so in the Cuban controversy.

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Marshall's Mind Was Creative. Kansas City Star. Justice Marshall's method of reasoning shown in his decision upholding the authority of Congress to incorporate the Bank of the United States.

Justice in Kentucky. Boston Herald, Ind. The statement of one of the counsel for the defense in the trial of Henry E. Yousey, who was on Tuesday sentenced to imprisonment for life as a principal in the assassination of Governor Geobel, is an impressive one.

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