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the Legislature, we have not heard of it. On grounds of economy this movement should be widened. In the Oregon session laws of 1899 the general acts occupy 247 pages, and the local acts 867.

Lord Lansdowne's reply is all that could be desired by the able and sincere friends of the Nicaragua Canal, who wish it constructed in the time and manner approved by the transcontinental railroads and their British stockholders. It is obvious that to create a point impassable it is important to concentrate British opposition upon the very contention which is certain to be insisted upon by Congress. Through the help of Lord Pauncefote, and possibly through the help of Secretary Hay, the British Foreign Secretary has been enabled to locate the irreconcilable difference with remarkable discernment. Congress is in doubt about the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, so he makes little of that. What Congress is determined about is that Congress is determined about it. The Oregonian does not buy papers or stories from individuals, and cannot undertake to return any manuscript without solicitation. No stamps should be enclosed for this purpose.

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worship the Czar living, mourn him dead, and rejoice in the execution of his murderers. Unrocked priests, broken-down actors, briefless barristers, bankrupt newspaper scribblers, doctors sulking over their lack of patients, discharged soldiers, were represented among the leading spirits of the first French Revolution, because that was really a popular uprising, and its volcanic upheavings threw all sorts of men to the surface of society and politics. Danton was a lawyer, Robespierre an advocate, Camille Desmoulins a clever journalist, Marat a doctor and Talleyrand a priest. But in Russia there never can be any such thing as a genuine political revolution until the ignorant, sudden Russian peasant ceases to worship the Czar, not only as an Emperor, but as the highest pontiff of the Greek Church. In the French Revolution there were soldiers enough in the service of the King, but they fraternized at the first fire with the insurgents.

In Russia the cities swarm with soldiers, who take as much pleasure in beating a crowd of rioters with their fists as a cowboy would in lashing the flanks of a vicious Texas steer. The student riots; the revival of nihilist plots against the Czar, will end as they always have heretofore, in several hundred young fellows of intellect and intelligence being sent to Siberia to labor in the mines or buried for years in the grave of the terrible dungeons of the fortress of the Neva. The drafting of rebellious students into the army is a terrible punishment to an educated, high-spirited young man, for the Russian army is not like our own, in which no officer can with impunity inflict personal violence upon the soldier. The methods of discipline in the Russian army are very severe when pushed to the limit of military license, and it is, of course, easily possible under the guise of military punishment and discipline to make a veritable hell of a private soldier's life.

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