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An experiment of this kind would be even more successful if made by the United States than it was when made by the Commonwealth of Australia, the Republic of Brazil or the County of London.

It is puzzling on what ground a court assumes that it is a better judge of the emergency of a legislative act than the lawmaking body.

The justices of the supreme bench are not better judges of the existence of such facts than the Legislature.

Clearly, if the Legislature is not the final judge as to the emergency of an emergency clause, it is a useless one.

Under such circumstances it would be just as well to dispense with the legislative power to declare an emergency and permit the courts to decide which laws shall become effective immediately and which shall await the expiration of ninety days.

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Britain and Germany have done as to their navies. Germany provided adequate land forces and is holding her own against great odds.

The drama committee of the New York Parents' League has been trying its hand at censoring the drama for children.

It is unfortunate that young people are not more frequently taken to performances of Shakespeare.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels congratulates the country on what he calls the liberality of Congress in appropriations for the Navy.

Delay in buying the Copper River Railroad because of popular prejudice against the Guggenheims is not creditable to President Wilson.

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MEXICO SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER U. S. Will Ultimately Need It for Expansion of Our Population.

On Saturday last at noon a salute of 100 guns was fired at Fort Vancouver in celebration of the recent victories of our arms and in commemoration of the chief officer of our Republic. It has been previously announced that there would be a meeting of the Sanitary Society embracing the officers of the garrison, their ladies and the citizens of Vancouver. It had also been announced that General Alford, Rev. Mr. Hines and Hon. Judge Wyche would address the people on this occasion and at an early hour the Methodist Episcopal Church was crowded. At the close of the meeting a collection of \$132 in legal tender was collected.

Growing out of the secession of Texas in 1846, and the subsequent Mexican War of 1846-47, 1,000,000 square miles of territory, covering all of Texas, part of Colorado, Kansas, all of New Mexico, part of Oklahoma, all of Arizona, all of California, all of Nevada, Utah and part of Wyoming, were transferred to the territory formerly belonging to that country. All of said territory was annexed except 45,000 square miles which was later treaty negotiated by James Gadsden in 1853.

The writer believes that the United States must ultimately own all the territory between its present western limit and the Gulf of Mexico. In the interests of humanity the annexation of Mexico by this country should be no longer delayed. This should have been the result of the Mexican War, and there were men then in the American Congress who were broad enough to advocate this action.

The men who formed this Government in 1776 were big enough to foresee its rapid development. They anticipated and provided a foundation which they hoped would long endure with little change. From that time to this the government as a rule has endeavored to continue the original plans. Along this line was developed the policy of expansion advocated by the Republican party during the administration of President Harrison, who hoisted the American flag in the Sandwich Islands.

Thereafter the policy was continued by President Cleveland, and is now undertaken to abandon the Philippines.

On the next Fourth of July this Government will be 139 years old, a brief period in the life of a nation. Let us look forward to the year 2014, when we will have a population of over 200,000,000 and the great cities of the world will be upon the Pacific Coast of the United States.

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War Cannot Destroy Fashion. Half of France may be in arms, but wonderful, fascinating Paris is still creating styles. Her artists have already determined the modes for spring and the stores are spreading the message to American women. The new gown, the new millinery, the new lingerie, is on show. The advertising in The Oregonian is telling the story day by day. It is a great question of "what's what" that reads the newspaper advertising in this before-Easter season.