

be necessary, while we gave more attention to our martial qualities and allow our neighbor a monopoly in the opulent and arrogant development.

THE INEVITABLE CLASH.

(3) That some day there must be an inevitable clashing of interests and armaments between ourselves and our great neighbor.

I would like to remind you of the history of the expansion of our great neighbor. The original territory, under the Peace of Paris in 1883, covered the territory east of the Mississippi and north of Florida. Then the Province of Louisiana, the great central west, was purchased from France in 1803, and Florida from Spain in 1819. Texas, as a republic, was admitted in 1845, Great Britain was euchred out of Oregon and Washington in 1846, and the remainder of the west wrested from Mexico by war in 1848, save a small piece purchased from them in 1853. Then Alaska was bought from Russia in 1867, Hawaii was absolved, and the Philippines and Porto Rico were taken from Spain in 1898, and Tutuila (Samoan Is.) acquired in 1899. This does not include Cuba, and it constitutes more than a ten-fold increase to the 326,378 square miles of the original 13 States. Another thirteen-year period comes in, for it is an average of 13 years between each new acquisition.

The question as to whether our great neighbor has finished this tremendous expansion is ever an interesting one to us. One is due next year. Homer Lea has to say on this matter: "The continuation of this building, and the endless extension of the Republic, the maintenance of its ideals and the consummation, in a world-wide sense, of the aspirations of its founders, constitutes the only pure patriotism to which an American can lay claim, or in defence of, lay down his life."