

yet laconic judicial statistics, both criminal statistics and civil statistics.

11. Bar discipline is strictly enforced.

Throughout the British Empire there is a universal respect for the courts and the law, especially for the criminal law, which is unknown in this country.

The primary duty of all governments is to preserve life and enforce the public order and security by enforcing the criminal law as well as necessary police regulations. When this duty is locally or partially neglected, unless extra legal vigilance supplements the defective administration of the criminal law, local turbulence, riots and anarchy until suppressed by martial law are probable sooner or later.

When this duty is generally neglected throughout a nation for a sufficient period of time, class conflicts, general strikes, sectional strife, revolution or social war will usually follow unless the local disturbances or general national weakness becomes so great as to cause a foreign nation whose people are disciplined and orderly (though perchance with a lower standard of living, i.e., with more plain living and more high thinking), to send either a punitive expedition to punish and procure indemnity for lawless outrages upon or assassinations of its nationals, or else an invading army to conquer and annex the decadent and anarchical country, as was done in the several partitions of the Polish Commonwealth during the 18th century; in Italy during the 16th century; as well as following the decline of Greece and the Greek cities of Asia Minor and Southern Italy by the Roman Republic.

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THE OPENING OF THE COURTS.

On Friday October 12 the Michaelmas Sittings were opened with all pomp and circumstance. Headed by Lord Chancellor Finlay the customary procession of judges passed up the Great Hall at the Royal Courts of Justice each judge with his attendant