

if not actually committed at by them, have culminated in mob attacks on foreign missionaries, causing much destruction of property and attended with personal injuries as well as loss of life.

DEMAND FOR JUSTICE COMPLIED WITH

The demands of the United States and other powers for the degradation and punishment of the responsible officials of the respective cities and provinces, who, by neglect or otherwise, had permitted outrages, and for the adoption of stern measures by the emperor's government for the protection of the life and property of foreigners, were followed by the disgrace and dismissal of certain provincial officials found derelict in their duty during the Chinese massacre.

The governments of both China and Japan have, in special messages transmitted through their respective diplomatic representatives, expressed in a most pleasing manner their grateful appreciation of our assistance in their efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the value of our aid in paving the way to their resumption of peaceful relations.

ON THE WALLER INCIDENT.

The customary cordial relations between this country and France have been undisturbed, with the exception that a full explanation of the treatment of John L. Waller by the expeditionary military authorities of France still remains to be given. Mr. Waller, formerly United States consul at Tamatave, remained in Madagascar after his term of office expired, and was apparently arrested on the charge of having procured business concessions from the Hovas of greater or less value.

impelled by recent changes in the French ministry, have not been relaxed and it is confidently expected that some satisfactory solution of the matter will shortly be reached. Meanwhile it appears that Mr. Waller's confinement has every alleviation which the state of his health and all the other circumstances of the case demand or permit.

WANTS FREE TRADE.

Our relations with the states of the German empire are, in some aspects, typical of a condition of things elsewhere found in countries whose products are in trade with ours. The close rivalry of competing industries; the influence of the delusive doctrine that the internal development of a nation is promoted and increased by the exclusion of its home markets; the exclusive use of its own products, necessarily obstructs its sales in foreign markets and the desire to retain trade in time-worn rules, regardless of the inexorable laws of new needs and changed conditions of demand and supply.

MUST HAVE RETALIATION.

It is not to be forgotten that international trade cannot be one-sided. Its currents are alternating, and its movements should be honestly reciprocal. Without this it almost necessarily degenerates into a device for gain advantage or a contrivance to secure benefits with only the semblance of a return. In our dealings with other nations we ought to be guided by the same moral principles which should govern our relations with our fellow citizens.

It was fitting that this extraordinary achievement of the new record in navigation should be celebrated with the same enthusiasm and a position of the latest developments of the world's naval energy.

JANGLERS WITH JOHN BULL.

Our relations with Great Britain are, in many respects, important, have demanded during the past year even a greater share of consideration than usual. Several vexatious questions, which, if not speedily settled, threaten to become a permanent trial of arbitration between the two countries. An invitation has been extended by France to the government and people of the United States to participate in a great international exposition at Paris in 1900 as a suitable commemoration of the close of this, the world's largest industrial exposition.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE SETTLED.

The boundary dispute, which lately threatened to embroil Guatemala and Mexico, has been amicably settled by the joint agreement of the parties, been submitted to the arbitration of the United States minister to Mexico. The commission appointed under the convention of February 18, 1893, to set new boundaries between Mexico and Guatemala, has completed its task.

SOME BOUNDARY DISPUTES.

The commissioners appointed to mark the international boundary in Passamaquoddy bay, according to the terms of the treaty of Ghent, have not yet fully agreed. The completion of the preliminary survey of the coast of Maine, which is the point of the coast from the southernmost point of Prince of Wales island until it strikes the 44th meridian at or near the summit of Mount St. Elias, awaits further necessary appropriations, which are urgently recommended.

MOQUITO TROUBLE ENDED.

In last year's message I narrated at some length the jurisdictional questions, then pending between the United States and Nicaragua. Since that time, by the voluntary act of the Mosquito nation, the territory reserved to them has been formally incorporated into the Nicaraguan empire.

our citizens had received fair trial. The death sentence was subsequently commuted to life imprisonment, and the prisoner was released on parole. The case of certain Americans arrested and expelled by arbitrary order without formal charge of trial had attracted the attention of the United States government.

RESULTS OF PADRONE SYSTEM.

The deplorable lynching of several Italian laborers in Colorado was naturally followed by international representations, and I am happy to say that the government of that state in which the outrages occurred have been put forth to discover and punish the authors of this atrocious crime. The deplorable condition of the unfortunate laborers in Colorado, who are treated through successive stages to the vicious padrone system, which unchecked by our immigration and contract laws, has become a national disgrace.

INTERFERENCE WITH OUR SHIPPING.

A notable instance of interference by Spain with the shipping of American vessels has occurred. On March 1st, the Albatross, while bound from Colon to New York, and following the customary tracks for vessels near the Isthmus of Panama, was detained by a Spanish gunboat. Protest was promptly made by the United States against this act as not being justified by the laws of the United States.

EXAMINING BOARD DESIGNATED.

In execution of the executive order referred to in my last report, a board of examiners has been designated to examine the subjects to which such examinations shall relate. It is not assumed that this system will be applied to the examination of consular officers, but it is quite probable that actual experience will show particulars in which the order already issued may be amended and demonstrate the need of further action.

PROMPT TREATMENT IS REQUIRED.

As we turn from a review of our foreign relations to the contemplation of our national financial situation we are immediately aware that we approach a subject of domestic concern more important than any other that can engage our attention and one at present in such a perilous and delicate position that it requires prompt and wise treatment. We may well be encouraged to earnest effort in this direction when we recall the steps already taken toward improving our economic and financial situation, and when we appreciate how long we have been prostrated by a financial crisis.

United States from being abused as a vantage ground from which to attack those in arms against Spanish sovereignty. Whatever may be the traditional sympathy of our countrymen, as individuals, with a foreign nation, it is our duty as citizens to recognize our obligations of international relationship.

PROTECTING THE MISSIONARIES.

Our citizens in Turkey have continued to excite concern. The reported massacres of Christians in Armenia and the development there, and in other districts, of fanatical hostility toward the missionaries, naturally excited apprehension for the safety of the devoted men and women who, as dependents of the foreign missionary societies in the United States, reside in Turkey under the guarantee of law and usage, and in the legitimate performance of their educational and religious missions.

PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES.

The government, however, in view of existing facts, is far from relying upon such assurances as the limit of its duty. Our mission has been vigilant and alert in securing all possible protection in individual cases where danger threatened or safety was imperiled. We have sent ships far toward the points of departure, and have offered refuge to those obliged to flee, and we have promised that our citizens, as well as those of other nations, who have been received and protected on board these ships.

RETIRES FROM THE GREENBACKS.

The currency denominated United States notes, and commonly known as greenbacks, was issued in large volumes during the late civil war and was intended originally to meet the exigencies of the war. It was issued in large volumes during the late civil war and was intended originally to meet the exigencies of the war.

THE CHURCH GOATS.

The Church of Christ, in its efforts to do good, has been hindered by the selfishness of some of its members. These individuals, who are known as church goats, are a source of great annoyance to the church and its members.

DO YOU EAT IT?

The new committee at Exeter and Khar, put, for which appropriations were made, have been provisionally elected. These appointments, though now in Turkey, have not yet received their respective commissions.

the consular service is increased in importance and stress. Though there is no doubt that the great body of consular officers are rendering valuable services to the trade and industries of the country, the needs of some special appointments are being felt.

NOTES MUST BE REISSUED.

The law of 1878 did not stop at distinct prohibition, but contained in addition the following express provision: "And when any of said notes may be redeemed or cancelled, they shall be cancelled and destroyed, but they shall be issued and paid out again and kept in circulation."

COMPLICATED THE SITUATION.

In the meantime, and in July, 1890, an act had been passed which authorized the monthly purchase of silver that had been required under previous laws, and providing that in payment for such silver the treasury notes of the United States should be issued payable on demand in gold or silver coin, at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury.

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