

the despatches of Secretary Blaine in 1882, claiming United States exclusive jurisdiction over the Panama Canal when completed. The British Foreign Office presented a firm front to an aggression which disregarded the treaty rights of the British under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850, as well as the treaty rights of France under its compact with the Columbian Government. Last year we had 'America for the Americans' put forward as an excuse for repudiating joint British control over the Nicaragua Canal, and the Monroe Doctrine was carried further. Now, the Monroe Doctrine, under the manipulation of Secretary Olney, is expanded into a claim that the United States can insist on any European Power which has a territorial dispute with any American State submitting the same to arbitration. Last of all, President Cleveland's astounding Message invokes the Monroe Doctrine as upholding the position that the United States Government is to constitute itself, without the consent of the European Power, arbitrator, and to carry out its decrees by force of arms. It is impossible for the British Government to submit to such pretensions.—*Law Journal (London)*.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Mr. G. B. Baker, Q.C., of Sweetsburgh, has been called to the Senate of Canada for the electoral division of Bedford.

**JUDGES' TITLES.**—Writing to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, 'A Judge' refers to the Royal Warrant of August 7, 1884, which sets forth Her Majesty's 'will and pleasure that County Court judges shall at all times be called, known, and addressed by the style and title of "judge" before their respective names.' He continues: 'A County Court judge is therefore no more "plain Mr." than is an admiral, a colonel, or an archdeacon; and if he puts up his name on his door in the Temple as "Mr." So-and-so, as you say that he should do, he not only disregards the Sovereign's gracious order, but runs the risk of mistakes as to his identity and of delay in getting his letters. The title "judge" has not yet become familiarized among us, but it is the only proper style of the holders of certain judicial offices.....As to the High Court judges, they can, at their option, use in social life either the time-honoured style of "Mr. Justice," or their title of knighthood. Most of them adopt the former; but a County Court judge, unless he happens to have a higher title, is "Judge" So-and-so, and he has no option about it.'