

“accomplished. Others declare the indirect claims
“to be an election card of Grant’s, to win the Re-
“publican Convention which is to assemble in June
“at Philadelphia; but that this could be easily frus-
“trated. In fact, they omit nothing which can serve
“to confuse men’s minds, and such has been the effect;
“and the Government itself has yielded to threats,
“and has at least semi-officially declared its intention
“in the ‘Daily Telegraph.’ The summing up of that
“paper may be briefly given thus: that the submission to
“arbitration, if the Americans persist in referring the
“indirect claims, must be courteously but inflexibly re-
“fused. ‘A half-dozen words,’ it adds, ‘at the opening
“of our answer, will suffice to enlighten the Tribunal
“upon the views of England with regard to this point.
“But these words must be spoken without delay,
“without hesitation, with a boldness and confidence
“of demeanour which will bear witness that, behind
“the men who make these utterances, will be found
“the whole English nation, willing to do its duty,
“but prepared to uphold its rights.’ While we are
“writing, a telegram reaches us from the ‘Daily
“News,’ according to which the Government has
“the firm intention to ask an immediate revision of
“the Washington Treaty.”

I have already said that, should this submission fall through, the failure may be followed by war. I do not, however, mean to imply that the Government of the United States would necessarily be placed in a