

“ their opinions—opinions which, at a period nearer
“ the events, were not so absurd but that the Brights
“ and the Cobdens openly acknowledged them.”—
Allgemeine Zeitung.

“ If the demands are really as preposterous as the
“ English press endeavour to represent them, why
“ should not the latter wait in confidence the decision
“ of the eminent men composing the Court of Arbitration, who will sift the matter thoroughly, being
“ assisted in their deliberations by the best jurists of
“ England? In official circles these claims must
“ have been well understood, for the protocols plainly
“ show that the American representatives, in drawing up the Treaty, expressly reserved the right to
“ make these claims.”—*Basler Nachrichten.*

“ The attitude of the United States in this matter
“ affords a striking contrast to that of England. There
“ the question is put upon the proper foundation. It
“ is said that England wished to carry the dispute
“ before a Tribunal of Arbitration instead of settling
“ it amicably. It is now therefore simply a question
“ to be debated before a sovereign tribunal, and the
“ subject of this debate is all the claims arising from
“ the actions of the Confederate cruisers, and all
“ questions relative to these claims. The text of the
“ Treaty is formal, and upon reading the protocols
“ we are in still less doubt as to the extent of the
“ claims made by the United States according to the
“ principle laid down. The Tribunal will decide
“ what are valid claims and what questions are to be