

The tone of the London Press in the discussion of these delicate questions has not always been as judicious as could be desired. It is not impossible that we may hear responses in the same spirit from the other side of the Atlantic. It is to be hoped that the Governments which are charged with the maintenance of peace, will disregard all intemperate expressions of individual views, and will aim to meet the issues animated by a desire to prevent war. Unless they are animated by such a desire it is but too probable that war may be the result.

The idea seems to prevail in England that the Continental press sustains the London press in its avowal that the arbitration must fall through unless the United States withdraws its claims for indirect damage. I believe that opinion to be a mistake, and quote a few extracts from various journals to show that I have reason for my opinion.

“ If it had not been for the attitude of Messrs. Cobden and Bright, and the wisdom and self-denial of the working classes of Lancashire, the old English aristocracy would have willingly contributed to the dismemberment of a Republic whose power had for a long time been a source of annoyance to it. But even this wisdom, which has prevented the old governing classes in England from compromising their country by some adventure akin to that which led Imperial France to Mexico, deserves, on the part of America, some consideration and a feeling of gratitude. Thus there have been on both sides