THE BOSTON FIRE. With the exception of the recent devastating fire which swept from the earth with a breath, as it were, millions of accumulated wealth in the city of Boston, there have been no overshadowing calamities within the year to record. It is gratifying to note how, like their fellow-citizens in the city of Chleage, under similar circumstances, a year earlier, the citizens of Boston are reliving under their misfortune, and the prospect is that their energy and perseverance will overcome all obstacles, and show the same prosperity that they would have attained had no disaster bestellen them; otherwise we have been free from pestilence, war, and those calamities which often overtake nations, and as fir as human judgment can penetrate the future, no cause seems to exist to threaten our

THE GENEVY ABBITEAUOX. When Congress adjourned in June a question had been raised by Great Britain, ind was then pending, which for a time seriously imperiled the settlement by friendly arbitration of the differences existing between the Government and that of Her Britannic Majesty. The Treaty of Washington had been referred to the Tribunal of Arbitration which met at Geneys. in Switzerland. The arbitrators, however, disposed of the question which had journa-ized the whole of the treaty, and threat-ened to involve the two nations in unhapened to involve the two nations in unhappy relations toward each other, in a manner entirely satisfactory to this Government, and in accordance with the views and policy which it has maintained. The Tribunal, which convened in December, concluded its laborious session on the 14th of September last, on that day, having availed itself of the discretionary power given to it by the Treaty to award a sum in gross, it made its decision, whereby it awarded the sum of \$15,500,000 in gold as the indemnity to be paid by Great Britain to the United States for satisfaction of all claims referred to its consideration. This decision, happily, disposes of a long standing difference between the two Governments, and, in connection with another ments, and, in connection with another award made by the German Emperor un-der reference to him by the same Treaty, der reterence to him by the same Freaty, leaves the two Governments without a shadow on their friendly relations, which it is my sincere hope may forever remain equally unclouded. The report of the agent of the United States appointed to attend the Geneva Tribunal, accompanied by protocols of the proceedings of the arbitrators, arguments of course of both Governments award of the Tribunal and Governments, award of the Tribunal and opinions given by the several arbitrators, is transmitted herewith. I have caused to is transmitted herewith. I have caused to be communicated to the heads of the three triendly Powers, who complied with the joint request made to them under the Treaty, the thanks of the Government for the appointment of arbitrators made by them respecting it, and also my thanks to the eminent personages named by them, and my appreciation of the dignity, patience, impartiality, and great ability with which they discharged their arduous and high functions. Her Majesty's Government has communicated to me its appreciation by her Majesty of the ability and indefatigable industry displayed by Mr. Adams, the arbitrator named on the part of this Government, during the protracted inquiries and discussions of the Tribunal. I cordially unite with Her Majesty in this I cordially unite with Her Majesty in this appreciation. It is due to the agent of the United States before the Tribunal to re-

for that purpose. THE SAN JUAN QUESTION.

cord my appreciation of the marked abil-ity, unwearied patience, and the prudence

and discretion with which he has conducted the very responsible and delicate duties entrusted to him, as it is also due to the

learned and eminent connscl who attended the Tribunal on the part of this Govern

ment, to express my sense of the talent and wisdom which they brought to bear in the argument, and upon the result so hap-pily reached. It will be the province of Congress to provide for the distribution among those who may be entitled to it, of

their respective shares of the money to be paid. Although it is not payable until a year from the date of the award, it is

deemed advisable that no time be lost in making the proper examination of the several cases in which indemnification

may be due. I consequently recommend the creation of a Board of Commissioners

By the thirty-fourth article of the Treaty of Washington, the respective claims of the United State and of Great Britain in their construction of the Treaty of the 15th their construction of the Treaty of the 15th of June, 1817, defining their boundary line between their respective territories, were submitted to the arbitration of His Majesty, the Emperor of Germany, to decide which of the claims was most in accordance with the true interpretation of the Treaty of 1846. His majesty having been pleased to undertake the arbitration, has the earnest thanks of this Government and the people of the United States for the labor, pains and care which he has devoted to the consideration of this long pending to the consideration of this long pending difference. I have caused an expre my thanks to be transmitted to His Ma-jesty. Mr. Bancroft the representative of this Government at Berlin, conducted the case and prepared the statement on the part of the United States with the ability that his past services justified the public in expecting at his hands. As a member of the Cabinet at the date of the treaty which has given rise to the discussion between the Governments, as the Minister to Great Britain, when the obstruction now pro-nounced unfounded was first advanced, and as the agent and representative of the Government to present the case and to re-ceive the award, he has been associated with the question in all its phases, and in every stage has manifested a patriotic zeal every stage has manifested a patriotic zeal and carnestness in the maintenance of the claim of the United States. He is entitled to much crelif for the statess which has attended the commission, after a patient investigation of the case and of the statement of each party. His Majesty the Emperor of Germany, on the 21st day of October last, signed his award in writing decreeing that the claim of the Government of the United States that the boundary line between the tentiories of Her Britannic Majesty and the United States could be drawn through the nited States could be drawn through the DeHaro channel is most in accordance with the true interpretation of the treaty con-cluded on the 5th of June, 1848, between the agents of Her Britannic Majesty and the United States. Copies of this case, pre-sented in behalf of the Government, and of the statement in reply to each, and a trans-lation of the award. are transmitted herewith. This award confirms the United states in their claim to the important archipelago of islands lying between the continent and Vancouver Island, which for tineat and Vaucouver island, which for twenty-six years—ever since the ratification of the treaty—Great Britain has held and leaves us, for the first time in the history of the United States as a nation, without a question of disputed boundary between our territory and the possessions of Great Britain on this continent. It is my gratification to acknowledge the prompt and spoulaneous action of her Majesty's Government in giving effect to the award in anticipation of any request from this Government, and before the reception of the award, signed by the Emperor, Her Majesty had given instructions for the removal of her troops stationed there, and for the cessation of all exercise or claim of jurisdiction, so as to leave the United States in exclusive possession of the lately disputed territosy. I am gratified to be able to announce that the orders for the removal of the troops have been executed, and the military joint occupation of San Juan has censed. The Islands are now in the exclusive possession of the United States. It now becomes necessary to complete the At now becomes necessary to complete the survey and determination of that portion of the boundary line through DeHaro than the month of the boundary line through DeHaro that the month of the commission that the month of the commission that the month of the commission that the commissio mend the appointment of a commission to act jointly with one which may be named by Her Majosty for that purpose. The experience of the difficulties attending the determination of our admitted line of boundary after the occupation of territory at the settlement by those owing allegiance to the importance of establishing, by natural objects or other measurements, the actual line between the territoty acquired by purchase from Russia and the adjoining possessions of Her Britannic Majesty. The region is now so sparsely occupied that no conflicting interests of individuals or of jurisdiction are likely to materiere to the delay or embarrassment of the actual location of the line. If deferred

the actual location of the line. If deferred until population shall enter and occupy the territory, some trivial contests of neighbors

may again array the two Governments in

antagonism; I, there fore, recommend the appointment of a commission, to act jointly with one that may be appointed on the part of Great Britain, to determine the line between our territory of Alaska and

the adjoning possessions of Great Britain. THE FISHERY OUESTION

In my last annual message I recom-mended the legislation necessary on the part of the United States, to bring into operation the articles of the Treaty of Washington, of May, 1871, relating to the fish ries, and to other matters touching the re-British North American possessions, to be come operative to soon as the proper legislation should be had on the part of Great Britain and her possessions. That legislatian, on the part of Great Britain and her possessions, had not, then been had, and during the ession of Congress a question was raised, which, for a time, raised a doubt whether any action by Congress in the direction indicated would become important, a question which has since been disposed of, and I have received notice that lisposed of, and I have received notice that the Imperial Parliament and the Legislature of the provincial Government have passed laws to carry the provisions of the Treaty on the matters referred to into operation. I, therefore, recommend your early adoption of legislation in the same direction, to carry out the treaty on the part of this Government.

The oint Commission for determining be boundary line between the United States and the British possessions, between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky Mountains, has been organized and en-tered upon its works. It is desirable that the force be increased, in order that the completion of the survey and the determination of the boundary line may be sooner attended to, and to this end, I recommend that a sufficient appropriation be made.

made. OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

With France, our earliest ally; Russia, the constant and steady friend of the Uni-ted States; Germany, with whose Government and people we have so many causes of friendship and so many common sympathies, and the other powers of Europe, our relations are maintained on the most triendly terms. TREATY RATIFICATIONS. Since my last annual message an ex-change has been made of ratifications of

the treaty with the Austro-Hungarian Emphre, relating to materalization; also of a treaty with the German Empire, relating to consuls and trademarks, also of a treaty with Sweden and Norway, relating to nat-uralization, all of which treaties have been duly proclaimed.

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CONGRESS. Congress, at its last session, having made an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Commissioners on the part of the Uni-ted States to the International Statistical Congress at St. Petersburg, the persons appointed in that character proceeded to their destination and attended the session of the Congress. Their report shall in due session be laid before you. This Congress meets at intervals of about three years, and has held its session in several of the countries of Europe. I submit to your consideration the propriety of extending an invitation to the Congress to hold it is at inceting in the United States. The Confermal Cele-bration, to be held in 1876, would afford an appropriate occasion for such meeting. THE VIENA EXPOSITION.

Preparations are making for the International Exposition, to be held during next year in Vienna, on a scale of very great magnitude. The tendency of these expositions is in the direction of advanced dvilization and the elevation of industry and labor, and the increase of human impolness, as well as of greater intercourse and good will between nations. The Exposi-tion is to be the first which will have been held in Eastern Europe, and it is beheved ers will be ready to avail themselves of the opportunity for the presentation of their productions, if encouraged by proper aid and protection. At the last session of Congress authority was given for the appointment of one or more agents to represent this Government at the Exposition. The authority thus given has been exercised; but in the absence of any appropriation there is danger that the important benefits which the Exposition offers will in a large degree be lost to the citizens of the Uni-ted States. I commend the subject strong-

ly to your consideration and recommend that an adequate appropriation be made for the purpose. To further aid American exhibitors at the Viena Exposition, I would recommend, in addition to an appropriation of money, that the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to fit up two naval vessels to transport between our At-lantic cities and Trieste, or the most convenient post for Vienna, the articles for exhibi-Since your last session the President of the Mexican Republic, distinguished by his high character and by his services to

his country, has died. His temporary suc-cessor has now been elected with great unanimity by the people, a proof of confi-dence on their part in his patriotism, which it is believed will be confirmed by the results of his administration. It is particularly desirable that nothing should be left undone by the Governments of the two republics to strengthen their relations as neighbors and friends. It is much to be regretted that many lawless acts continue to disturb the quiet of the settlements on the border between our territory and that of Mexico, and that complaints of wrong to American citizens in various parts of the to American citizens in various parts of the country are made. The revolutionary con-duct in which the neighboring Republic has so long been involved has in some de-gree contributed to this disturbance. It is to be hoped that a more settled rule of order through that Republic, which may be expected for the present government, and that the acts of which just complaint has been made will cease. The proceedings of the Commission under the convention with Mexico on the 4th of July, 1868, on the subject of claims, have unfortunately been checked by an obstacle, for the removal of which measures have been taken by the two Governments, which it is be-lieved will prove successful.

The Commissioners appointed pursuant to a joint resolution of Congress, of 7th of May last, to inquire into the depredations on the Texan frontier, have diligently made investigations on that subject. Their report upon the subject will be communireport upon the subject will be communi-cated to you. Their researches were nec-osarily incomplete, partly on account of the limited appropriation made by Con-gress. Mexico on the part of that Gov-ernment, appointed a similar commission to investigate these outrages. It is not announced officially, but the press of that

country states that the fullest investigation is desired, and that the co-operation of all parties concerned is invited to secure that end. I, therefore, recommend that a special appropriation be made at the earliest day practicable, to enable the Commis-sioners on the part of the United States to return to their labors without delay.

nounce the continuance of the disturbed condition of the Island of Cuba, and that condition of the Island of Cuba, and that no advance toward the pacification of the discontented portion of the population has been made. While the insurrection has gained no advantages, and exhibits no more of the elements of power or of a prospect of ultimate success than were exhibited a year ago. Spain, on the other hand, has not succeeded in its repression, and the parties stand apparently in the same relative attitude which they have occupied for a long time past. This contest has lasted now for more than four years. Were it seen at a distance from our neighborhood, we might be indifferent to its result, although humanity could not be unmoved by any of its incidents whenever they might occur. It is, however, at dur door. I cannot doubt but that the continued maintennot doubt but that the continued mainten-ance of slavery in Cuba is among the strongest inducements to a continuation of this strife. A terrible wrong is the intur-al result of a terrible evil. The abolition of slavery and the introduction of other reforms in the administration of the Government in Cuba could not possibly fall to advance the restoration of order. It is especfally to be hoped that the present liberal Government of Spain will voluntarily adopt this view. The law of emancipation, which was passed more than two years since, has remained unexecuted. In the absence of regulations for enforcement, it was but a feeble step toward emancipation. but it was a recognition of the right, and was halled as such and exhibited Spain in harmony with the sentiments of humanity and justice, and in sympathy with other powers of the Christian and the civilized world. Within the past few weeks regula-tions for carrying out the laws of emancipation have been announced, giving evidence of the sincerity of the intention of the present Government to carry into effect the law of 1870. I have not failed to urge the considerations of the wisdom, the poli-cy, and the justice of a more effective system for the abolition of the great evil which oppresses a race and continues the bloody and destructive conflict close to our border, as well as the expediency and justice of conceding other reforms of which the pro-

priety is not questioned. Deeply pressed with the conviction that the countremancing of slavery is the most active condition of the continuance of the unitage of the continuance of t

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