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From Pres. Arthur

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Being the opinions of many eminent
leaders in thought, religion and state-
craft on the International Treaty of
Arbitration between Great Britain
and the United States, given through
The New York World. . .

With Compliments of
The World,
New York,
March, 1897.

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The Treaty Before the Senate.

It is a fact already historical that the Treaty of Arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, now before the Senate, grew out of the menace of war in the Venezuelan difficulty.

When President Cleveland's Message of Dec. 17, 1895, startled the country with the possibility of war over an ancient boundary dispute in South America, the New York World promptly characterized it as "a grave blunder." It insisted that neither our "peace and safety as a nation," the "integrity of our free institutions" nor "the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government" was threatened by an extension, however unwarranted and arbitrary, of the English possessions in Venezuela. It appealed to the common sense of both nations to insist upon a peaceful settlement of the dispute. The sober second thought cooled the war fever here. And from England, in response to The World's invitation, came messages of peace and good-will from the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, from Mr. Gladstone and Lord Rosebery, Cardinals Logue and Vaughan and other leading dignitaries of the Church and State in Great Britain.

From this danger and the good feeling which followed its arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute resulted the General Arbitration Treaty now pending.

Following are some of the expressions evoked by these incidents :

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THE PRINCE OF WALES
AND DUKE OF YORK.

SANDRINGHAM, Dec. 24, 1895.

Mr. Pulitzer, New York World, New York:

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York to thank Mr. Pulitzer for his cablegram.

They earnestly trust and cannot but believe the present crisis will be arranged in a manner satisfactory to both countries, and will be succeeded by the same warm feeling of friendship which has existed between them for so many years.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE,
FORMERLY PRIME MINISTER.

HAWARDEN, Dec. 21, 1895.

Joseph Pulitzer, World Office, New York:

Dare not interfere. Only common sense required. Cannot say more with advantage.

GLADSTONE.