

We heartily indorse the sentiments of our contemporaries, the *Sun* and *Tribune*, which we reproduce on this page, on the meddling, mischievous foreign policy that suggests the query whether Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Gresham are in their right minds.

When the present administration came in we had fondly hoped that there would be an end of the jingo mania which started the Hawaiian annexation craze, came near precipitating war with Chili and barely escaped trouble with England in the Behring Sea dispute. But instead of a return to the traditional policy of minding our own business and letting foreign Powers attend to theirs, the world has witnessed a progressive development of Greshamania for meddling with foreign affairs in every part of the globe wherever any sort of trouble has presented an opening or afforded an opportunity for gratuitous diplomacy to foreign entanglement.

In Hawaii the mania took the form of trying to force the ex-Queen on a throne which the people had discarded. It broke out in another form when Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Gresham first rushed in between China and Japan and undertook to settle their dispute over Corea, and later, when they hastened to the rescue of China at the very moment Japan, as its diplomatic representative pertinently reminded the government at Washington, had won by its triumphant arms the right of a victor to command its own terms of peace.

Notwithstanding this diplomatic rebuff the mania now reappears in the Turko-Armenian affair. How it strikes close observers in Europe will be seen from the sensible views of the *Paris Temps* and the European edition of the *HERALD*, to be found among our Commercial Cable despatches this morning. That it must appear to the intelligence of the world in the same light does not admit of doubt.

The Armenian question, as the European edition of the *HERALD* aptly points out, is one that directly concerns only the European Powers who are parties to the Treaty of Berlin, and they are fully competent to deal with it without the assistance of Mr. Cleveland or Mr. Gresham. Moreover, that is their business and it is none of ours. If the rights of any American citizens entitled to our protection in the Ottoman Empire have been infringed in any way, if any such citizen has been wronged or injured in person or property, it is perfectly proper for our government to move for protection or redress in the usual diplomatic way.

As for the stories of wholesale massacre or cruelties inflicted upon Armenians, Mr. Cleveland says he has no information to speak of except that derived from sensational newspaper reports. Yet in spite of this he and Mr. Gresham cannot overcome the jingo mania to take a hand in the matter by despatching a special commissioner to the scene. What good this official busybody is expected to do heaven only knows, besides the President and his Secretary of State. That he may foment no end of mischief and even get us into foreign trouble must be obvious to everybody.

Is there no cure for this Greshamania which seems to break out on every possible occasion, from the volcanic isles of the Pacific to the far East, wherever there is any trouble? The world has seen enough and too much of it to the discredit of the United States. It is high time to drop it and return to the traditional policy of the nation, which is to attend to our own affairs, keep our hands off foreign disputes that do not concern us and steer clear of foreign entanglements.