Mr. J. W. Jones, who states that he is acting under instructions. Mr. G. B. Gallagher, on the other hand, having no instructions to the contrary, gave every courtesy to the officers of the visiting American warships and conducted them round the settlement. should be added that the Americans are the reverse of secretive about their movements and intentions. are uniformerly courteous and helpful even to the point of enbarrassing one. To give a few examples, the wireless set on Sydney Island was repaired by the Chief Engineer of the U.S.S. "Pelican", who provided several spare parts as well as giving up his own time; the American Doctor at Canton has offered his services freely to all native and European settlers in the Phoenix Islands; and the American authorities have stated that in the event of a European falling sick on any of the islands, a sea- going launch will be dispatched immediately from Canton Island to his assistance.