

—His Holiness, the Pope, it is announced from Madrid, has forbidden the Spanish prelates elected as members of the Cortez from taking seats in that body.

—Each of three most popular female lecturers of France, Mme. Ernst, Mlle. Davaine and Mlle. Clemence Rogers, make more money than any literary man there except Damas.

—Although Spain is generally looked upon and spoken of as being until very recently the stronghold of ignorance, yet there are in that benighted country 77 normals and 27,000 elementary schools.

—The Cretan Provisional Government are reported to have sent their president, Constantine Volondaki, as an ambassador to the United States. He was in Paris on the 23d of January. He published a letter in the *Sicile* stating the object of his mission to this country.

—A charming little electioneering incident took place the other day in Seville. A French civil-engineer resident there was going quietly along the street when he was accosted by a rough, armed with a long knife who threatened to stab him if he did not cry "*Viva la Republica.*" But our Frenchman had a brace of large revolvers one in each pocket, so he drew the barkers, and, presenting them at his antagonist so as cover him well, made him first throw down his knife, and then shout "*Viva e Reg.*"

—An interesting illustration of the value of telegraphic communication was presented by a case which occurred in San Francisco last Friday. A Chinaman who had stolen 18,000 worth of goods of certain merchants sailed for the Flowery Land, expecting to settle down among his relations as a well-to-do-man for life. But as soon as his departure was discovered the victims sent a dispatch to New York, describing the fugitive. It was forwarded to London via the Atlantic cable, and from there telegraphed by the Persian gulf cable, to Ceylon in time to catch the Hong Kong steamer. When the Celestial reaches Hong Kong, the officers there will have been fully a week on the lookout for him.

—Advices from Cuba report the revolutionists gaining ground. They hold possession of entire Puerto Principe district, except the city proper. Several secret deposits of arms have been discovered at Cardenas. Arrests of suspected parties continue to be made. Several Americans and other foreigners are among the parties now in custody. It is reported that the leaders of the revolution, in the sugar districts of Cienfuegos, Villa Clara and Trinidad, are Adolfo Cavada and his brother Frederick. The former was recently American Vice-Consul at the request of Capt. Gen. Lersundi. He was colonel of a Philadelphia regiment of Zouaves during the civil war in America. The latter was, until last week, the American Consul at Trinidad de Cuba, and has just resigned.