

Independent Journalism in Havana.

All of the daily journals published in Havana are very much excited over the fact that the HERALD of the 5th inst. contained an entire page devoted to the news of the volunteer revolution in Havana, with full accounts from the field of operations in the interior, extracts from the Spanish journals in the principal towns, and from the patriot journal published at the seat of the republican government, telegraphic despatches and mail correspondence from the important points, with translations of important documents and editorial comments on and explanations of the principal points of the news. All of this our Spanish contemporaries believe we did with the secret intention of affecting the course of events in that island, and because we intend to overturn the Spanish colonial government in Cuba, and to place the Havana volunteers in a false position before the people of Europe. To counteract our Machiavelism the volunteers have issued an address to the Spanish nation, a full and exact translation of which they will also find in our issue of yesterday.

It has long been apparent to us that the Havana publishers have no knowledge of independent journalism and a very limited knowledge of journalistic craft in partisan publications. If they had possessed the slightest inkling of the former they would not have gone out of their way to find reasons for the publication of full news reports in the HERALD. The excitement which the paper is producing among them only proves the variety of its sources of information and the value of its news reports. We have long since known that newspapers which look at the world only from a partisan and one-sided point of view always find full and impartial reports of events to be Machiavelian. We advise our Havana contemporaries to keep cool and read the HERALD. They will then know what is really going on among themselves, and perhaps come to understand the true drift of the important events which are transpiring in their midst.