

SOME time ago the London Times astonished its readers by an article friendly to the Cuban insurrection. It now repeats the line of argument followed on that occasion, and virtually says that Spain cannot conquer the island, and that it is not well for her that she should. She cannot, because all of her troops are needed at home to preserve order, and all of her money to pay them. The domestic troubles are protracted through those in America. And if she should conquer temporarily the victory would be evanescent, since the Cubans are bitterly hostile. The whole tenor of the article is that Spain cannot put down the rebellion, with a coloring of feeling that it is well she cannot. In fact, it is distinctly stated that her people should rejoice over this loss, and sing hosannas if they can procure compensation for leaving Cuba to the revolutionists.

The precise reason for so strong speech in favor of Céspedes and his friends is not apparent. It was said before that the counsel was intended to conciliate American feeling. So far as it accomplishes this it is at the expense of Spanish goodwill. And Spain, so far from being of this opinion, has just resolved to send out additional troops at an early day. Whatever the reasons may be, the expression will certainly encourage the Cubans and their friends in this country and in the British West Indies. It is one of the strongest encouragements they have had, and concedes their victory long before it has been won.