

## The United States and Spain.

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Is it not unpleasant to see the United States playing the detective and the policeman in behalf of Spain? Is it not shocking to see an American Republic aiding a European despotism in crushing out by bloodshed and confiscation a people who claim nothing but the right of levying their own taxes and making their own laws, independent of European dictation? It is said that in capturing and defeating the recent Cuban expedition, the United States authorities had the active aid and constant co-operation of the Spanish Consul at this port, and of a numerous band of his employees; and that the Consul also furnished tug-boats for the use of United States officers in their cam-

campaign against a few hundred Cubans and others who desired to go home to Cuba to fight for their country. Will it not be proper for Congress, when it meets, to inquire into the circumstances under which the servants of the United States have been converted into Spanish agents? And into the circumstances under which a Spanish Consul and his gang of spies and roughs, and his paid steamboats, set up the pretence of enforcing the laws of the American people? It is said that fifty thousand dollars of Spanish money has been expended here in putting down this last manifestation of the Cuban revolution.—*New York Herald.*