

sferred in a condition of cold-water belligerency. Paraguay, in her late war with Brazil, had, properly speaking, no marine belligerency. International law makes no sufficient provision for anomalous cases of belligerency, which fall to meet the old cast-iron requirements. Yet what country would refuse to recognize a war in Switzerland because Switzerland has no ports?

To judge by his recent resolutions, Mr. SUMNER is in no haste to insist on the application of his principle to Cuba. These resolutions declare against slavery and massacre, and in favor of self-government. But one step remains to be taken in case Spain disappoints the righteous sense of mankind, and disregards every humane warning. The Government has thought the cause of Cuba and the United States better served by measures the least menacing to Spain, and the most faithful to our neutral obligations. It is to be seen whether a state of circumstances will arise in Cuba which will justify the application of Mr. SUMNER's principle of land belligerency in the interest of humanity and of humankind.

**Mr. Sumner on Cuba.**

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There is a land belligerency, and there is an ocean belligerency. Such is Mr. SUMNER's opinion, founded upon unmistakable fact, if not explicit law. So obvious is it that it might well be acted upon in a case positively demanding our intervention for reason's and humanity's sake. In his views of the precipitate recognition of the South, Mr. SUMNER has enforced the doctrine of land belligerency. He is understood, besides, to have lately urged this new principle in behalf of Cuba.

Cuba has no ports, no prize courts, no navy, nothing which, under the venerable countenance of International law, could give it full belligerent rights. But neither has Switzerland a port, a marine court, a navy, or any of the conditions necessary to secure for it the recognition of ocean belligerency. Switzerland at her worst or best, would be simply a case of pure land belligerency. Old-time Venice in a state of siege might be con-