

The Diplomatic Correspondence Regarding the Cuban Revolution.

We publish on another page the diplomatic correspondence between Secretary Fish and the Spanish Minister, Señor Roberts, together with some letters of the American Minister to Spain, and the opinion of Attorney General Hoar on the building of gunboats in this country for the use of the Spaniards. The correspondence will be read with interest by all classes. We are shown the efforts made by the Spaniards to re-establish once more their power in Cuba, and we are also given to understand what effect the industriously circulated reports of the Cubans in relation to the progress of the revolution had in winning the sympathies of the American people. A correct idea of the high-handed measures of the volunteers may be had from the correspondence on the Speakman and Wyeth executions, and the impotency of Spanish officials may be ascertained to enforce the requirements of justice against the unbridled passions and excesses of a brutal soldiery. Regarding the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents by the United States—a fear which was always uppermost in the minds of high Spanish officials—we find that Spain would have the American people believe that she was always a sincere well-wisher of the great republic. Unfortunately, however, for the land of Ferdinand and Isabel, memory recalls to mind the sincerity she exhibited during our late civil war. The reasons for the United States not interfering in the contest waged in Cuba cannot be attributed to any desire to retain the good will of Spain at the expense of honor or be misled by such arguments as those adduced, but arises from a determination to be just and sincere in adhering to the traditional policy of the American nation. We believe that the day is fast approaching when Cuba will come under the protection of the American flag. The history of years goes to show that the ties which bound Cuba to the mother country are gradually being unloosed and will soon be completely severed. The revolution now progressing will hasten this event if it does not settle it. The concluding letter of the correspondence is from Attorney General Hoar on the building of the Spanish gunboats.