

The insurrection in Cuba has been crushed, or has been on the eve of being crushed, a hundred times within the last fifteen months, according to the news received from Havana and through Spanish sources in this country and Spain. The slaughter of Cubans by the heroic troops of Spain has been going on all the time, and the number slaughtered in the aggregate, according to these wonderful accounts, were never exceeded in the wars of modern times. Then the large quantities of munitions of war and provisions that are constantly being captured by the Spaniards are surprising. And, of course, the insurrection becomes weaker every day, as it has been getting from the first. The very latest sensation is that the Cuban Junta in New York have ordered the insurgents to lay down their arms, owing to the failure of all negotiations in the United States; and that one thousand five hundred insurgents have already surrendered at Tunas. The wonder is that under these circumstances Spain should continue to send out so many troops and should have felt it necessary to build a fleet of thirty gunboats in the United States, in addition to the large naval force already around Cuba, for the purpose of suppressing an insurrection that was already dead or dying. Now it must be apparent to every one that these repeated accounts from public and private sources of Spanish successes and of the decline of the insurrection are manufactured to deceive the American government and people and have no foundation in fact. Why, if we take these statements of the Cubans killed and captured and of the munitions of war and provisions that have fallen into the hands of the Spaniards, the insurrection must have been a most formidable one. The Spaniards, by their own statements, prove that all they have said about the insurrection was false. The truth is the Spaniards, despairing of putting down the Cubans by arms, resort to the Quixotic expedient of accomplishing their object by the most glaring mendacity. They hope to deceive the American government and people by this ruse. They cannot, however, delude our people by such palpable falsehoods, if they can the weak men of General Grant's Cabinet. The most lamentable thing about all this is that the government at Washington and such men as Mr. Sumner pretend to believe these mendacious reports for the purpose of covering up their own pro-Spanish policy and to deceive the American people. But the truth will come out, and will overwhelm Mr. Secretary Fish, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Sumner and others with disgrace. The Cubans are making a noble fight for independence, and in spite of statements to the contrary all the evidence goes to show they are stronger than ever. This great republic, which has heretofore loudly proclaimed its sympathy with the Poles, Hungarians, Italians and all other peoples struggling for freedom, now turns its back upon our near neighbors—upon an American born people—who are heroically fighting for liberty from a foreign yoke and the worst despotism on the face of the earth. Nay, worse than that, our government aids this very despotism to crush a people struggling for republican freedom. How humiliating is this! How has the great representative country of republican liberty fallen! The conduct of the American government toward Cuba is the greatest blot upon the history of the country, and those who are responsible for it will have a serious account to settle hereafter with the American people.