

Mr. Banks' Cuban Resolution.

In the House yesterday a resolution was introduced by Mr. Banks providing for a strict impartiality in enforcing the neutrality laws of the country and suspending the statutes punishing violations of the neutrality acts so far as they relate to the conflict now going on between Cuba and Spain. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which Mr. Banks is chairman, and will probably be reported soon, and quite likely will be passed, at least in the House.

The resolution will do a little better than a tub for a whale. It does not compass the question, but it is a little step towards the right. It says that as we have given thirty gunboats to Spain, we will, for a consideration, give as many to Cuba. If we have heretofore done anything to aid Spain, we are willing to do as much for the struggling colonists. Having bolstered up the falling fortunes of the imbecile old kingdom with our gunboats, our diplomacy, our protection and our oppression of her weak enemies, we now offer, in a generous way, to do all those things for the unhappy colony. Having knocked down and robbed our neighbor we propose to offer him our sympathy. This is the measure of the resolution reported by Mr. Banks, and such is the desperate strait to which the action of the administration has driven the true friends of Cuban independence that they will hail even such a resolution with delight. It does at least unbind the hands of Cuba, and gives her from this time forward a guarantee that she will not again be fettered in the race in which we gave Spain such a long start. But we had expected better things from General Banks, and still expect better things from him. Let us have no milk and water resolutions in a crisis like this of Cuba, which pleads to us even with the voices of our own murdered citizens. Let us no longer show ourselves to be the great Saob among nations, bowing as republics only bow to the haughtier prestige of nobility and blood.