

Spanish Barbarities in Cuba--The Shameful Indifference of Our Government.

The remains of Greenwalth, the victim of Spanish barbarity at Havana, were interred here yesterday. Though the friends of the unfortunate man, and those of his colleagues who still remain in Cuba with his employers, used every means to prevent any demonstration, there was nevertheless a deep-seated feeling of indignation in the public mind. Wherever the matter was spoken of the Spaniards were execrated, and shame was felt at the pusillanimous conduct of our government for its indifference to the many outrages upon Americans in Cuba. If Greenwalth was not an American citizen he was a resident here, and left this city for Havana but a few weeks ago. But his companions, who were brutally wounded, were American citizens. This case of barbarity, however, was only one of many upon our citizens by the Spaniards in Cuba. We have had authentic accounts of many before. It is because the government at Washington has failed to notice those previously that this occurred. Had reparation been demanded in previous cases, and protection to our citizens been insisted upon, we should not have heard of the brutal outrages on Greenwalth and his companions. Our Consuls in Cuba and our navy in its waters might just as well be at home. They are utterly useless there. Well may the Spaniards despise us and laugh at the idea of the United States venturing to go to war with Spain. The most contemptible nation in the world would not suffer the indignities this republic has borne. Any little State would give better protection to its citizens. How has this mighty country fallen under the cowardly men who now rule at Washington!

Think of our degradation when the friends of poor Greenwalth and the other victims of Spanish barbarity implore the people here to make no demonstration of indignation for fear of the consequences to those Americans who still remain in Cuba! We must not give vent to our feelings for fear the brutal volunteers might murder the Americans that are left in Havana and other parts of the island! American merchants in Cuba, as we are well informed, dare not send letters in their packages of correspondence for Cubans or for those who might be suspected of sympathizing with the Cuban cause. Such is the reign of terror under the volunteers. The so-called Spanish government in the island is powerless and the mere instrument of a bloody revolutionary faction. American citizens are compelled for self-protection to deny their country and to hail as Englishmen or as other foreigners. We have no doubt that in this last case of barbarity our weak and timid Secretary of State will accept the hollow apologies and misrepresentations of Spanish officials, and that those same officials, contemptuously laughing at the imbecility of our government, will neither punish the criminals nor prevent similar outrages in the future. In all matters relative to Cuba and to what is occurring in that island now the government of this great country has made itself contemptible. The republic is disgraced in the eyes of the world. Every true American must feel the shame of such humiliation.