

General Banks' Report on Cuba.

The report of General Banks' Committee on Foreign Affairs is published elsewhere in our columns this morning. It has not yet been presented in the House, but soon will be, as a movement is on foot among the members friendly to Cuba to call for it if the committee do not report in a few days. In the meantime the report, with all its details of outrages and indignities heaped upon Americans and the American flag by Spain, is presented through our columns to a greater congress than the one at Washington. Let the people read this report and judge for themselves to what a depth the weakness of our Cuban policy has brought us and to what straits we have permitted a neighboring colony to be driven by our selfish dread of a war with imbecile Spain.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Voorhees, in the House, recently brought up the question of the outrages in Cuba an almost unanimous sentiment was expressed in favor of a more manly and fearless policy. This sentiment reflected so severely on Secretary Fish that he is reported to have asked General Banks why some of the republican members did not defend him, and to have received a very unsatisfying reply. The fact is that it is a national and not a partisan question, and republicans do their party great good by scoring soundly the republican Secretary of State who fashions so weak a policy. The republican party has shown itself able to stand up, and for that matter to improve, under the cauterizing process which Mr. Dawes applied to it some time ago, and it would probably improve under a similar application on another part of its body politic. At any rate the great congress of American people to whom the HERALD submits the report on Cuban affairs this morning will be very likely to condemn in unmeasured terms the mercenary policy of our State Department, and when the matter is finally reported to the federal Congress that body will be very likely to follow suit without regard to party politics.
