

The Outrages on Americans in Cuba.

From documents recently furnished the Senate by the President it appears that nine American citizens have been executed in Cuba during the pending war, forty have been imprisoned and the property of twenty-one others has been confiscated or embargoed. This makes a very imposing estimate, considering that American citizens are supposed to be neutral and that the American government has on several occasions shown her intention of maintaining strictly the neutrality laws as between Spain and Cuba. It could hardly have been worse if we were in actual war with Spain, if we had recognized the belligerency of the Cubans, or if we had sent filibusters by the regiment to uphold the Cuban cause, instead of arresting them at every turn and sending gunboats and the like to assist Spain herself. Accompanying the documents is a letter from Secretary Fish to Minister Roberts protesting against the right of the Spanish government under the treaty to embargo or confiscate the property of American citizens. The Secretary of State makes out a series of violations of the treaty on the part of Spain, which in any other country would have been cause enough for war at once. Certainly they present greater cause for war than anything yet divulged regarding the Hohenzollern affair now agitating Europe; but the Secretary contents himself with a mild protest. We do not desire any war with Spain, but we desire her not to test our patience much further. Nine killed, forty imprisoned and twenty robbed is a list of casualties that illy repays us for our neutrality.
