

SPAIN IS GOING TO HOLD ON TO CUBA, said the Minister for Colonial Affairs in the Spanish Cortes, yesterday. This announcement would sound rather important and bellicose were it not for the fact that Spanish Ministers before have made similar declarations while lending a willing ear to propositions for the sale of the island. The fact is that Spanish (official) honor is lofty in words, but willing enough by a convenient stretch to adapt itself to all emergencies. Spain would have been right glad to part with Cuba for so many millions of hard cash. Seeing now that the people of the United States will not annex St. Domingo, although they can have it for the asking, the Spanish Minister for Colonial Affairs has no hesitation to say that Spain will not sell Cuba. Had it not been for the friendly neutrality of the United States Spain would have found it far more difficult, if not impossible, to stifle the insurrection. The fact is that the people of the United States prefer to wait. In the fulness of time Cuba will fall into their possession without any other return than the benefit of their civilization.