

THE LATEST SPANISH INDISCRETION.

Further Views of the American Press.
[From the New York Sun, Oct. 23.]

MR. HENDERSON'S ARREST.

Our contemporary the HERALD is irate about the arrest of its correspondent, Mr. Boyd Henderson, by the police authorities of Havana. The last published information regarding this gentleman is that he has been released, but is still in the island.

Laudable as was the object of Mr. Henderson's visit to Cuba, which is stated to be the ascertaining of the exact condition of the revolution, the HERALD must know that no arrival in Cuba, barring the landing of an armed expedition to aid the patriots, could be more unpleasant to the volunteers and their agents. They have lied so persistently on this very subject for the past four years that their purpose of keeping the truth from the outside world must be to them of vital importance.

The HERALD declares, and we believe means it, that it will hold the Spanish government responsible for the safety and freedom of Mr. Henderson, and that in this determination it will be upheld by the whole American people. Now a newspaper correspondent is certainly clothed with no such official importance as a regularly appointed consular officer. The former may represent the press of the country; the latter represents the country itself. And yet Consul Phillips was forced to fly from his post at Santiago de Cuba—owing his personal safety to the protection of the British flag—merely for the crime, which is the stated purpose of Mr. Henderson's visit, of telling the truth about the condition of things in Cuba.

Again, take the case of Mr. Juan Zenea. This gentleman, an American citizen, went to Cuba to lay before President Céspedes certain propositions made by the Spanish Cabinet for the settlement of the Cuban question. These propositions had been previously offered by Mr. Nicolas Ascarate to the Cuban Commissioners here, and were rejected by them. Mr. Zenea was furnished with an American passport from the State Department in Washington, and with a safe conduct, signed by Don Lopez Roberts, then Spanish Minister here. He saw President Céspedes, who rejected any arrangement other than one which should be based upon independence. Zenea was captured by the Spaniards when about to leave the island on his return hither. After being confined eight months in the Cabaña fortress he was tried by a volunteer court martial and shot on the following morning. It must be borne in mind that the Spanish government in Madrid exhausted all its efforts to save Mr. Zenea. Serrano, then Regent, telegraphing to the authorities of Havana a peremptory order "to respect the safe conduct given to Zenea in the name of the Regent of the kingdom and of the supreme government of the nation."

Mr. Henderson was on no mission from the Spanish government, and was, it appears, furnished merely with a letter of introduction from Admiral Polo to Captain General Ceballos. If his life should be sacrificed in the performance of his duty his blood will be—as is that of hundreds of other victims of volunteer mob law—on the hands of an administration which, by the impunity which it has allowed to former outrages, has encouraged the savages of Havana to deem American citizens fit objects for the gratification of their hate.

[From the New Haven Journal (administration),

Oct. 22.]

The NEW YORK HERALD has on its hands another famous correspondent. Mr. A. Boyd Henderson was sent out to Cuba, with instructions to traverse the island and make a full report of the actual condition of affairs. He took a letter from the Spanish Minister at Washington, and letters of introduction from Cubans to prominent men in the country, from whom he would be likely to obtain the information he sought. Notwithstanding his connection with the HERALD and the auspices under which he presented himself, Mr. Henderson, instead of being treated with the consideration shown Stanley by the savages of Africa, was thrown into prison. The HERALD publishes the facts, and denounces the arrest in justly indignant terms. Mr. Henderson has been released, it is true, but why has he been subjected to the disgrace and annoyance of arbitrary imprisonment? He was there on lawful business, and went directly to the Captain General to notify the authorities of the object of his visit. If they wished to prevent his proceeding with his mission they had but to say so and there was an end of the business. Instead they seem to have preferred the arbitrary course so common under despotic governments. The Cuban authorities may not know how to treat a gentleman whose business they disapprove, but it is time they were taught that American citizens cannot be arrested without cause and thrown into prison. The whole civilized world is interested in the success of Mr. Henderson's mission.

[From the Brooklyn Eagle (democratic), Oct. 21.]

The HERALD, having done Africa, is now doing Cuba, and has sent a correspondent to explore the island and see what he can discover. There is no Dr. Livingstone for him to find; but a search for those swaggering heroes who go from the United States with noisy announcement of an intention to free the Cubans from Spanish tyranny would be as difficult and doubtful as the quest of the missionary scientist in the country beyond Ujiji. If the HERALD really wants to recover Ryan & Co. it should send its new Stanley to Broadway and Pennsylvania avenue rather than to Cuba.

[From the Trenton (N. J.) True American (democratic), Oct. 22.]

ANOTHER HOUARD CASE.

A Havana correspondent of the NEW YORK HERALD narrates a fresh outrage there upon an American citizen, one A. B. Henderson, the outrage consisting of his recent arrest and imprisonment on some frivolous charge. * * * After the Houard case the Spanish authorities know that they can do what they please with American citizens with impunity so long as the present administration is in power. They know their men.