

**SPANISH RECONNOISSANCE OF PORTO RICO.**—Evidently the Spaniards are not satisfied with the condition of affairs in Porto Rico. The latest mail news from Havana informs us that several flying columns of infantry have gone out to different parts of the island. For what purpose? may be asked. Has not Porto Rico been comparatively tranquil, notwithstanding its close proximity to the revolution in Cuba? Perhaps the quietness apparent is only a well affected seeming, and there is more reason to fear an outbreak among the Porto Ricans than is generally thought. Under any circumstances the plan of sending a body of soldiers to march through a peaceful country is an unwise one. While it will not awe the discontented it will tend largely to weaken the confidence of the people in the government that resorts to such means of intimidation to compel submission and stifle independence. If discontent be widespread in Porto Rico it is not of recent growth, and the very silence in which it has been enveloped renders it of a more formidable character than the Spanish officials will readily admit.