

### Important News from Cuba.

The special news from Cuba which we publish in another column of the **HERALD** shows that great activity prevails among the insurgents in the Eastern Department, and a corresponding despondency is observable among the Spaniards. The Cubans, it will be seen, have not only been able to hold their own in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, but have actually compelled the Spaniards to retire from Mogate and have reoccupied their old positions, well provided with provisions and ammunition. The landing of an expedition at the mouth of the Baconao river is also confirmed. The most important portion of the news, however, is the reported action of General Valmaseda. This boastful soldier, who was to crush the insurgents with the force under his command, suddenly discovers that he has undertaken too big a job. He wants more men, and unless he obtains them he threatens to resign. Is it possible he is so hard pressed as this? Valmaseda is the great fighting man of the Spanish army in Cuba, yet his force consists of only three thousand men, one-third of whom are on the sick list. Where are the forty thousand troops sent out from Spain? How are they distributed? It looks as if this Cuban revolution was far more formidable than is considered by President Grant, Secretary Fish, Mr. Sumner and others. We cannot be blind to facts. If the government is disposed to be just to Spain it should also remember that justice is not one-sided, and Cuba has at least some little claim on its consideration.

If there is anything more convincing than another that the Cubans are entitled to some show of decent consideration at the hands of the American government it is these facts:—The revolution in Cuba has been maintained successfully for over one year; to crush that revolution Spain has forwarded to Cuba forty thousand of her best fighting troops, commanded by some of her most capable officers. Besides, the naval force in and around Cuba numbers thirty-nine war vessels, carrying three hundred and seventeen guns. It should also be borne in mind that the Spaniards have also to aid them numerous volunteers in the island. What now, it may be questioned, have this immense army and formidable navy done to crush the rebellion? Comparatively nothing. And yet here in the United States there are those who maintain that the Cuban revolution is scarcely worth consideration. The fact is that every item of intelligence we receive from the island proves that the struggle is not only a formidable one, but that it will tax the resources of Spain to the utmost before the uprising of the people is quelled. So far the Cubans have shown themselves brave, determined and self-sacrificing patriots, and if they succeed in winning the independence for which they so gallantly fight it will not be through the aid of a government that sanctions the sailing of thirty vessels-of-war to assist in crushing the aspirations of a people desirous and deserving of independence.