

Why Has Secretary Fish Refused Information to Congress About Cuba?

It must strike every one as very extraordinary that the Secretary of State has refused to give Congress the information about Cuba which that body called for. The President has been made to say, and Mr. Fish has said, that there is nothing of any consequence going on in Cuba—that there is no war—and yet when the representatives of the people ask for information it appears there is something so grave, so delicate, so important about this Cuban question that the government cannot let Congress and the public know what is going on. Evidently Mr. Fish is at his wits' end and is floundering about in a sea of uncertainty between his desire to help the Spaniards and his dread of public opinion. Is it not time for the President to dismiss this incapable and timid man from the high and responsible position he holds? We do not live under a monarchical despotism or personal government, and this assumption of power and holding back important information is in opposition to our republican institutions and principles. Is Mr. Fish waiting for some garbled statements of his own agents to help him out of the dilemma he has placed himself in with regard to Cuba? Let us know all about it, Mr. Secretary. The people of this country want the information and have a right to claim it.