

The Insurrection in Cuba—General Grant in Favor of Cuban Independence.

Washington despatches, received last night, furnish us with important information in regard to the views of General Grant upon the subject of the independence of Cuba. It appears that General Van Allen, who has just returned from a cruise among the West India islands in the yacht *Henrietta*, had, during his absence, confidential communications with leading insurgents on the island of Cuba. From information thus gathered he has no doubt of the speedy success of the revolutionists. All the facts he obtained he communicated to General Grant upon his arrival in Washington, when the latter openly expressed his opinion that Congress should not only pass resolutions avowing sympathy with the revolutionary movement in Cuba, but also authorizing the President to recognize her independence when in his opinion the proper moment arrived. This declaration General Van Allen was authorized to communicate to members of Congress, and, no doubt, was the inspiration of Senator Sherman's resolutions in regard to Cuba which were presented in the Senate on Saturday and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. General Grant also averred that we owed nothing to Spain, for the reason that she harbored the rebel cruisers and otherwise encouraged the rebellion during the dark hours of our struggle for national existence. Taking the public expression of these views of the President elect—who within a few days will be in a position to enforce his opinions—in connection with the recent successes of the revolutionists in Cuba and the reported landing of American volunteers at two points on the island, and it will be idle to deny that the doom of the "Queen of the Antilles" is sealed, and that her flag of independence will in a brief period float from the towers of the Morro Castle.

At this critical moment, as we learn by Atlantic cable despatch received last night, the Spanish government directs its Minister to England to proceed to the United States for the purpose of settling any difficulty arising from the Cuban insurrection. By the time that Minister arrives here we apprehend he will find he has undertaken a heavier job than he was aware of, if indeed he does not ascertain that, like the concessions of the Duchess of Orleans in her extremity to the French revolutionists, he has come altogether "too late."