

* New View of the Monroe Doctrine.

Since our government is going into the business of protecting and preserving for Spain her possessions in this hemisphere it ought to go in handsomely. Catching filibusters is a business hardly worth beginning unless you do it thoroughly, and to do it thoroughly will not add more than twenty millions to our naval expenditures. This is nothing to a nation in debt—especially when done for a government that has no navy of its own. Our theory is that European governments ought to be crowded to their own side of the water; but this need not prevent us saving them when others put them in danger. We hope, therefore, our government will surround Cuba with a line of men-of-war. Who cares for expense? Spain, it is true, is at war with Peru and Chile and refused to make peace lest she would thereby lose the chance to bombard some of their cities in the future; but this is no reason why we should let Peru or Chile take a mean advantage of her now in a crack at Cuba. Never mind, therefore, though ships claim to bear flags of nations at war with Cuba; call them all filibusters and stop them. We can afford it. That is the way to have a foreign policy.