

Cuba—Why General Grant Still Hesitates.

We understand that General Grant has recently in a free conversation expressed himself very decidedly in favor of the concession of belligerent rights to the Cubans; that in his opinion they have established a good case for this recognition, and that he believes such recognition would result in a settlement satisfactory to the Cubans, to Spain and to the United States. We are furthermore informed that all the members of the Cabinet, except one, are in favor of the recognition suggested, and that the one dissenting member hesitates to join his colleagues, not because he doubts the propriety of the act proposed, but its expediency; that, in short, he is a little bit afraid of England or France, or something of that sort. Mr. Fish, the Secretary of State, is this dissenting Cabinet member, and in deference to the wish of Mr. Fish the President still postpones the decisive step forward which he really desires to take. Now, is not this a lamentable condition of things? Once upon a time General Jackson's Secretary of the Treasury refused to remove certain deposits because he was

afraid of possible consequences. But Old Hickory soon settled that matter by substituting a man who was not afraid. So now, if the President is convinced that the time has come for action in regard to Cuba, the Secretary of State should be made to understand that this thing must be done. The country would rejoice to see it done, as evidence that we have a President again who, on important occasions, is not afraid to assume the responsibility.