

Spain and Cuba.

All our news from Spain and in relation to Spain is of a piece. The present government is a failure. In its best moments it was but a timid and rather cowardly compromise. But for the hold which it had on the army and the navy it could not have lasted a single day. Our latest telegrams go to show that the Carlists are not put down, but that, on the contrary, armed bands are still traversing the provinces. The Isabella party is quite as hopeful as the Carlists. Meanwhile the Ministry is in danger of being divided on the Church question. Zorrilla has been severe on the bishops, and Topete, who was one of the original forces of the revolution, threatens to resign if the Church is not more mercifully dealt with. Internally, all things considered, Spain is as bad as any country well can be.

The condition of Cuba aggravates the situation in Spain. The insurgents in Cuba maintain their ground. Spanish forces and American neutrality have both failed to make an end of the insurrection. The Cuban patriots are more hopeful to-day than they have been since the commencement of the revolution. The latest threats of the patriots are alarming. An island so beautiful, so rich, to be made a desert is, perhaps, more than can be done by man; but the process threatened makes one's blood run cold.

Spain can be benefited and so can Cuba by one sensible transaction. Spain needs money; Cuba wants liberty. Both can accomplish their end. The United States are not unwilling to give Spain money if Spain gives up Cuba. All the world is of opinion that Spain can make no more use of Cuba, that she has sucked Cuba long enough, and that henceforward Cuba must suck Spain. There is one proper end to the difficulty, but only one. Let Spain name her price. Let the price be reasonable, and the difficulty is ended. Spain will be richer and less distracted. Cuba will be happier and more prosperous. The world generally will be better for the change that must follow.