

**TROOPS FOR CUBA—A DOUBTFUL REPORT OF FOOLISH POLICY.**—A telegram from Madrid says that four thousand troops are to sail on the 9th and 10th of this month for Cuba, and that six thousand more are to follow in a few days. We doubt this report, because negotiations are going on with the United States with a view to the independence of Cuba, and because Spain has neither the troops nor money to spare for such a Quixotic movement. The report may have got out through the government for the purpose of making a show of zeal, and to hurry up the United States to a bargain; but we have no idea that Spain will or can send ten thousand additional troops to Cuba. Should we be mistaken, however, and the Spanish government be foolish enough to spend so much money and sacrifice its soldiers in that way, the end must be the same—the independence of Cuba will be attained though the war should be prolonged. We hope the report is not true, and that the Spanish government will have the wisdom to accept the proposition of the United States for the settlement of the Cuban difficulty.