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CUBA AND TURKEY.

The president's message is disappointing to more than the Cubans. It suggests so much that it suggests nothing, but resolves itself into an argument of the case made from both sides and reaching no conclusion. There runs through the whole statement of the Cuban affair a sentiment of sympathy for Cuba, and a desire to at the same time befriend Spain. It has all the satisfying uncertainty of that famous explanation "That is to say it is, or it is not, as the case may be, provided it isn't." Just what the country expected of the president on this subject is hard to say. The country, no doubt, feels very much as the president does, and it is one of those cases where it would have liked the president to take some definite stand and point out course for it to follow.

It does seem outrageous that Spain is allowed to carry on the war against the Cubans in the inhuman manner in which it does, and there is a universal desire that something be done to put a stop to it. The American mind turns sick at the brutal butchery of defenseless women and children, and much as the people of this country would deprecate a war with Spain, much as they would dislike to see this government interfere in the affairs of Spain, it is undoubtedly true that a vigorous policy of interference, suggested by the president, would have met with a response that would have astonished both president and people, and would have endeared him to the people as no other act could have done. His course may be best, but it is surely disappointing.

As to the Turkish question his message is much more satisfactory. He expresses deep sympathy with the Armenians, but points out in a few brief sentences that America cannot interfere. In this connection he says:

"Our efforts in this direction will not be relaxed, but the deep feeling and sympathy that have been raised among our people ought not to so far blind their reason and judgment as to lead them to demand impossible things. The outbreaks of blind fury which lead to murder and pillage in Turkey occur suddenly and without notice, and an attempt on our part to force such hostile presence there as might be effective for prevention or protection would not only be resisted by the Ottoman government, but would be regarded as an interruption of their plans by the great nations who assert their exclusive right to intervene in their own time and method for the security of life and property in Turkey."

"I do not believe that the present somber prospect in Turkey will be long permitted to offend the sight of Christendom. It so mars the humane and enlightened civilization that belongs to the close of the 19th century that it seems hardly possible that the earnest demand of good people throughout the Christian world for its corrective treatment will remain unanswered."

And this probably covers the case as nearly as it can be done. Much as we may sympathize with the Armenians, the converse of the Monroe doctrine would prevent us interfering in Turkey.

EARP'S DECISION.

Wyatt Earp has come suddenly into prominence on account of his decision in the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey prize fight. We know nothing about the fight, but we know Wyatt Earp, and therefore believe implicitly that his decision in that contest was cor-

rect. Earp has been known as a bad man, handy with his gun, and as a participant in several bloody encounters. The two latter statements are true, and yet those who know his career would hesitate long before admitting he was wrong. He fought to the death, but we have always believed he fought in a just cause. At Coeur d'Alene, Earp ran a saloon, and was one of the most quiet and peaceably-disposed men in the camp. He is a thorough sport, and thinks as much of his word and his reputation as any business man. He would no more give an unfair decision in a sporting matter than our supreme court would in a matter before it.

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