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THE IMPUDENCE OF IT.

It is stated that the most carefully worded, the longest and the most elaborate part of Spain's reply to America's note anent Cuba is that in which is set forth the protest against filibustering. The Spanish government pleads as the reason for its failure to restore peace in Cuba, the departure of filibustering expeditions from this country. The material aid thus carried to the insurgents is all that prevents their speedy conquest by the Spanish troops, and the government at Madrid has decided that henceforth it will look upon filibustering expeditions as breaches of international law, and will treat with the United States on that basis.

There is a great deal of impudence in this attitude of the Spanish government.

Spain understands very well that no expeditions were sent to Cuba from this country under the sanction of the government or even with its tacit encouragement. The filibusters are persons who are acting on their own hook, and who fit out their parties with private means. As a matter of fact, the resources of the United States government have been taxed to an intolerable degree by Spanish demands for the prevention of filibustering. It has been found necessary to police the entire eastern coast at a very heavy cost, and pursuits, arrests and trials have proved a source of annoyance and expense most assuredly not contemplated by international law.

If the new Spanish premier is looking for a grievance against the United States, he certainly makes a blundering beginning. A more reasonable and effectual way of solving the filibustering question would be to bring the insurrection in Cuba to a close on a humane plan, and remove the cause of American sympathy with the insurgents.

International law or no international law, there is a point at which patience ceases to be a virtue, and that point has long been passed in the matter of doing police duty for a foreign power which promotes disorders by its own incapacity.—Telegram.

Bismarck dislikes the Monroe doctrine. Metternich disliked and denounced it, and so did Metternich's friends, the crowned heads of the Holy Alliance. Those "plenipotentiaries of Providence" refrained from meddling with it, however, although when it was first promulgated the United States filled a very small place in the family of nations. At one time and another the Monroe doctrine has curbed the ambition of many European powers and protected many little nations in the Western Hemisphere. It did this as recently as 1895, when it defeated England's designs against Venezuela. If Prince Bismarck takes a survey of the history of the world for the period which has elapsed since Monroe made his great declaration, he will find that that policy was never seriously assailed except once—by Napoleon III and Maximilian in Mexico a third of a century ago—and the fate of the chief actors in that enterprise is not calculated to encourage a reputation of the performance.

It is said that Gen. Kitchener's column on the Nile will push toward Khartoum more rapidly than was intended at the opening of the campaign. The Dervish force at Omdurman, on the river opposite Khartoum, is reported to be 35,000 men, occupying an entrenched camp. By gaining control of the sixth cataract the British troops have secured open

water for their gunboats to Khartoum. The most interesting recent statement concerning the expeditions is that it will raise the British instead of the Egyptian flag at Khartoum, which has not been regarded as Egyptian soil. That will settle the idea of the withdrawal of the British from the Nile region.

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