SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1869. J. S. BORD WELL, Editor.

OUR SPANISH RELATIONS.

The determination of the Government in the matter of the Spanish gunboats is made clearer by the action of the past few days. They have been duly libeled in the U. S. courts, on the charge that they are fitting out to make war, either on l'eru or on the colony of Cuba, with both of which the United States is at peace. The united voice of the Cabinet is declaired to have impelled this decision, the news of which is consequent upon the personal application of Attorney Pierpont for definite instructions. The concentration of an unusual force of the American Navy in tropic waters is stated to be in anticipation of any hostility on the part of Spain.

The Jovernment has thus assumed an attitude of bold and pomistakable vigor. Spain claims the right of a triendly nation to build and fit out ships of war from our ports. Peru, another nation with which we are in amity, complains that nothing exists to prevent these vessels being used against her except our riged fulfillment of ueutral obligations. If it is contended that the pretext of Peru is shallow and void, let it be remembered that this Republic has deliberately made herself a party to the Cuban insurrection, and accepted all the consequences of war by a hostile act of recognation. What man will dare affirm that if the Cuban rebellion were is a month or two suppressed by the aid and comfort Liviu its tyrant form our ports through a a fleet of peculiarly dangerous gunbous. the Spaniards would not turn their attentien to Peru? What guaranty exists in law, the dead letter of which every national Shylock makes his bond, that Spain will not carry on war against Peru, which is avowedly at war with her?

That the persecutor of Cuba will not be ready to accuse the United States of conspiracy against its power we may imagine. But the plain and avowed truth is that the American Continent is standing conspiracy against all usurpations and despotisms planted on its soil. A Government of hardhearted speculators with human liberty can have nothing to hope for at our hands except the strict fulfillment of our international obligations, which, more than to Spain, we owe to ourselves. More radical justice, as between men who hate slavery and those who sustain it, might have ere this arrayed us in perilous opposition to the brutal rear-guard of retreating tyranny on the American Continent. It is well, however, that the time and justice and a ripe occosion shall decide for us. Not being in posession of every fact necessary to an opinion, we cannot say that our hour of decision has struck-but assuredly it is near. Four, perhaps five, republics of America have decided for Cuban recognition; one or two are virtually at war with Spain; and now it is asked whether the Government of the United States will release thirty gunboats against the positive protest of a friendly power, albeit the sworn enemy of spain. The world may view, what the gods may admire, the spectacle of a brave nation, with a great heart, engaged in the honest work of selfrepression, while the pirate of nations plunders the traveler whom the good Samartian is powerless to assist. Has the day for deliverace come?

THE Cuban Junta is teeling greatly clated with the prospect of having Cuba re. cognized by the United States, and thinks that if his people can maintain their posi-Washington by the thousand from all parts of the country asking for this recognation ; and though the Cubians are destitute, and a'most defeated they seem to pin their faith on Uncle Sam to so great an extent that until he deserts them they are determined to maintain the struggle.

Ir does not seem possible to keep pace with the business history of FISK GOULD, and others, who are manipulating the railroad interests of the country. Every day adds something to their movements which in point of fact is but a modicum of their operations as first-class gamblers. While such movements should not be recognized by newspapers, it has become a necessity with the people to know what these worthies are doing, and the press is bound to chronicle their actions. Another big lawsuit has begun. The President of the Al. bany and Susqehanna railroad has made a drive for the Eric chaps,

At a jewelry store in Bloomington, Illinois, the other day, a customer was trying to select a pin that would suit him as to price and quality, pricing everything in the case untill he came to a diamond pin, valued at \$1,500 To try the customer, the jeweller offered it at \$1.50. "Well," said he, that is about the price I want to pay, but the pin is a little larger than I want.

Read J. R. Baird's Advertisement.

GENERAL WOOL is said to have left a fortune of about \$700,000, the bulk of which is bequeathed to his nephews and neices. A few days prior to his apart \$3,990 to the Orphan Assylum.

The General's funeral was a most imposing affair. Along the route the streets, fences and housetops were thronged with spectators, who preserved silence, order and general decorum quite as commendable as twas remarkable. In accordance with the honored dead in his last illness, the bands severly played the beautiful strains "Home Sweet Home." The sound was suggestive of the sweeter glorious home that he has now reached "beyond the river." One of the most interesting incidents of the occasion was the presence of several aged veteransus who had fought under the General in the war of 1812 and in the Mexican war, and who seemed deeply affected as they gazed upon their old comrade. As a citizen he was proud of his place of resisdence and was interested in its growth and prosperity, which he had witnessed from the days of his boyhood to the vener, able years of his decline. He was a man of deep religious sentiment, and was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Upon his death-bed, in answer to the question of the Rev. Dr. Coit, his pastor, as to whether he placed his reliance upon the Savior, he responded with solemn cumbasis. "I do." He died as a Christian citizen and soldier, sinking away painlessly into a sweet sleep that had no awaking. So gradual and easy was his departure that there was searcely a perceptable tremor.

TWENTY-FOUR thousand troops have ailed for Cuba from Spanish ports within the past three weeks, according to the cable dispatch published yesterday. The Span. sh Government must surely be apprehen sive that there is even yet a vast amount of military work to be done in Cuba. Such heavy reenforcements have never at any previous time been sent there; in fact, we do not think that Spain has heretofore, during the present year, sent more than ten or twelve thousand troops, all told, to Cuba. Does Spain propose to make a tre mendious effort to crush out Cespedes, or do these twenty-four thousand new troops constitute the Cronista's army for fighting the Americans? With a Spanish fighting force of fifty thousand men in Cuba, Capttain-General de Rodas ought to be able to hold and defend his Island against the rest of mankind.

The New York Sun gives a correct version of the connection of General Butler with the Twiggs swords, for which Gen. Butler has been sued by a young woman who is not a niece of Gen Twiggs, were, in 1862, sent to officers of the United States, and are now in the Treasury. The silver plate mentioned as appropriated by Gen. Butler was turned over to the Oung ter and sold under General Banks' administration, and the money has gone into the Treasury of the United States. Cen. Butler was applied to to use his influence to have Twiggs' swords returned, and was told that he would be sued if he did not. He refused to interfere. The suit is brought and published for political effect. The whole story in regard to the swords is told in Patron's "New Orleans," page 467. The swords and box of silverware were found under the "L" of a house occupied by this woman, who was supposed at the time to be Twiggs' mistress."

SHOCKING ACCIDENT .- On Wednesday morning last, about six o'clock, a lad named M'Kinsey, employed at the nail factory of tion until after the assembling of Congress Mr. M'Cormick, at West Fairview, oppotheir cause is safe. Memorials are going to site Harrisburg, while passing through the plate mill, had his leg caught in a pulley wheel connected with the turning-roll, and before assistance could be rendered, his leg was torn entirely off, just below the knee, be fully manned and sent to cruise in the leaving the leg and foot in the boot! Dr Rutherford, of this city, dressed the man. gled limb, by a clean amputation above the knee, and up to Saturday evening last the lad was reported to be doing as well as could be expected under the distressing circum. stances. The lad's age is about nine years-He is said to bear this serious trial heroical ly, and without a murmer. As he was carried homeward, immediately after the accident, he met his grandrather, on his way to work, to whom he said : "Pap, I've lost my leg; it is sticking in my boot, down at the mill." The lad is living with his grandfather, having lost his father by an accident in a stone quarry, some years tor. ago .- Harrisburg Patriot.

> THE latest concerning a Spansih fleet which was expected off New York is to the effect that it was the intention of the Spanish Admiral referred to elsewhere, to make reprisals upon American commerce, in the event that his demands were not fully complied with. The diplomicy of our Goveroment has not been changed, and it has been concluded, by both parties, to await the gunboat litigation and the action of Congress. If by that time they wish to treat to sell out, or to make war, they will be in cient, however, considering the parties in.

THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN. -The Book Committee or this establishment, after a careful investigation lasting over two weeks, has arrived at following death he added a codicil to bis will, settling judgment in reference to the alleged losses and frauds connected with the business, to wit : First, That the last exhibit of the agents is a true and reliable statement of the financial responibility and solvency of the Book Concern. Second, that though the Agents have bought paper and other materials through middle men, yet the Concern has not suffered any serious loss by such mode of making purchases. Third, That there has been great mismanagement in the bindery, and that serious losses have occurred therein. Fourth, That the general management of the business, in all matters involving the credit and integrity of the Book Concern, is such as to meet the ap proval of the Committee, and command the confidence of the community. The report is signed by twelve members of the

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While the new constitution is defeated in New York by a large majerity, there appears to be some doubt as to the fate of the Judiciary article voted on separately. There is a majority for the article outside of the counties of Eric, New York and Kings of 51,271. If New York and Kings do not give any more majority against the judiciary article than they did for the Democratic ticket, then the article is adopted by a few hundred votes. Its ratification, therefore, appears probable. The substantial effect of the amendment will be to lengthen the terms of the judges from eight to fourteen years, and to submit to the popular vote in elective judiciary.

pretty clear conception of the Yankee, cannot cure. In a late issue, in the discussion of the Mormon question, it asserts that the knaves in Utah are nearly all Yankees, and "apos, tles," "bishops" and "elders," and all who get the titles, while the dupes are mainly degraded European peasants, many of them from England and Wales, and members by baptism of the English Church. The edtor says : - "There never existed but one Mormon Irishman, and a Mormon Irishwoman is something totally unknown to nat uralist."

THE SPANISH FLEET IN NEW YORK WATERS-SPIRITED ACTION BY PRESIDENT GRANT .- WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- The rumor that a Spanish fleet of six or more war-vessels has been ordered to rendezvous in New-York harbor creates a creat deal of comment here. The President, not understanding the reasons for the sending of this fleet to our shores, and in order to be prepared for any emergency that may arise, has ordered that the double-turreted iron-clae monitors Miantonamah and Terror. and a torpedo boat, from Fortress Mouroe, harbor of New-York.

Well Posted .- One fine day, some time ago, three English ladies visited the studio of Randolph Rogers, in Rome. One of them, thin, weak.voiced and near-sighted; another equally slight and deaf; the third a stout, heavy lemale, with a deep masculine voice, who evidently played the interpeter for the party. Stopping in front of one of his statuettes, Mr. Rogers said : "This is Nydia, the blind girl of Pompeii." "What is it?" squaked the near-sighted one, "Hey hey! what did he say?" chimed in the deaf lady. "Nubia, the blind girl of Bombay!" thundered the accomplished and well-read interpreter, thus thoroughly posting her and petrifying with astonishment the sculp-

ALBERT D. RICHARDSON, the former war corrdspondent of the Tribune, was shot, and perhaps fatally wounded, in the Tribune counting-room, on Thursday, by a man named McFarland, who claims that Richardson has stolen the affections of his wife, It's along story and one of scandal. It does not yet appear, to a certainty, whether the charge against Richardson is coorrect. Neither does it appear but that he has acted toward Mrs. McFarland the part of an honorble gentleman. The subject is sffi. volved, to make much talk.

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