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Thursday, Angust 4, 1898.
Spain's Fatal Stubborness.

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 volume of expense incurred by the United States in the prosecution ofthe war must change somewhat the conditions upon which the United States can afford to make peace.
Already the experiencesand circumstances of the war haveinvolved the
whole of Spain's colonial empire Without a navy and without the means of creating one, Spain has be-
come totally incapable of maintaining distant possessions in any res-
pensible manner. Even if the United Etates should make prace this stage aud leave the Philippines
and Porto Rico nominally in Spuin's hands, the Philippine insurgents and they could not he cusily comu ed. Moreover, it would not be easy for Spain even to maintain her-
self against the insurrectionary mood of the Porto Ricans. Viewed
from every standpoint, Spain has made necessary the total relinquishment of her colonial pretensions.
Unfortumately, there did not seem to be a single man in Spain, even
after the conclusion of the Santiago campaign, who was able to entertain went so far as to announce that i on the basis of the retention by Spain of all her former possessions except-
ing Cuba alone, and that the Cuban question would have to be decider by a popular vote in Cubs as be
tween the alternatives of independ cuse andautonomy under the Spanish
flag.-From "The Progress of the Reriace of Reviews for August. The'Porlo Rico Camgaign. The plan of landing from 30,000
at 35,000 men at three different points on the north, south, and east
cosestiof Porto Rico, and converging themall upon San Juan, gives protecisive conquest of the island says ndicited are so far distant from the naval force, successful landings can seconnted on. Guanica, where Gen.
Mil-s is espected to debark the first thousand strong, is about fifteen -ide of the island, and from Ponce a northeasterly about fifty miles to are not likely to risk a great part o Guanica. Fajardo is about torty miles eurt of San Juan, and the land-
ing there ing there can also be opposed only the while the third point spoken
as posible is nearer the capital. Porto Kico is an irregular paralel-
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