

OUR CUBAN POLICY.

Nearly a century ago, when the United States came into possession of Louisiana, it regarded the acquisition of Cuba as an event which would certainly come in time. It was before Spain had lost its continental possessions in America, and California and Texas were a dream of. It seems strange that while the United States should have extended its power in all directions, Cuba, "the gem of the Antilles," should have been allowed to remain in the possession of a power unable to govern it or to develop its magnificent resources. As for our Cuban policy, it drifted from its original aim, the acquisition of the island, to a determination to keep the island out of the hands of any other power than Spain, but to allow Spain to rule it, no matter how great its misgovernment might be.

Jefferson was the first President to see the value of Cuba, and that it would give us control of the Gulf of Mexico. He saw the necessity of continual expansion westward, to assume the grand future of the republic.

In a letter to Archibald Stewart, written in 1786, before we were yet a real nation, he said:

"Our confederacy must be viewed as the nest from which all America, North and South, is to be peopled. We should take care, too, not to think it for the interest of that great continent to press too soon on the Spaniards. Those countries cannot be in better hands. My fear is that they are too feeble to hold them till our population can be sufficiently advanced to gain it from them piece by piece."

This proposition of territorial aggrandizement at the expense of neighboring states sounds far more like an English minister than an American statesman of today; but at that time the republic was young, strong and active, and felt its strength. Mr. Jefferson foresaw the decay of Spanish power in America, and wanted the United States to get some advantage from the break-up.

Seven years later, in 1793, when Secretary of State, he wrote as follows to our commissioners in Spain, his letter to them having the approval of President Washington:

"It is intimated to us in such a way as to attract our attention that France (revolutionary France) means to send a strong force early this spring to offer independence to the Spanish-American colonies, beginning with those on the Mississippi, and that she will not object to the receiving those on the east side into our confederation. Interesting considerations require that we should keep ourselves free to act in this case according to circumstances, and consequently that you should not, by any clause of treaty, bind us to guarantee any of the Spanish colonies against their independence. Nor, indeed, against any other nation."

Mr. Jefferson seems to have desired the acquisition of Cuba, for he wrote to President Monroe, before the latter had formulated the famous doctrine which now bears his name, as follows:

"But we have first to ask ourselves a question. Do we wish to acquire to our own confederacy any more of the Spanish provinces? I candidly confess that I have ever looked upon Cuba as the most interesting addition which could ever be made to our system of States. The control which, with Florida point, this island would give us over the Gulf of Mexico, and the countries and isthmus bordering on it, as well as all those waters which flow into it, would fill up the measure of our political well-being."

It was during President Pierce's administration that the famous Ostend manifesto was issued by our ministers to England, France and Spain. Messrs. Buchanan, Mason and Soule met at Ostend and drew up a memorandum which declared that Spain must sell us Cuba. When Buchanan became President he recommended that Congress offer Spain \$100,000,000 for the island, but the civil troubles which soon followed rendered it impossible to carry out this policy of purchasing the island; and with the civil war and the momentous questions which followed it, we forgot altogether about Cuba for a time.

It will be seen that we had, at different times, two opposing Cuban policies, one which aimed at the acquisition of this island, supported by Jefferson, Pierce, Buchanan and other Democratic Presidents, while John Quincy Adams and Van Buren wanted to pursue the policy of our not interfering in any way with Spain's possession of the island, but merely insisting that Spain should not surrender it to any other country. On that point—non-surrender or sale to any other European power—there has always been a complete unanimity of sentiment in this country. But the popular feeling of the United States has to-day undoubtedly got away from our laissez aller policy of Van Buren's time, which declared it none of our business how Spain governed Cuba, or to what condition of misery the people of that island were reduced.

"You might put on that," said the bereaved husband to the rural sculptor, "that she died peaceful, an' that we wouldn't call her back."

"Anything else?"

"She never spoke a cross word in her life."

"All right."

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U. S. Senator McEnery was interviewed in Washington the other day in regard to his views on the tariff; question and this is what he said: "I will throw no obstacle in the way of the Republicans in tariff legislation in the next Senate. I will not oppose anything that will help any part of the country for the reason alone that it is a party measure. I will support a measure proposed by any party if it will help this country. I realize, and many others now do, that instead of running along with a deficit in the revenues, we should always have a surplus. There should always be a contingent fund, and the great government of the United, with its wealth and progress, should never be confronted with a deficit in its public revenues, and should never offer an excuse of inability to pay promptly all obligations. If a high tariff will give the required, or more than the required, amount of revenue, I will favor a bill of that kind." This shows what stuff Sam McEnery is made of, not to oppose a thing because it might be a party measure. Some may oppose his views, but we think he is on the right track.

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