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AFTER 1830

GENERAL


Four points in the career of the Spanish military and political leader Juan Prim y Prats, Conde de Reus, are of special interest to students of Latin American history. In 1847-48 Prim was captain general of Puerto Rico; in 1856 he married a Mexican heiress, Francisca Aguero González; in 1858 he made a sensational speech in the Spanish senate against intervention in Mexico; and in 1861-62 he headed the Spanish force in the tripartite intervention of Spain, France, and Great Britain in Mexico.

That the contradiction between his attitudes on the last two occasions was more apparent than real is argued ably and convincingly by the author of the present work. His view of the question is not novel and does not pretend to be; in fact, he points out more than once that the major facts have already been correctly stated in previous studies, such as those of Genaro García, Emeterio S. Santovenia, and J. M. Miquel I. Vergés. He has, however, added many interesting details and made the personality of Prim more vital by the use of hitherto unpublished letters, broadsides, pamphlets, and illustrations. Each volume contains an ample appendix divided into two parts: one, letters and other documents to or about Prim; the other, his own letters. These constitute the chief contribution of the work so far as the American aspect of Prim's career is concerned and entitle it to a place in the library of every student of relations between Spain and Spanish America in the nineteenth century.

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