

The Cuban Question.

It is stated to-day by telegraph, "that the Madrid journals assert that the Government recently sent a circular letter to the Great Powers respecting the note of Sickles on the subject of the recognition of Cuba, and replies favorable to the rights of Spain were received from England, France and Austria."

This despatch probably amounts to very little, for the only power which would interfere, even by pretext, with the United States should she recognize the independence of Cuba, is France, and the Emperor Napoleon is not in a condition at present to trouble himself with the affairs of that island. It is evident the Cuban revolution is steadily gaining ground, and with a continuance of the unsettled condition of things in Spain, there is very little prospect of the island being again brought under subjection. Appearances indicate that Cuba will become an independent power ere long, but what will be her condition in respect to the United States, time alone can determine.

Since the above was written we learn by a later despatch that our Government disavows the Sickles note, and says he exceeded his instructions, which is altogether probable on any theory of consistency in the Government itself.