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A dispatch from Washington, purporting to give the exact status of the Government on the Cuban question, states that thus far every effort has been made to enforce the Neutrality laws and to act in good faith toward Spain; that although urged to recognize the Cubans as belligerents, no valid excuse for doing so has yet been shown; that efforts have been made to induce Spain to consent to the independence of Cuba but no *mediation*, which would imply war, has been offered; that the note of Minister SICKLES was courteous in its terms, and gave no offence, and the reply was equally courteous, although refusing the offer, and the note was then withdrawn. That the question now stands as it did before, and the Government is ready to serve the cause of Cuban independence if it can do so without violating treaty obligations or being drawn into complications with Spain.

Havana advices report skirmishes in the Eastern Department, in which 30 insurgents were killed, and a flight near Santu Espiritu. Cuban loss 27. Colonel O'DALY, of the Spanish forces, was wounded. Municipal corporations in various quarters are said to be sending in their adherence to Captain-General DE RODAS.