

WASHINGTON.

The Mexican Claims Commission—Cuban Policy of the Administration—The New-York Post Office Building Investigation—The Exposition of 1871.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The statement has been published that the Mexican Commission now in session in this city has virtually decided that it has no jurisdiction over franchises purchased by American citizens of the Mexican Government. It will interest a large number of people to know that no such decision has been rendered, and that, in fact, no such question has yet been raised before the Commission. All that the Commission has done thus far is to decide questions of practice, and not a single legal point has yet been ruled upon.

OUR CUBAN POLICY.

One of your contemporaries has within the last few days given publicity to a statement that the Administration would soon change its Cuban policy, and that the President, Mr. FISH and Senator SUMNER had experienced a change of mind on this subject. The advisability of speedily recognizing the Cubans as belligerents was, it was asserted, under consideration, in deference to the manifest desire of the people of the country, and in order to ward off unfavorable comment and criticism in Congress. In reply to this revelation, which, by the way, has created some excitement among the Cuban sympathizers here, General LOGAN, who called on the President to-day and had a conversation on the subject, says that so far as he can judge there is not a word of truth in it. General LOGAN went to the President for the special purpose of urging the cause of Cuba, but failed to receive any assurance whatever that the Executive intended to take a new departure. As repeatedly stated in these dispatches, the President, Secretary FISH and Mr. SUMNER have the warmest sympathy for the Cubans and wish all success to the revolution, but they are of the opinion that the time has not yet come when they can officially and conscientiously recommend or advise the taking of so important a step as the acknowledgement of the belligerent rights of the insurgents. The Cubans have it in their own hands to obtain the coveted belligerent rights concession at any time, but they must first comply with the necessary international conditions and requirements which are too well known to require mention here.

THE NEW-YORK POST OFFICE BUILDING.

The House Post Office Committee has transferred the scene of its operations to your City, and will to-morrow renew its investigations at the Astor House. A meeting will take place to-morrow morning, when it is expected some of the contractors will be given an opportunity to vent their spleen on Mr. MULLETT.

THE FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

Postmaster-General CRESWELL and JOSEPH H. BLACKFAN, Esq., Superintendent of Foreign Mails, left for New-York this morning for the purpose of conferring with Postmaster JONES in regard to what measures shall be taken for meeting the exigency caused by the refusal of the ocean steamship companies to carry the foreign mails under the new treaty.

THE WASHINGTON EXHIBITION.

In order to remove a misapprehension which seems to exist in some minds, it is proper to state that the bill now before Congress in regard to the proposed International Exhibition does not ask for any appropriation. It is simply an act of incorporation necessary for the organization of the Company in this district, where Congress has exclusive jurisdiction. The citizens of Washington have already made a *bona fide* subscription of \$600,000, and have asked Congress for authority to levy a tax of \$500,000 more. Men of capital stand ready to erect the requisite structures on this basis, with a lien on the receipts for reimbursement to the extent of \$1,500,000 more, which would make a total expenditure of \$2,500,000, or about the total gross cost of the Paris Exposition. For this latter object Congress appropriated \$100,000 in gold for the benefit of individual inventors. It has not been asked to appropriate anything for the proposed Exhibition here, but how it can refuse to do so, if the Exhibition proves worthy of the country, it is difficult to see, in view of this contribution to the French Exposition.