

Miscellaneous.

Strong hopes are still entertained by our government that Spain will eventually accept some proposition which will secure the independence of Cuba. No fears are apprehended of a collision with Spain, as no cause for offence has been or will be offered. Minister Siskies' note, which caused so much comment, was simply a reminder that as Spain had formally accepted the United States as a mediator between that country and Cuba, our government was ready to enter upon negotiations. The Cubans have determined sooner than submit to Spanish rule to render the island untenable for the Spaniards, and will destroy all their crops rather than have them seized by their enemies and used as a means with which to carry on the war against them.

It is understood that Rep. Butler will soon be the