

The Cuban Revolution.

An address published by the agent of the Cubans in this country says that the power of the revolutionists has increased steadily since last October, and that now they have 42,000 men in their army under the command of Cespedes, General. They claim control of all the interior, amounting to two-thirds of the island; and allow the Spaniards only the ports, that they are able to retain by forts and fleets, neither of which the revolutionists have. The address goes on to allege that the rebellion would have expelled the Spaniards if the former could have procured arms from this country as freely as the latter have done; and appeals to the broadest interpretation of the Monroe doctrine as ground for help from the United States.

There is good reason for believing that the statement of the position is correct. The Spaniards have been unable to penetrate the interior, and have made but one short incursion of that sort. This was almost a disaster. The insurgents have come so near to defeating Dulce that Prim with another army is ordered to relieve him instantly, as he relieved his predecessor. Dulce's power melted in his hands and the rebellion grew in his despite, although he has had the fall and winter to operate in. Prim comes in the blaze of tropical heat. The complaint made of this country in allowing the Spanish authorities to procure munitions of war is not well taken. Spain is the acknowledged ruler of Cuba, and the Cubans, though they may have established a government de facto over a major part of the island, have yet to prove it and obtain recognition. There is certainly no wish here to injure them, and it is as much as we have been able to do to prevent complaint by Spain of our infraction of neutral rights. As it is, men and material of war are understood to have secretly escaped from our coast to Cuba. If the reported position is maintained a little longer by the Republicans, it is quite probable that they will be officially recognized at a proper moment.—*Philadelphia North American*.