

THE DETENTION OF THE HORNET.—The detention at Wilmington, N. C., of the Cuban cruiser, the Hornet, by orders from Washington, is a wet blanket to the friends of the Cuban cause of independence. The object is said to be to inquire into the character of the ship; but it is feared that Mr. Fish is so apprehensive of making a case against us on those Alabama claims that he will prolong indefinitely his investigation of this Cuban adventurer. We would again, however, remind the Secretary of State that Peru and Mexico have recognized the Cuban republic, and that their action is, in the comity of nations, entitled to some respect; and we would remind the President of his *carte blanche* from the House of Representatives at the last session in reference to Cuba. Have we not been helping Spain long enough?