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**The Spanish Gunboats to be Released—No
Evidence to Warrant their Further Deten-
tion.**

It is the opinion in official circles here that the Spanish gunboats cannot be ultimately detained. This is confirmed by the statements made to the President to-day by Judge Pierrepont. It appears that he has on several occasions officially called the attention of the Peruvian Minister to the importance of supplying whatever evidence he has in his possession or can procure from his government to sustain the charges which caused the libeling of the gunboats. The Minister, however, has failed to respond, and Judge Pierrepont says he does not appear to take any interest in the matter. Whether he has any evidence to offer, or whether he is indifferent as to whether the gunboats are released or not, Judge Pierrepont is not informed. The latter, however, says he is free to confess that there is no evidence now in possession of the government to detain the gunboats. The case will come up on the 20th, when, if there is no response from the Peruvian Minister, Judge Pierrepont will probably enter a *nolle prosequi*. In the meantime it is thought Congress may take some action which may place the case in a new light and keep the gunboats from going to sea.