

## The Cabinet Meeting Yesterday.

It appears from our special Washington telegram that the Cabinet at its meeting yesterday was occupied chiefly with disposing of a mass of departmental and other routine business, and that little was said about Cuban affairs or our relations with Spain regarding them. Enough is known, however, to assure the country that the President and Cabinet will adhere to the position taken with regard to the Spanish gunboats. In other words, there will be no backing down. The administration will wait probably to hear from Spain before taking any further steps relative to Cuba. The country is not left in the dark, however, concerning the views of the government, for the full and free conversation of Secretary Fish with our correspondent, as published in the HERALD on Monday, may be taken as the expression of the administration. The Spanish gunboats will not be permitted to leave the United States. The government expresses its sympathy with the Cubans in their heroic struggle for independence, and does not hesitate to say the inevitable destiny of Cuba is to be free and to become a part of the republican system of America. The Secretary plainly intimated, too, that the administration expects the success of the Cubans, and that the time will come when our government can recognize them as having an independent or national existence. So much is gained at least, and although the government does not move as fast as the people may wish such expressions will have their effect both upon Spain and in Cuba. The cause of Cuban independence, as Mr. Fish said, has been steadily gaining strength, and if the Cubans continue their progress towards liberty the day cannot be far off when the United States must follow other American republics in recognizing them.

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