

## Progress of the Cuban Revolution.

Minister Sickles, as we are informed from Washington, writes hopefully as to the probable result of his negotiations relative to Cuba. We are told that the General expresses the opinion that his original propositions will be finally accepted by the Cabinet in Madrid, although the Spaniards will take some time to consider them. The Regent Serrano is, General Sickles says, well disposed to treat on the subject of a sale or transfer of the island, and would settle the case either way if it were solely in his hands. The other Ministers are slow, both in perception and action, but General Sickles is sanguine. We cannot see why Spain should hesitate. Every day that passes over adds strength and vigor to the struggling patriots of Cuba and strikes discontent and dismay to their oppressors. Since Captain General Dulce left disheartened and dispirited for the mother country and his place was supplied by Caballero De Rodas the Spanish cause has fallen from bad to worse. Defeat, discontent and disappointment among the Spaniards have tended largely towards their demoralization, while at the same time these causes have worked to the advantage of those by whom they were opposed. Troops commanded by some of the ablest generals of Spain have failed to suppress the spirit of liberty that animates every Cuban heart. The day is long since past when compromise could with honor be accepted. That the Cubans are in earnest in this great struggle none will deny. With heroic courage and noble perseverance they struggle against superior odds, and success smiles on their labors.

While thus freedom's cause is making itself felt against the Spaniards, and each day adds new strength to the liberating army, troubles in the Spanish camp are prevalent. De Rodas, who it was thought would with his soldiers overrun the island and bring the insolent insurgents to obedience, has lost caste. Even now secret manifestoes are being circulated against him. He is not cruel, heartless or bloody enough to satisfy the desires of those whose highest aspirations are that Cuba should still continue under the ignominious yoke of Spain. The course pursued by the Captain General is too mild, and therefore he must be got rid of. It was similar opposition that caused Dulce to resign, and De Rodas may yet have to follow his example. These dissensions will prove of benefit to the Cuban cause. Let soldiers of Spain and the volunteers of the island quarrel as they please among themselves; let them play the Kilkenny cat game if they so desire; let them cast the responsibility where they will as to the failure of their rule, still they cannot remove the depressing weight from their minds that unity, determination and courage are the elements that hold the liberating army to the accomplishment of the independence of this fruitful and favored land.

In yesterday's HERALD we published the full particulars of the battle which took place near Las Tuñas. The opposing forces of Valmaseda and Quesada met. The Spaniards looked for the victory which they were taught to believe would be theirs whenever and wherever they encountered "the unarmed rabble of the insurgent army." They fought that "rabble" and secured defeat. They were driven back behind their fortifications with severe loss. For more reasons than one will this battle well be regarded as a momentous one. It was perhaps the most important of the revolution, on account of the numbers engaged; the general who commanded is looked forward to as the successor of Rodas, and the Spaniards fought with a full belief that they would drive the ill-disciplined revolutionists from the field at first fire. A few more such engagements, and the backbone of Spanish ascendancy in the Ever Faithful Isle is broken. The result may be delayed, but it is inevitable. If without the means possessed by the enemy the patriots make such strides, what might they not accomplish if the positions of both were equal. It matters little, however, now, for the Cubans will continue the good fight until the island becomes a free, sovereign and independent nation.