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The Rumored Tripartite Treaty Against the United States.

The despatch from Madrid representing the completion of a sort of tripartite treaty on the part of England, France and Austria to protect Spain against the United States creates quite an excitement, and it is surmised that the unusual secrecy at the State Department has something to do with the matter.

General Sickles' Instructions.

It is ascertained from a reliable source that General Sickles was not authorized to make any demand upon the Spanish government. He was instructed merely to act discreetly, but with earnestness, as a mediator between that Power and the Cubans on the basis already published for the independence of the island. Leading members of the government favor the proposition, but are not free at present to finally accept of it.

Interview of the Cuban Envoy with Secretary Fish—Reticence Concerning Cuban Affairs.

Mr. Lemus, the Cuban Envoy, with Mr. Ruiz, of the Cuban Junta, arrived here to-day from New York. Their movements have been unusually secret, but it is understood that they had a private interview with Secretary Fish during the day, at which Cuban matters were discussed, especially the new phase which affairs have taken relative to that island in Spain. Late in the evening Messrs. Lemus, Ruiz and one or two members of the Junta held a private conference, the result of which has not been made known. Mr. Ruiz left to-night for New York. It is said that in a short time important developments will be made relative to the relations between Cuba and the United States. The Secretary of State, as well as the Cubans, maintains a reticence which makes it impossible to obtain any positive information as to what is going on, but from the wise looks and ominous head-shaking it is evident that events of unusual importance are about to transpire.

The Alabama Claims Treaty.

The administration has not, contrary to report, restricted Minister Motley in the reopening of the negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama claims, although it was thought, at the time he received his instructions, it would be expedient to wait until the excitement in England caused by the Senate's rejection of the Clarendon-Johnson treaty had subsided before again entertaining the subject with her Majesty's government. But it was never contemplated that Mr. Motley should neglect any favorable invitation or opportunity to renew negotiations. It is no secret that he was specially instructed on the subject of the naturalization protocol which was ratified by the Senate; but Parliament has yet to pass the law necessary to carry it into effect. He has since been engaged in the negotiation of a consular treaty, a measure considered of much importance by this government.