

Cuba—Prim and Napoleon.

Napoleon will not touch the Cuban question. Our special cable report from Paris published this morning leaves no room for doubting the fact that his Majesty so assured General Prim during his second audience at court. The Emperor, indeed, advised the General to negotiate with the Cabinet in Washington, and sell to the American people, if he could, instancing, in a delicate yet really forcible manner, his own experiences in Mexico, as illustrative of the utility of a timely retreat from an untenable position. Prim replied that he was not personally opposed to the imperial plan, but feared that his countrymen would be found in some measure intractable on the subject. Spain, we are told, is in a blaze on the Cuban question just now, but the Spaniards will soon cool down, if only under the soothing words of a Bonaparte. This is just what we supposed and have said. General Prim's intrigues in Paris amount to nothing. The language of very late news is "that at a recent interview with General Prim the Emperor renewed his declaration of absolute non-intervention in the affairs of Spain, and declined to accede to the request that France should make representations against the recognition of the Cuban insurgents as belligerents by the United States." Napoleon, as he acknowledges, has had quite enough of meddling in affairs on this side of the Atlantic, and will make no other experiment. Prim had better return to Madrid and advise the Regent Serrano to accept the hundred millions for the independence of Cuba at once.