

CUBA.

GEN. LFSCA RELIEVED—THE SPANISH BANK.
HAVANA, Dec. 4.—Gen. Lescas is sick, and Gen. Calbo is ordered to relieve him of the command of the troops in the Cinco Villas District. A Spanish war steamer arrived from Cadiz yesterday with a battalion of troops; also, the family of Capt.-Gen. De Rodas. The Spanish Bank will issue six millions in currency as an additional loan to the Government. The steamship Bavaria sailed for Hamburg to-day. Arrived steamship Rapidan and brig Havana, from New-York; ship David, from Cardiff.

THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Cuban partizans are preparing for a great battle in both houses of Congress on the subject of their recognition by the United States Government, either as an independent republic or as belligerents. Petitions have been forwarded to every postmaster in the country, all the members of State Legislatures, United States officers throughout the country, and all prominent citizens whose names could be procured, with a request in each case to obtain all the signatures possible and forward it to some member of Congress. A petition some long and as large as a barrel will be presented by Senator Cameron tomorrow. By actual count there are on this petition 29,748 bona fide names.

THE PHILADELPHIA PETITION.

Mr. C. H. Needles, jr., has brought to Washington a petition, signed by 29,748 citizens of Philadelphia and neighborhood, asking Congress to accord to the "Infant Republic of Cuba" the rights of a belligerent power, and to recognize her independence. The first 200 names were signed in the Union League Club of Philadelphia. Duplicates of the petition were placed about ten days ago in the leading factories, workshops and industrial establishments, as well as in public places of that city, without reference to party. Among the signatures are manufacturers, merchants, statesmen and others. The petition is wound on a reel or cylinder, and when uncoiled measures nearly five thousand feet.

INTERVIEW OF CUBANS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Messrs. Fesser, Exhererria, Dalmonste and Canero waited on the President on Saturday. Mr. Fesser stated that his Cuban countrymen asked for no particular assistance, but objected to the present course of the United States as one-sided, and calculated to help the Spaniards unreasonably. The latter could take all kinds of supplies away from the United States, but the Cubans were not permitted to send off munitions, provisions or vessels. In answer to a reminder of the President that Cuba was not a recognized government, Mr. Fesser hoped to have it otherwise. The United States, he said, tie one of our hands, and allow Spain to have both hands free; why let us have fair play. Mr. Fesser earnestly pleaded for belligerent rights, but elicited no other reply from the President than that he could do nothing but carry out the country's laws. Congress, which would soon meet, would, he said, adopt that course which would be in its judgment the best. Gen. Sherman and Admiral Porter were afterward seen by Mr. Fesser and his associates, and expressed sympathy for the Cuban cause.

THE SPANISH GUNBOATS.

The argument on the motion to discharge the Spanish gunboats from the custody of the Marshal was to have been heard in the United States District Court, before Judge Blatchford, pursuant to previous arrangement. Judge Blatchford informed Mr. Webster of counsel for claimants that the time agreed upon had arrived. Mr. Staughton of counsel for claimants informed Judge Blatchford that he understood that District Attorney Parrett had a motion to make in reference to the matter. District Attorney Parrett now came into court, and moved that the matter be laid over to next Wednesday, as it would be impossible for him to proceed before then. The other side knew his reasons for not desiring to proceed, and would, he believed, make no objection to his motion. Counsel for claimants said that as they understood that public business of an important nature would prevent the District Attorney from going on with the case before Wednesday they would not object to the motion.

Mr. Parrett said he would like Wednesday or any other day later, but he could not proceed before Wednesday.

Counsel for claimants said they would not file the motion to cover later than Wednesday, and Judge Blatchford put the argument down for that day at 11 a. m.