

CUBA.

HAVANA, January 19.—A small army of government officials, of all classes, arrived from Spain. Old and tried public servants, many of them native Cubans, have been discharged to make room for them. These removals have caused much public feeling.

Gen. Sturm arrived in the steamer from Mexico, and sails to-day for New York.

Count Valmaseda has officially informed Gen. Dulce that he took possession of Bayamo, the headquarters of the insurgents, on the 16th. The rebels, on retreating, set fire to and totally destroyed the town.

Valmaseda reports that previous to the occupation of Bayamo he defeated the rebels at Curto del Embarcadro and Paso Rio Salado. He adds that the rebel forces are scattered in small parties over the country, and are supplying themselves with provisions by pillage. Most of the bands are retreating to the mountains.

The official report of the battle of Paso Rio Salado states that the rebels lost 120 killed, with a proportional number wounded. The loss of the Spanish troops is not given. The Diario says the proclamation of Captain-General Dulce has produced good results in the Central Department of the Island. The same paper reports that several attempts were made to assassinate Spanish soldiers in the streets of Havana.

A meeting of leading Liberal Cubans was held yesterday. It was resolved unanimously that the Cubans should insist on autonomy of island; that independence granted by Spain, with all the guaranties necessary to insure its permanency, would solve all the difficulties and evils which afflict the country. This resolution is regarded as a declaration of the political faith of the Liberal party. The Preussa, reviewing an article on the subject in the Verdad, a Liberal paper, says: "If the Cuban party insist on continuing the fight against Spain, it must do it with the object either of throwing the Island into arms of United States, or of forming a republic separate from Spain. This renders it necessary for Spaniards to reduce them to loyalty by force of arms, but should the Spaniards be attacked by foreigners and perhaps compelled, by superior force to leave the Island, they should leave it in ruins and ashes."

A letter from the the American Consul at Neuvas, dated 14th, says news has been received there from Puerto Principe that the rebel forces, 6,000 strong, under General Quesada, were advancing on that city, which was defended by Colonel Mena with a garrison of 3,000 men. Ample preparations had been made to receive the insurgents. The city was in thorough condition of defense. In view of the intelligence from Bayamo, it is doubtful whether Quesada will persist in his movement. The Spanish commander was confident he could repulse any attack of the rebels.

The Bishop of Havana has sent an ecclesiastic to investigate the case of the parish priest of Trinidad, now in jail on a charge of infanticide.