

CUBA.

The Commissioners to the Rebels—The Siege of Nuevitas.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

It is reported on good authority that the Commission, which left for Nuevitas yesterday to meet the rebel chiefs at Bayamo, is fully empowered to concede pardon and political rights and liberties, on the basis that the Island of Cuba shall continue under the flag of Spain.

The United States steamer *Gettysburg* has returned from Nuevitas. The rebels were closely pressing the siege of the town. The garrison had turned one of the churches into a fortress, and with the assistance of the Spanish vessels of war in the harbor, were holding out until reinforcements could reach them. A detachment of troops sent by land to their relief was defeated by the insurgents. The latter have no artillery, but are well supplied with Spencer rifles, which they use with effect.

The planters of the surrounding country were much disheartened by fears of famine.

A large party, about 400 in number, consisting mostly of cigar makers, attempted to leave the city in a body on Monday last, on the Western Railroad. It was suspected that their object was to produce a revolt in the town of Candelaria. All who had passports were allowed to proceed, but the rest were detained, and obliged to return home. Up to the present moment there has been no disturbance whatever in Candelaria.

Captain-General DULCE is working industriously to reconcile the political factions here and make the extremists listen to reason, and is personally gaining ground in the esteem of order-loving citizens of all parties.

An amnesty proclamation by the Captain-General appears in the *Gaceta* to-day. It releases all political prisoners, terminates all trials for political offences now in progress, and holds out unconditional pardon to all insurgents who lay down their arms within forty days.

Transports, with 1,500 fresh troops from Cadiz, reached Havana this morning.

The Hamburg American Steamship Company's steamer *Teutonia* arrived here to-day from New-Orleans, on her way to Hamburg.