

**Importance of the Victory at Puerto del Padre—Successful Landing of Filibustering Expeditions—Spanish Dread of American Filibusters—Cubans Masters of the Situation.**

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Intelligence received here by the friends of Cuba represent that the fight at Puerto del Padre was of more importance than at first reported. The effect of the defeat of the Spanish troops was decisive, almost destroying the effectiveness of the Spanish forces in that portion of the island. It opens up direct communication with the coast, and enables the forces of the Cuban army to protect the landing of reinforcements from the United States. The friends of Cuban independence here are very solicitous to hear from General Jordan's command. It is known that for some days he has been in close proximity to a large Spanish force and a collision was imminent at any time. Generals Cespedes and Quesada are reported to be confident that they are masters of the situation and that the independence of Cuba is a certainty. Every expedition which has left the United States has successfully landed and joined General Quesada's army, and now compose a formidable and effective force and are a terror to the government troops. In every collision they are the victors. They waste no ammunition. Every shot is represented as certainly fatal in its effect.

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