

Progress of the War in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Cuban letters received here give accounts of several engagements between the insurgents and Government troops, in which the former were successful. The Cubans succeeded in cutting off all communication between Neuviñas and Puerto Principe, and hold all the intervening country. The Spanish troops are now confined to these cities, and are suffering severely from disease and want of supplies.

Quesada has a large number of prisoners, including several prominent Government officers, whom he is holding as hostages for the proper treatment of his men in the hands of the Spaniards. The Cubans have possession of several points on the coast, affording direct communication, including a battery of artillery, with 3,600 men from the United States successfully landed near Neuviñas, and are now a part of Quesada's forces. Sickness is reported as abating, and Quesada and Jordan expect soon to take the field with a force fully equal to their enemy.

Story of Spanish Atrocities in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—An interesting letter relative to the Cuban situation is received from a Spanish gentleman, who went to Cuba several months ago to claim an inheritance that had been left him. He says that at Neuviñas he learned that nine Creoles were going to be presently shot. They marched near him with firm step, with heads erect and with looks of brave determination. Arrived at the fatal spot, they seated themselves on a bench already prepared, and at the sound of the officer's voice who gave the order to fire, they cried out, "Hurrah for Cuba!" "Hurrah for Céspedes!" After they had fallen the volunteers stuck their bayonets into their bodies. At Gibara he saw a group of armed men marching toward a house of modest appearance. Anxious to see what was to be done, he followed them. Arrived before the door they halted, while three of the number entered. The latter presently reappeared with a young man, crying out, "Here is no insurrecto; here is Marabí!" "What do you wish?" said the young man. "If it's I whom you seek, I am at your service; but don't frighten my father and mother." Without ceremony the volunteers seized the speaker, and dragging him along the road, they struck him repeatedly with the butts of their muskets. When they got to the cemetery they ran him through with bayonets. From Santiago de Cuba come a thousand atrocities that were committed by the infamous Francisco Perez, to whom the Governor of that part of the island has intrusted the direction of matters. Guanatonia Barcos, a man wanting in every sentiment of humanity and every moral principle, has been robbing and assassinating every Cuban whom he believed to be liberal. Whole families in the vicinity have been murdered by this bandit. Young and old were butchered, and his companions not being satisfied with the villainy committed there, passed to Barcos, where, aided by a few other assassins, they went from house to house. Hundreds of persons in this way were murdered with the full consent of the authorities.