

CUBA.

Three Mysterious Prisoners—Conflicts with Insurgents—The Upton Expedition—A Fight at Fort Barrabas.

HAVANA, June 9.—Three men, who appeared to belong to the best class of society, have been captured in Cayo Cruz. On their persons was found correspondence with CESPEDES and other rebel leaders. They refused to give their names, and were taken to Puerto Principe for identification. No later news has been received concerning the *George B. Upton* expedition. Official dispatches from the Captain-General's headquarters at Puerto Principe report that a column had arrived from La Guanaja. They came by way of the Sierra de Cubitas, the scene of a former battle, and while marching over the old ground during the night they were fired on by the rebels in ambush. The troops were prepared and returned the fire. A sharp fight followed, at the end of which the rebels fled, leaving on the field twelve dead, including their Chiefs AGUERE and MADRINATES. Col. MONTANER's column had also had an engagement, in which fourteen insurgents were killed, among them some officers. Particulars of the latter affair had not yet been received from Col. MONTANER. The insurgents attacked Fort Barrabas, in the Villa-Clara District, which was garrisoned by colored troops. The assault was repulsed with a loss to the rebels of twelve killed. The garrison lost three negroes killed and six wounded. It is reported that the new tariff will go into operation on the 1st of July. The duties on cattle imported into the island are reduced one half for the next six months.

The Reported Sailing of a Privateer Doubtful.

LONDON, June 9.—Dispatches have been received here from the United States inquiring as to the truth of a telegram sent from here, to the effect that the steamer *Chieftain* had recently sailed hence for Cuba, to be used in the interests of the insurgents. It is proper to state that after diligent inquiry no one can be found who has heard of this occurrence.