

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Sickness in Havana—General Increase of Taxation—War News—The New Cable.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Sept. 17, 1870.

If the world needed additional proof of the dwindling of the insurrection in Cuba, it may be found in the circumstance that the *Voz de Cuba* and *El Diario*, journals of this city, devote to it so small space in their columns—not one quarter that formerly filled with details of operations had and opinions as to what might occur. Even the volunteers talk less; their loyalty is less effervescent, and ultra Spaniards of all classes are less violent. Perhaps the sickness prevailing here has something to do with this apparent stagnation of feeling, for truly disease is rife in Havana now-a-days. Vomito is a resident with us, and consequently attracts little attention, fatal as it is. Cholera begets fear in the minds of many, and increasing rapidly for the past two weeks, it now assumes alarming proportions. Official accounts of deaths from cholera would seem to denote that the disease was mild, but the journals published this morning articles regarding the best methods of treatment, &c., &c., and well-informed townsmen place the number of deaths daily at one hundred or more. The disease is of a fatal character, proving fatal generally in less than twelve hours. Many of the corpses are taken from the houses at night to the cemetery in order to avoid notice, but the move is, however, a bad one, for as these people live out of doors a great deal, especially in the evening, and as interments usually take place either in the early morning or during the afternoon, before dark, and never, except in cases of epidemics, at night, funeral processions at night call attention.

TAXATION.

Los Leales in Cuba are taxed quite as much as at any previous time. A new law relating to the various uses (and they are legion) of stamped paper, taking effect Dec. 1, published in these days, has produced general dissatisfaction among all classes. It covers everything—the merchant, retail dealer, tradesman, professional man, in fact all who need account books must have them stamped at so much a leaf. Letters to the authorities must also be written on stamped paper; bills of exchange, whether drawn here or in foreign countries, if payable here; receipts and documents of every description must be stamped.

WAR NEWS.

Reports from the various military departments in the insurrectionary districts give as the total loss to the insurgents during the past fifteen days, 300 killed, 15 wounded, 30 prisoners, and 300 persons surrendered. CESPEDES, MODESTO DIAS, GARCIA and PERALTA are supposed to be in the Los Tunas section; MEXIMO GOMEZ in the Eastern Department, and BEMBETA with ROLOFF in the Cinco Villas jurisdiction. Excessive rains and prevalent sickness have prevented both sides from acting with energy for the past two months, and the casualties above mentioned occurred in a territory 200 miles by 40, within which are at least 25,000 soldiers.

THE NEW CABLE.

The submarine cable from Santiago de Cuba to Jamaica was successfully laid this week, under the supervision of Sir CHARLES BRIGHT. The line is being worked daily hence to Santiago de Cuba, and from Cuba to Jamaica it will be opened to the public in a few days. The insulation is perfect, plenty of business is offered, and the stockholders are likely to reap rich rewards for their investments.

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