

CUBAN ITEMS.

The New York correspondent of the *Prensa* very laboriously strives, in his letter published in the issue of the 25th ultimo, to represent the Cuban cause as utterly dead in the United States, and gives a burlesque account of the arrival here of General Céspedes. He quotes the *HERALD's* strictures on the policy of our government and exults in the belief that the latter will do nothing but maintain a neutrality, denying Spain only what she does not want, and depriving the Cubans of every shadow of assistance.

The *Prensa* of the 23d of March gives a column of statements setting forth the pains and penalties inflicted by the Baez government upon numbers of officers and civilians who had refused to vote in favor of the annexation of St. Domingo to the United States.

At Cienfuegos, Don Blas Rodríguez was killed on the 22d of March in the private bathhouse of Don Antonio Grace by a custom house officer whom he had endeavored to prevent from entering the baths while some ladies were in them. The affair caused intense excitement, as the victim was greatly respected.

The death of a prominent merchant, Don Joaquin Manzano y Sepúlveda, at Santiago de Cuba, is announced.

The material necessary for the establishment of the telegraph stations from Bayamo to Jiguani had arrived at Manzanillo.

The *Diario de Cienfuegos* is the name of a new journal published in the Spanish interest at Cienfuegos. It is similar in size and appearance to the *Gaceta* of Havana.

On the 19th of March the Festival of St. Joseph and the Virgin was celebrated with the solemnity due to one of the most important holidays of the Catholic faith in all the churches of Havana.

The Havana papers, one and all, continue to predict the early collapse of the patriot cause in Cuba, and report from various sections hitherto insurgent the return of the inhabitants to complete tranquillity and their resumption of field labor. The only particulars, however, adduced to sustain this view relate to the movements to and fro of Spanish detachments, the capture of women and children and the merciless execution of Cuban prisoners.