

## Advises from Admiral Hoff—The Late Engagement.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Navy Department has dispatches from Rear Admiral Hoff, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, dated Key West, June 19 and 24. They contain news of great importance. Havana is reported quiet, and no apprehension is entertained of any disturbances. Some account is given of the recent engagement between the Government troops and insurgents. The brigade of Ferrici, which left Nuevitas on May 27, to reinforce Puerto Padre, returned in a pitiable condition, the cholera having broken out among them. They secured their object, the conveying of a train from Puerto Padre to Las Tunas, in the interior. They were harassed, and finally attacked at Labrenosa, by the rebels, who were repulsed with a loss of eighty men. The Spanish loss was seventy-six killed and wounded. The insurgents were given credit for bravery and for retiring in good order. There was a report of an intention on the part of the Spaniards to give up the railroad between Nuevitas and Principe.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Dispatches received by a near lady relative of the General in command of the Cuban forces, now residing near this city, give a full account of the attempt to succor the Spanish forces in Los Tunas. A train, with a force of from 1,500 to 2,500 men as guard, was sent to relieve the garrison at that place. They were intercepted by a squad of Gen. Marmal's cavalry, and a large portion of the train captured. In the contest the Spanish loss was over 200. They succeeded in reaching Los Tunas with a portion of the train, and found the garrison suffering from cholera and acclimating fever, which had almost rendered it helpless. After a few days the disease broke out among the re-enforcements. The encampment was vacated, and after severe loss the garrison succeeded in their retreat.

In the Cinco Villas district the forces under Lesca have been repulsed with considerable slaughter, and the whole territory regained to the Cuban army. The result has given courage to the inhabitants, and recent outrages perpetrated by Lesca, and the fact that no quarter is to be given to revolutionists, whether actively engaged in the field or in sympathy with the cause, has inspired the inhabitants with intense hatred of Spanish rule, and driven thousands into the army of Quesada. Thus reinforced he has ordered an active offensive movement by the entire army, and dispatches received state that he has regained a number of important positions, and is now master of the Northwestern portion of the island.

It is also reported that the instructions of the new Captain General de Rodas are to carry out the policy Dulce; that of conciliation and positively to control the volunteer organizations and maintain the supremacy of Spain, and that orders have been issued to prevent the committing of such atrocities as were recently committed by Gen. Lesca, in the Cinco Villas District. The effect of this policy upon the volunteers, has been to produce dissensions throughout the entire organization. The volunteers who have given adhesion to De Rodas' administration by the surrender of the control of forts, arsenals and other important positions are denounced as traitors.

HAVANA, July 3.—Gen. Buello has been ordered to relieve Gen. Latona, Commanding General of the Central Department. He sailed this evening with 1,000 fresh troops for Nuevitas, whence he will proceed direct to Puerto Principe. The Prensa says the number of insurgents around the latter place has largely increased, but cholera and yellow fever were making havoc among them. Nuevitas is as healthy as usual at this season.

Captain General de Rodas is gaining general sympathy by his attempts to pacify the allies. Sanguinary insinuations have been falsely attributed to him. He is now busily engaged in the investigation of the cases of the prisoners confined in the forts, with the object of ordering the release of the innocent. Volunteers are offering themselves for active service in the Cinco Villas District.

HAVANA, July 4.—Captain General De Rodas to-day reviewed the regular and volunteer forces in and around the city. He was received by the volunteers with enthusiastic cheers. The Captain General has released several political prisoners.

The deputies elected to the Constituent Cortes from Porto Rico, have sailed for Spain.

An arrival from Caracas, June 22d, reports that General Belgar, President of the Department of Zoulia, had collected an army of 6,000 men and was importing material of war with the intention of resisting the authority of the federal Government. The port of Maracaibo, which was recently closed by federal decree, is situated in the department of Zoulia. A commission had been sent from Carraco to pacify that section of the country.