

CUBA.

DEFEAT OF THE SPANIARDS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—News has been received direct from Espedez, by the Cubans in this city, confirming fully the defeat of the Spanish forces in attempting to open the railroad from Neuvas to Puerto Principe. The date and channel of receipt is kept private for prudential reasons. The loss of the Spaniards is set down at about 1,000 in killed and wounded. The Cuban force is stated to have been 3,500 men, under Quesada, entrenched on the road, and the Spanish numbered about the same. The fighting was by far the severest which has taken place during the war. The battle was decided by the arrival of the Marquis of Santa Luco with 4,000 men, a large number of whom were mounted, but who, though very poorly armed, made a desperate and successful charge on the flank of the Spaniards. Of 500 colored troops, a little over 400 shot their officers and went over to the Cubans. The remainder are neither with the insurgents nor Spaniards, and are supposed to have taken to the woods. All the baggage, provisions and ammunition of the Spaniards carried in ton cars, and dragged on rails by oxen, together with the dead and the chief part of the wounded were abandoned to the Cubans, who, after the battle, went six miles to San Miguel, where they destroyed the barracks in sight of the retreating Spaniards. The loss of the Cubans is given at several hundreds. Vessels since returned to the United States had a few days before landed arms and ammunition. The Spanish General Letona is reported wounded, but whether in that action, is not said. Cespedes and the insurgents feel confident of success.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A special to the New York Herald, dated Havana, 22, via Key West, 23, says: "Information has been received here of the landing of three hundred filibusters near Gibrara. There was an obstinate fight with troops on the shore, in which the Spanish captured two cannon and lost thirty-two men, and the insurgents lost eighty killed and wounded. The result is unknown. Fighting is reported near Trinidad and Cienfuegos, with heavy losses and appalling atrocities on both sides. Remedios is in a state of anarchy. The insurgents are ubiquitous in that jurisdiction, and small bands of Spaniards and Cubans are engaged in mutual murder and robbery."

HAVANA, May 22.—In future all American vessels entering the ports of Cuba will be charged the same tonnage dues as Spanish vessels.

The rains, which have prevailed here for the past few days, have ceased.