

FROM HAVANA.

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The DIARO has advices from Villa Clara, dated the 15th, which asserts that in spite of the presence of rebels in the district, a majority of the population are loyal.

It states that news from Santiago, the 12th, show there were five deaths from cholera in that city on the 9th. The epidemic was increasing in violence in the surrounding country. Negroes destitute of food were returning to the plantations. There were frequent desertions from volunteers, the men fearing cholera.

Gen. Mariñal has gone to the western department, and 500 troops have been sent to Palma and Sarians.