

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

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Cuban advices up to the 2d inst. state that active preparations have been commenced by General S. Jourdon and Quesada. The principal points on the coast are now in possession of the Cubans, with power to hold them against any land force that can be brought against them, from which points they have communication with their friends in the United States.

The Cuban leaders state that, were their rights as belligerents recognized by the United States, such would be its effect in Cuba that in less than thirty days they would have entire possession of the island outside of Havana, and that entire possession would only be a question of a few months' time.

The Cubans throughout the island are in sympathy with Cespedes's government, and a disaffection of the Spanish troops would leave the Spanish government without an army to oppose the Cuban armies. It is reported that there is serious difficulty in the volunteer organizations, and numbers in the interior are joining the Republicans with arms and munitions of war.

A force of four hundred men were sent out from St. Jago de Cuba, commanded by Colonel Puello. This force was captured by Gen. Jourdan's troops. A force was sent out by Gen. Valmaseda to reinforce them, and were in turn attacked and defeated with a loss of half their numbers.

It is reported that the Spanish have been driven out of the Cinco Villas district, with severe losses in killed, wounded and desertions.

The Cubans are successful in every engagement, and are now in possession of the entire territory, the wealthiest and most productive on the island. This greatly increases their strength, and affords facilities for active operations, giving them full supplies for their army.

The Spanish troops are reported to be in such a demoralized condition as to be almost beyond control. Their officers are fearful to trust them in an engagement.

In General Jourdan's department he has, so far, accomplished his purpose. His troops are inspired by their successes, and he has no doubt of ultimate triumph.

A corps of slaves who landed in the Cinco Villas district were all captured, and immediately liberated by their captors. Their condition is reported as wretched in the extreme.

General Quesada's forces are closing on their opponents, who have no troops outside of Nuevitas, except those confined in Puerto Principe.