

CUBA.

Accounts of Recent Engagements—Defeat of a Spanish Reconnoitering Force—The Affair at Las Tunas—The Spaniards Seek the Shelter of their Fortifications—The Eastern District in the Hands of the Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Advices from the Cuban forces have been received in this city up to the 20th ult. In these letters the friends of the Cubans have accounts of the several engagements which had recently taken place between the Spaniards and Cubans. The Cubans for some months have invested the town of Puerto Principe. On the 12th, General PUELO sent out a force, numbering 700, as a reconnoitering party. They were attacked and defeated with a loss of almost the entire command in casualties, desertions and prisoners. The town of Puerto Principe is reported deserted by General PUELO's troops, who, after the recent engagement, retreated to Nuevitas.

These letters report that VALMASEDA's forces, which had moved out from Las Tunas, had attacked the Cuban troops who were concentrating near that point under General QUESADA. The Spanish troops, composed of the entire strength of General VALMASEDA's force, and commanded by VALMASEDA in person, consisted of 2,500 regulars and 1,500 volunteers. With this force General QUESADA was attacked, and, after an engagement of four hours, the Spaniards were repulsed with very severe loss. The Cuban loss was over 100, while that of VALMASEDA was much larger. VALMASEDA retreated to Las Tunas, and, under cover of the fortifications of that place, secured protection for his troops, the Cubans not being supplied with the artillery necessary to attack so formidable fortifications.

The Cubans now occupy the entire Cinco Villas District, and the territory of the Eastern Department, commanded by General JORDAN. The Spanish troops and volunteers occupy the sea-coast towns and coast fortifications. A fight is reported near Puerto Lo Grande, in which the Spanish force, numbering over 700, was defeated. It is reported that after the first fire the troops deserted in a body to the Cubans, leaving their officers, who were captured and paroled by General JORDAN.

Generals QUESADA and JORDAN assert their confidence in the result, and their ability to secure Cuban independence.

The Spanish Version of the Attack on Las Tunas.

The following was received from the office of *El Cronista*, the New-York organ of the Spanish in Cuba:

HAVANA, Sept. 7.—CESPEDES and QUESADA, with six thousand men, attacked Las Tunas, which was garrisoned by four hundred sick and invalid soldiers. Considering the victory sure they published an enthusiastic proclamation. They were repulsed with a loss of five hundred men, many arms and a flag. It was a complete rout, so much so that they dared not oppose, in the least, the column of BENEGASI—only five hundred strong—which arrived the next day, safe and sound, with a large convoy, at Las Tunas.

A Cuban Expedition—A Party in Worcester.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 8.—It is reported here to-night that a party of men left this city on the afternoon train for Providence, stating that they were to enter a vessel awaiting them below that city, and were bound for Cuba, to enlist in the Cuban army. They stated that they had received \$500 each as bounty money, and were to be well paid for their services. The exact number of the party is not known.