

# TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

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## THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

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## CUBA.

Advance of the Spanish Troops from La Guanaja to Puerto Principe—Battle of the Sierra de Cubitas—Reported Defeat of the Liberals—Heavy Losses on Both Sides.

HAVANA, March 8, 1869.

The government has received and made public official despatches giving details of the advance of General Lesca from La Guanaja to Puerto Principe.

On this march the heaviest engagements since the beginning of the rebellion was fought. General Lesca found the enemy, to the number of 4,000, strongly entrenched on the Sierra de Cubitas. Artillery was brought up and commenced a vigorous fire upon the works. Covered by the batteries a column of regular troops, 1,500 strong, attacked the enemy's fortifications with the bayonet. Both sides fought with determination, and the havoc was fearful. General Lesca reports his loss at thirty-one killed and eighty wounded. The loss of the rebels is estimated at 1,000 killed and wounded.

The government accounts claim a victory for General Lesca, and assert that the insurgents are much disheartened by their defeat.

A detachment which left Puerto Principe for Santa Cruz to obtain supplies brought to that port by the fleet, returned on the 2d instant, having made the march both ways without serious interruption.

The entire available strength of the rebel forces now under Quesada is 7,000 men.

The Peruvian Monitors Sighted—General Puello Gone from Santo Espiritu—Bandits in the Eastern Department—Arrival of Priests—Markets.

HAVANA, March 8, 1869.

The commanders of a British gunboat and a French steamer which arrived here to-day report that they passed in the Bahama channel the Peruvian monitors in tow of two steamers, with a Spanish man-of-war following in their wake.

General Puello has left the town of Santo Espiritu. He has divided his command into three flying columns to scour the country. The *Diario* reports that the rebel leaders in the province of Santo Espiritu have deserted their men.

In the Eastern Department bands are roaming between Holguin and Gibara and committing great depredations and outrages. They carry the rebel flag, but are disowned by the insurgents themselves and denounced as bandits.

A steamer arrived here to-day from Cienfuegos with a number of prisoners, among them four priests.

Sugar market quiet. Sales were made on the basis of 9½ reals per arroba for No. 12 Dutch standard. Exchange on London, 10 a 11 per cent premium; on Paris, par; on United States, 60 days sight, in gold, 1 a 1½ per cent discount; short sight, par a ½ per cent premium; in currency, short sight, 24½ per cent discount.