

The News from Cuba.

Our telegraphic advices from Cuba show the efforts which are being made by the colonial authorities to put down the insurgent movements in the Villa Clara, Trinidad and Sagua district. Success in that district is of vital importance, as it is a sugar producing region and lies contiguous to the Western Department, the great seat of Cuban production and wealth. But our despatches also show that the emancipation policy of the Cubans is producing an effect in leading the negroes to abandon the plantations and join the insurgents. This policy will no doubt extend and contribute essentially to the destruction of the Spanish power. The negroes are the laboring and hardship-enduring portion of the population of the island, and are much better versed in tropical woodcraft than the whites, either Cubans or Spaniards. This, with their power of physical endurance under deprivation, gives them great advantages over the troops, who can ill withstand the sun and rains of the tropics.

The angry feeling which the Spanish volunteers entertain towards Americans resident in the island is continually showing itself in the arrest of citizens on trumped up charges of complicity in the revolution. The case of Mr. Codrington, our consular agent at Gibara, who has been arrested, his business broken up and himself taken in irons to Havana, is a case in point. To-day we hear of another arrest, Mr. Casanova, charged with complicity in the seizure of a steamer. The urgency of these cases, and the fact that the Spanish government refuses to entertain diplomatic communications from our consuls, makes it urgent upon our government to instruct our naval commanders in those waters to look into every case of wrong and require of the Captain General immediate reparation. If reasons are required let the navy furnish them. Another step we expect from Congress, which is the immediate passage of the Banks resolution conferring upon the President power to recognize the patriot government in Cuba when in his judgment it shall be opportune. This will do much towards securing the safety of our citizens there and will give a great moral impulse to the cause of freedom.
