

## Important from Cuba—Defeat and Retreat of Spanish Troops—American Volunteers Engaged.

From Havana by way of Key West we have advices reporting the progress of the Cuban revolution to the 12th instant and conveying intelligence to the effect that a sanguinary engagement had taken place between the patriot forces, aided by a number of American and Dominican volunteers, and the Spanish soldiers, which resulted in the defeat and retreat of the latter. The battle was fought on the 3d instant, at Las Minas. The Spaniards, numbering twelve hundred men, under command of General Lesca, attacked an entrenched position held by the insurgents, under the personal orders of General Quesada. Quesada placed the native Cubans in front, covering them with four hundred American and Dominican volunteers, the latter having orders to fire on them if they ran. The Cubans fought desperately. The Spaniards assailed the position three times, using the bayonet with vigor. Two assaults were repulsed by the Cubans. The third attack being exceedingly severe, the insurgent defenders began to waver, when Quesada ordered his rear guard to the front, thus driving the Cubans into the ranks of the enemy, when a terrible hand to hand conflict ensued, at the termination of which, after a terrible butchery, the Spaniards gave way, retreating in good order, with a loss of four hundred and sixty in killed and wounded, the revolutionists losing two hundred men. Quesada's men burned the town of San Miguel in sight of the retreating Spaniards, and it is thought that they will henceforth act on the offensive, being flushed with victory, and confident in the ultimate success of the cause of independence. Spaniards at a safe distance from the scene of danger predict the triumph of the cause of Spain, but we must say that their news becomes very gloomy when we read of Cuban patriots and American and Dominican volunteers being united for one common, glorious issue.