

It will be seen from the correspondence and accounts from Spanish and insurgent sources which we publish in another column to-day that the Spanish government makes little or no progress in putting down the revolutionists, who continue to hold at least one-half of the territory of the island. Great exertions were made to concentrate forces under General Letona at Nuevitas for the purpose of opening the rail communication between that port and the large city of Puerto Principe, and the result of the campaign has been looked for with great interest by both Cubans and Spaniards, as it was supposed that this would exercise a marked influence on the course of the war. As all the lines of communication are in the hands of the Spaniards the slow and meagre dribblets of intelligence from the scene of operations would seem to indicate that results are not so favorable to the Spaniards as they had hoped for.

It seems that General Letona has committed a mistake in encumbering his operations with a supply train for the relief of the garrison of Puerto Principe. He thus has on hand at one time the triple operation of protecting the train, clearing the country of the enemy and reconstructing the railroad. If he had any hopes of opening the road it would seem to have been better to have left his supply train safe in Nuevitas until he had the road fairly in operation. As affairs now stand it looks very much as though he is only fighting his way through a region occupied by the enemy for the sole purpose of relieving the garrison of the beleaguered city from hunger, as did General Lesca two months ago. If this is the fact, the operations of the government exhibit a remarkable weakness.

From other portions of the island the general tenor of advices is that the operations of insurgent bands continue unchecked in the country, and reinforcements are called for, with a constant complaint of the inefficiency of local commanders. The enthusiasm of the Spanish volunteers in Havana does not seem to hold up at the fever heat it exhibited in the early days of the year, and the fact that the most wealthy among them are remitting their funds to Spain, and some even contemplate going in person to Madrid to induce the general government to modify General Dulce's sequestration decrees in view of the possible retaliatory effect on Spanish property in Cuba, has a signification in it that all can see. The truth is, there is a great difference between the words and the deeds of the Spanish portion of the population in Cuba.