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Cuban Reports of the Second Battle of Puerto Padre—The Spaniards Repulsed with Heavy Loss—Prospects of the Insurgents—Recruits from Washington Gone to the Southern Coast.

WASHINGTON, June 15, 1869.

Intelligence has been received here from Cuban sources of the fight which took place between the revolutionary forces and the Spanish troops near Puerto del Padre. The Cuban troops, numbering 2,000, were attacked in their entrenchments by the Spaniards with a force of nearly double that number, who were twice repulsed. The loss of the Cubans was less than a hundred in killed and wounded, while that of the attacking party was three times as great. The Spaniards retreated, leaving a number of their killed and wounded on the field. The result of this battle has had an encouraging effect upon the Cuban army which is reported to be gaining strength every day from the very best portion of the people of the island. The want of harmony between the officers in command of the government troops in the field and the volunteers who have taken possession of the government of the island is exhibiting itself in the demoralization of the Spanish troops and the large number of desertions to the Cuban army. This condition of things has given a new impetus and strength to the Cuban cause, the leaders having no doubt of ultimate success.

A number of recruits, mostly from Virginia, left here yesterday and to-day to join a force which is rendezvousing on the southern coast preparing to join the Cuban army.

Appearance of the Cholera at Nuevitas—Depression of the Havana Markets—Elections in Porto Rico.

HAVANA, June 15, 1869.

The cholera has become epidemic in Nuevitas and the surrounding country. It is unusually malignant in its attacks, and in the majority of cases the result is fatal.

The insurgents have burned the towns of Niquas and Camarones.

The Havana markets are dull. Merchants are indisposed to do business in the present unsettled state of affairs.

In Porto Rico the elections for members of the Spanish Cortes have been completed and verified. The deputies will depart for Madrid immediately. The island of Porto Rico remains tranquil.
