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## Defeat of the Spaniards Between Puerto Padre and Las Tunas—Convoy Captured—Capture of the Schooner La Have.

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Yesterday the news reached here of another severe engagement between Puerto Padre and Las Tunas. Brigadier Ferrer, with the Fifth mobilized volunteers and some regulars, consisting together of about 800 men, was conducting a convoy to Las Tunas, when he was attacked and after a hard fight was driven back to Puerto Padre with the loss of his train. He seems to be in a bad condition, as he immediately sent here for reinforcements. What is left of the battalion La Union went this morning to join him. At present it is impossible to get further details. On the 12th the Spanish war steamer Fernando El Catolico arrived here, having in tow the English schooner La Have as a prize. This schooner was at Inagua for some little time watched by the Fernando. A steamer finally arrived and, taking her in tow, started to sea; the war vessel followed, and when between Inagua and Cape Marsi, from fifteen to twenty miles from the Cuban coast, took possession of her. The steamer was let go. It is probable she was intended for Hayti. Her cargo consists of thirteen cannon, two of which are 200-pound Parrots; several 100-pounders and two field pieces, eleven gun carriages, 7,500 feet of lumber, 1,400 kegs of powder, 300,000 cartridges, 1,200 shells and solid shot, twenty-three saddles, a large number of military caps, 1,500 reams of paper, and a quantity of picks, axes, shovels, &c. She goes to Havana to-day.

The cholera has somewhat abated. Indeed, there have been no cases except among the soldiers, and they have lost very heavily. The battalion La Reina lost nearly half their number between the time of their arrival from Puerto Padre and their return there.