

Cuba.

Captain General De Rodas has issued a proclamation closing certain ports on the east end of the island, and declaring all armed vessels transporting filibusters to be pirates. Spanish cruisers, however, are directed to observe the usual restrictions as to the right of search in boarding vessels.

The iron-clad Centaur has been sent to Santiago by the Navy Department to aid the investigation in the case of Speckman, who was recently executed by the volunteers. The Seminole and the Dictator will follow immediately and several of the heaviest iron-clads later. The officials at the Navy Department have no fault to find with Admiral Hoff and he will not be relieved except at his own request.