

CUBA.

Reports from Patriot Sources—Movements and Operations of General Jordan—Successes of the Cubans—Capture of Four Hundred Men—Demoralization of the Spaniards.

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Cuban advices up to the 2d inst. state that active preparations have been commenced by Generals Jordan and Quesada. The general points on the coast are now in possession of the Cubans, with the power to hold them against any land force that can be brought against them; from which points they have communication with their friends in the United States. The Cuban leaders state that were their rights of belligerents recognized by the United States that such would be its effect in Cuba that in less than thirty days they would have entire possession of the island outside of Havana; and that entire possession would only be a question of a few months' time. Cubans throughout the island are in sympathy with the Cespedes government, and the disaffection of the Spanish troops would leave the Spanish government without an army to oppose the Cuban armies. It is reported that there is serious difficulty in the volunteer organization, and numbers in the interior are joining the republicans with arms and munitions of war. A force of 400 men were sent out from Santiago de Cuba, commanded by Colonel Puello. This force was captured by General Jordan's troops. A force was sent out by General Valmaseda to reinforce them, and were in turn attacked and defeated, with a loss of half their numbers. It is reported that the Spaniards have been driven out of the Cinco Villas district, with severe loss in killed, wounded and desertions. The Cubans are successful in every engagement, and are now in possession of the entire territory, the wealthiest and most productive on the island. This greatly increases their strength and affords facilities for active operations, giving them full supplies for their army. The Spanish troops are represented to be in such a demoralized condition as to be almost beyond the control of their officers, who are fearful to trust them in an engagement. Everywhere in General Jordan's department he has so far accomplished his purposes. His troops are inspired by their successes, and have no doubts of ultimate triumph.

The cargo of slaves landed in the Cinco Villas district were all captured and immediately liberated by their captors. Their condition is represented as wretched in the extreme.

General Quesada's forces are closing on their opponents, who now have no troops outside of Nuevitas, except those confined in Puerto Principe.