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Skirmishes Near Jaguey Grande and Ciego Avila—The Usual Spanish Victories—News Items.

HAVANA, August 18, 1869.

Captain Marcos recently attacked near Jaguey Grande a force of rebels 300 strong, who came from the jurisdiction of Cienfuegos. After a short fight the rebels were dispersed with a loss of ten killed.

A detachment of troops accompanying a train of provisions along the south coast to Ciego Avila was attacked on the road by the insurgents and compelled to fall back, suffering some loss, but saving the train. Reinforcements arriving the troops again advanced, attacked the insurgents and succeeded in reaching Ciego with their convoy.

The steamer Missouri, from New York, arrived to-night.

The steamer Washington sailed to-day for St. Nazaire, and the steamer Liberty for Baltimore.

Exchange on London steady; on United States, sixty days sight, in currency, 23 per cent discount.

Patriot Accounts—Insubordination of the Slaves—Movements of Quesada and Jordan—Several Skirmishes—Conscription.

WASHINGTON, August 18, 1869.

Letters from Cuba to the 9th inst. give encouraging accounts of the hopes and situation of the revolutionary forces. The recent general conscription ordered by De Rodas, at the command of the Volunteer *Ayuntamiento* at Havana, it is said, has the effect of largely increasing their forces. The order gives great satisfaction to the Cuban leaders, who report themselves prepared for active field operations. The feeling of discontent and insubordination among the slaves is reported to be increasing, and they are now beyond control. They demand their freedom, and exact from the Spanish government their liberty, as declared by the Caspedes government; and, denied this, they are organizing and arming themselves for the purpose of joining the Cuban army.

Several contests have taken place between the negroes and the Spanish troops. The negroes successfully defended themselves, even against superior forces. General Quesada has had several skirmishes with portions of the force of Lesca, and reports that his forces have been successful and have taken a number of prisoners, who are held as prisoners of war, and that the desertions and voluntary enlistments from the enemy have greatly increased his force. In a week or ten days he expects to take possession of Nuevitas, and have control of a fortified town on the coast.

General Jordan's army is being gradually reinforced by Cubans conscripted, whose sympathies are with their countrymen. The Spanish forces in his district are inactive, and he is confident that everything is working right for Cuban independence, and that in a short time his recruits will be organized and made effective, and that the few positions held by Valmaseda in his department will fall into his hands. Both of the generals commanding and the President of the republic of Cuba express the most positive belief that the revolution will be successful, if not by the force of arms by the force of circumstances.