

CUBA.

Spanish Forces in the Interior Heavily Reinforced—Active Campaigns to be Inaugurated—Capture of Holguin by the Cubans—Successful Landing of Filibusters.

WASHINGTON, August 8, 1899.

Advices from Cuba to the 30th of July received in this city to-day state that the Spanish troops in the insurrectionary districts have been reinforced by all the disposable forces on the island ~~now~~ in active operations. In the Cinco Villas district there have been several contests in which small parties were engaged, but in every instance the Spaniards were defeated. It is reported that in these engagements the Spanish loss in killed, wounded and prisoners amounted to nearly 400. These reinforcements are sent principally to the district commanded by General Jordan, and the campaign promised to be very active; but on account of the setting in of the rainy season both parties are compelled to suspend operations. The town of Holguin is reported to be in possession of the Cubans, with its fortifications and stores. The Céspedes government will be removed to that place as the position is a very strong one. The Cubans continue to be reinforced by volunteers from the United States. Two hundred and twenty-five, recruited in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, succeeded in landing on the 28th and joining General Quesada's forces. They carried with them arms and ammunition and a large supply of camp equipage. The health of the Cubans is stated to be good.

Skirmishing Near Cinco Villas.

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Three skirmishes have recently taken place near Cinco Villas, in which twenty insurgents were killed.

The British man-of-war *Phœmel* arrived here last week and sailed yesterday.