

CUBA.

De Rodas' Latest Decree—Medicines and Salt Contraband Articles—The Markets.

HAVANA, Sept. 8, 1862.

The Captain General has issued a decree declaring salt and medicines contraband of war, and prohibiting their transportation into the interior without permits, describing the contents and giving the destination of all packages.

The sugar market closed firm at unchanged quotations. Operations are limited, owing to the scarcity of classes demanded for shipments.

The steamers Yazoo, from New Orleans, and Missouri, from New York, arrived this morning.

Another View of the Puerto Principe Fight—The Town Reported Deserted by the Spaniards—Victory of the Cubans Near Puerto le Grande—Confidence of Quesada and Jordan in the Cause—Subsequent Movements of Both Forces.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 1862.

Advices from the Cuban forces have been received in this city up to the 20th ult. In these letters the friends of the Cubans have accounts of the several engagements which had recently taken place between the Spaniards and Cubans. The Cubans for some months have invested the town of Puerto Principe.

On the 12th General Puelo sent out a force numbering 700 as a reconnoitering party. They were attacked and defeated with a loss of almost the entire command in casualties, desertions and prisoners.

The town of Puerto Principe is reported deserted by General Puelo's troops, who, after the recent engagement, retreated to Nuevitas. These letters report that Valmaseda's forces, which had moved out from Las Tunas, had attacked the Cuban troops who were concentrating near that point under General Quesada.

The Spanish troops composed the entire strength of General Valmaseda's force, and commanded, by Valmaseda in person, consisted of 2,500 regulars and 1,500 volunteers. With this force General Quesada was attacked, and after an engagement of four hours the Spanish were repulsed with very severe loss. The Cuban loss was over 100, while that of Valmaseda was much larger.

Valmaseda retreated to Las Tunas, and, under cover of the fortifications of that place, secured protection for his troops, the Cubans not being supplied with the artillery necessary to attack so formidable fortifications. The Cubans now occupy the entire Cinco Villas district and the territory of the Eastern Department, commanded by General Jordan. The Spanish troops and volunteers occupy the sea coast towns and coast fortifications.

A fight is reported near Puerto le Grande, in which the Spanish force, numbering over 700, was defeated. It is reported that after the first fire the troops deserted in a body to the Cubans, leaving their officers, who were captured and paroled by General Jordan.

Generals Quesada and Jordan assert their confidence in the result and their ability to secure Cuban independence.

Party of Adventurers En Route from Providence to Join the Cuban Army.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 8, 1862.

It is reported here to-night that a party of men left this city on the afternoon train for Providence, stating that they were to enter a vessel awaiting them below that city and were bound for Cuba to enlist in the Cuban army. They stated that they had received \$500 each as bounty money and were to be well paid for their services. The exact number of the party is not known.