

# FOREIGN NEWS.

## CUBA.

### SPANISH ACCOUNTS FROM THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT—ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO.

HAVANA, April 23.—According to the Havana journals the news from the Eastern Department has of late been favorable to the Government. No great results are announced, but several skirmishes, in which the Spanish troops were victorious, are reported. The two vessels captured by the Union off the Vueta-Abaja coast, prove to be wreckers. An order has been issued by the Governor of Porto Rico prohibiting vessels from entering the harbor of San Juan at night.

### MOVEMENTS OF GEN. LESCA—DISSATISFACTION WITH GEN. QUESADA.

Advices from Nuevitas to the 26th inst., have been received. Gen. Lesca left Nuevitas last week on his return to Puerto Principe, and on Friday had reached San Antonio without firing a shot. Gen. Letona and Escalante, with the Catalan volunteers and mobilized colored troops, marched from Nuevitas on the 26th for Puerto Principe. Four thousand men were actively engaged in making temporary repairs on the railroad between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe, in order that provisions may be transported to the latter point before the rainy season sets in. It is reported that the insurgents are dissatisfied with Gen. Quesada, because he is always organizing and never fighting. The insurgents still hold Napoleon Arango prisoner. They have also arrested an American named Robert Stevens for condemning the detention of Arango. A Government tug-boat had brought into the port of Nuevitas, as a prize, a schooner with a crew of five men on board, but no cargo. Dates from Santiago de Cuba are to the 23d. The American brig Germania was wrecked off Inagua. Her cargo, consisting of munitions of war, was nearly all lost. The wreck was in charge of the customs officers.

### REPORTED SAILING OF AN EXPEDITION FOR CUBA—RUMORED CONFLICT BETWEEN A MONITOR AND SPANISH MEN-OF-WAR.

The Government received notice that an expedition had left the Gulf for Cuba under the escort of a steamer, and two war vessels were dispatched to intercept it. On the receipt of later information the Admiral of the flagship Gerona sailed from the harbor early Sunday morning on a tugboat. There is an exciting rumor in circulation that a conflict has taken place between a monitor and the Spanish men-of-war, and that one of the latter was sunk and another captured. The insurgents have reappeared in the vicinity of Sagua-la-Grande and again destroyed the railroad.

## SPAIN.

### THE ADVOCACY OF ATHEISTICAL PRINCIPLES NOT PERMITTED—A MOTION AGAINST RELIGIOUS TOLERATION REJECTED.

MADRID, April 23.—In the Cortes yesterday one of the Republican members made a speech in which he advocated atheistical principles, and alluded to the Christian religion in terms of disrespect. He was interrupted by Senor Rivero, the President of the Cortes, who declared that the Deputy could not be permitted to continue his remarks.

The Republicans, indignant at the decision of the President, withdrew from the Chamber. They subsequently returned to their seats, and proposed a vote of censure against the President. A stormy debate followed, and terminated in the withdrawal of the resolution.

Canon Monterola's amendment to the Constitution in favor of maintaining the present unity of the Catholic religion and worship in Spain, was rejected.