

FOREIGN NEWS.

CUBA.

SEVERE BATTLE AT LAS MINAS—DEFEAT OF THE SPANIARDS.

HAVANA, May 12, via Key West, Fla., May 13.—Private letters have been received from Rebel sources, giving accounts of another battle between the Spanish troops and the insurgents. It took place on the 3d inst., at Las Minas. The Spaniards numbered 1,200, and were under the command of Gen. Lesca. The revolutionary force was commanded by Gen. Quesada in person. One report says, before the fighting commenced Quesada posted the native Cubans in front protected by intrenchments, and placed a force of 400 Dominican and American volunteers in their rear, with orders to fire upon them if they ran. Thus placed between two fires, the Cubans fought with desperation. The Spaniards attacked the intrenchments three times with the bayonet. The two first assaults were repulsed by the Cubans; the third was very determined and severe, and the Cubans began to waver, when Quesada ordered the rear guard to the front. They advanced, driving the Cubans into the front ranks of the enemy. A hand-to-hand combat ensued, in which the butchery was horrible. The Spaniards finally gave way and retreated, but in good order. Their loss is estimated at 100 killed and 300 wounded; that of the Cubans at 200 killed and a proportionate number wounded. The forces of Quesada after the fight marched to San Miguel and burned the town in sight of the retreating Spaniards. It is generally believed that the revolutionary leaders have changed their policy in the field, and in future will fight instead of retreating to the mountains on the appearance of any considerable force of Government troops.

In the battle at Altagracia, which took place on the 1st inst., the Cuban loss was 200, and the Spanish 180 killed and wounded. The Spaniards here regard the result of these actions as fatal to the cause of the rebellion, but the Cubans are jubilant over them as the first great successes of the war for independence.

THE CREW OF THE SCHOONER GALVANIC RELEASED.

The crew of the schooner Galvanic have been released, and taken to Jamaica by the British gunboat Heron. The insurgents have reappeared in the vicinity of Santa Cruz.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE TIMES ON THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

LONDON, May 13.—The Times, to-day, has an editorial article on the rejected Alabama treaty, wherein it is asserted that the Government of Great Britain, in submitting to an arbitration on the question at all, conceded everything that was originally demanded or expected by the American people, and everything that it was possible to concede.

REVERDY JOHNSON'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OFFICE.

The Hon. Reverdy Johnson to-day sent a dispatch to Washington informing the Secretary of State of his formal withdrawal from the office of Minister to England. After giving in some detail an account of the friendly farewell reception by the Queen, Mr. Johnson says: "This terminates a mission which has been conducted on my part with zeal and fidelity, which has fulfilled to the letter the instructions of my Government, and which has aimed to protect the rights, preserve the honor, and promote the interests of my country."

THE IRISH POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—MR. BRIGHT'S LAND SCHEME DENOUNCED BY EARL RUSSELL.

MIDNIGHT.—In the House of Lords, this evening, Earl Russell inquired what plan the Government proposed to adopt for putting a stop to the outrages which had lately been so frequent in Ireland. He followed his inquiry with some remarks, in which he deprecated the land scheme of Mr. Bright as likely to unsettle the Irish people. He called upon the Government to discontinue all visionary schemes, and state clearly what it intended to do.

Earl Granville, the Colonial Secretary, regretted continual recurrence at the present time to this topic. He said the Government was not disposed to state its policy, nor was he authorized to give an opinion on Mr. Bright's plan. Lord Derby urged an exposition of the ministerial policy and a disavowal of Mr. Bright's opinions. The reticence of the Government was dangerous to the best interests of Ireland. After a sharp passage between Lords Derby and Kimberley, the discussion was dropped. At the close of the session this evening, the House of Lords adjourned until the 27th of May.

In the House of Commons to-night, Mr. Otway, Under Foreign Secretary, said Spain had declined to accord a new hearing in the Tornado case. The detailed reasons assigned by Spain were now under consideration of the Law officers of the Crown.

Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of War, in reply to some intimations which had been thrown out, said the Government had no intention of countermanding the orders for the reduction of the troops in Canada under the existing circumstances.

The Irish Church bill was reported from the Committee. Several amendments were proposed, and the bill was recommitted with the understanding that the vote on its third reading shall be taken on the 31st of May.

The Hon. Reverdy Johnson took formal leave of the Queen to-day, and at the interview presented Mr. Moran as Charge d'Affaires until the arrival of Mr. Motley.

THE DONCASTER SPRING MEETING.

The Doncaster Spring meeting commenced to-day. The hopeful stakes of 10 sovereigns each, half forfeit, with 10 sovereigns added by the Corporation of Doncaster; colts, 122 lbs., fillies and geldings, 119 lbs., penalties and allowances; the second to receive 20 sovereigns out of the stakes; about 5 furlongs:

Mr. Pryor's b. f. Sister, to Meda by Lambton, out of Christabelle..... 1
The Duke of Newcastle's b. c. Kennington, by Oxford, out of Polygna..... 2
Mr. Ray's br. c. Green Riband (late Boreby Head) by Knight of St Patrick, out of Beecham..... 3
Four ran.

ITALY.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

FLORENCE, May 13.—The following is the latest arrangement of the Cabinet: President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs—Gen. Menabrea; Minister of Commerce—Minghetti; Minister of Education—Bargoni; Minister of Justice—Filippo.

PERSIA.

LARGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS.

LONDON, May 13.—Later advices from Tiherran report that the authorities have made about 500 arrests of persons who participated in the recent religious riot.

ern Railroad. The bill authorizes the purchase of all the above-named roads, and limits the capital stock of the new corporation to the capital stock and amount of indebtedness of the several roads with the railroad and steamboat lines now leased by them, while the corporation is also empowered to buy, the whole to be upon terms mutually to be agreed upon, and to be raised by a majority of the stockholders of each road at a meeting called for the purpose. It is understood that all the roads above mentioned are in favor of the consolidation. A hearing upon the matter will be given at a future day. The bill for the annexation of Dorchester to Boston passed the senate to-day.