

HAVANA, Feb. 23.

General Dulce has issued a proclamation to the volunteers, announcing he is about to commence a vigorous campaign against the rebels yet in arms. He tells the volunteers they have been misled by the machinations of their enemies and advises them to remain quiet and obey superior officers. The citizens were greatly alarmed and intense excitement and agitation prevailed all day yesterday, but partially subsided in the evening when it was known that the danger had been averted by the firmness of General Dulce.

The plans of the volunteers were discovered early in the day and the officers went among the men and exhorted them to abstain from violent acts and obey authority. But the influence of the officers was not strong enough and it is certain that the resolute conduct of the Captain General and Gen. Espinar of the regular army alone prevented the commission of disgraceful acts.

The insurgents had a battle with the troops at Mayajigua near Remedios and defeated them, capturing the town.

Frequent accounts are received of smaller engagements in the vicinity of Trinidad Cienfuegos and Villa Clara, with results sometimes in favor of the troops.

A dispatch from Spain was received yesterday afternoon announcing the organization of a force of 3000 volunteers for service in Cuba.

The *Prensa* publishes as authentic accounts of the situation in the Central Department. It says that persons living in the country abandon their houses and estates, and take refuge in cities. Insurgents are to be found in every province of the Department. They subsist on the country, but take only the property of Spaniards. The rebels in the jurisdiction of Cienfuegos have artillery, and their cavalry is well mounted. The troops sent in pursuit of them are infantry. The *Prensa* adds: "It is useless to indulge in illusions as to the state of affairs in the interior. We must acknowledge that the condition of the inhabitants could not be worse." There is no other political news of importance.

At *Santo Espiritus* the government was conscripting all the male citizens over 17 years of age for military service.

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The city of Sagua la Grande has been declared in a state of siege.

An insurgent force 400 strong is operating in that jurisdiction. Several plantations have been laid waste and the buildings on them destroyed by the rebels in the vicinity of Sagua and Remedios.

Sugar closed firm at further advance, No. 12 quoted at 10½ reals.

CABLE NEWS.

Madrid, Feb. 23. Gen. Caballero de Roda is to succeed Gen. Dulce as Governor General of Cuba.

In the Cortes yesterday Serrano officially announced the resignation of the Provisional Government. Gen. Prim, the Minister of War, in an address assured the House that the late dynasty would never re-ascend the throne. Admiral Tofote, Minister of Marine Affairs, asked the House to pass an act of indemnity for its acts during the recent revolution. Subsequently the House passed a vote of thanks to the retiring Provisional Government, although the republican members opposed it with much unanimity. The House also, by a large vote, entrusted Marshal Serrano with full executive powers for the time being, and granted him authority necessary for the formation of a new Ministry.
