

## CUBA.

### **The Reported Negotiations with Spain—What Minister SICKLES Demands—The Aim of the Volunteers.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—A private letter dated Madrid, from an entirely responsible source, repeats that Minister SICKLES has offered the United States as a mediator between Spain and the Cubans, the propositions being, as stated in the American newspapers, that slavery be abolished in the island; the Cubans to pay Spain for the public buildings, fortifications, &c.; and it is equally true that while Spain does not reject the mediation, there are serious obstacles in the way of accommodation. The impression among many of the Spanish statesmen is, however, that the island will eventually pass from the possession and control of that Power. It is stated that the preliminary demanded by Spain is, that the Cubans shall lay down their arms—a condition with which, it is ascertained, they will not comply, if for no other reason than that they have no guarantee of protection in such an event from the Spanish volunteers, who, according to report, aim at the absolute control of the island, and have a secret organization to that end.

### **An Engagement near Contramaestre River—Reported Surrender of Insurgents—An Incendiary Proclamation.**

HAVANA, Sept. 2.—Colonel CANIZAL's forces have had an engagement with the insurgents near Contramaestre River, and killed sixteen of them.

Eighty men, twenty of them armed, presented themselves before Colonel CANIZAL, and asked for pardon and protection.

An incendiary proclamation was yesterday posted throughout the City of Havana. It is reported to be the work of insurgent sympathizers.

### **Cuban Volunteers at Fort Gaines, Ga.—Arrival of the United States Deputy Marshal—General Terry Asked for Troops—Revenue Cutters to Cruise the Coast.**

MACON, Ga., Sept. 2.—A large party of men, enlisted for the Cuban army, are at Fort Gaines, Ga. United States Deputy Marshal COX arrived there to-day, and telegraphs that the citizens are unable to cope with them, and asks for troops. A dispatch has been forwarded to General TERRY, asking for a company of troops to be sent to the fort by special train to-night. District-Attorney MILLEDGE telegraphed in return to the effect that he will be here in the morning, and also the United States Marshal from Savannah. Revenue cutters have been ordered to cruise off the coast to intercept the filibusters, if they should succeed in getting away. Great excitement prevails here, as many who joined the expedition are men under age. The United States Commissioner's Office has been crowded all day with anxious parents, to hear if the authorities have succeeded in stopping the party. The party had a special boat chartered to take them down the River Apalachicola, and are reported as being under the command of Major BRIDGEFORD, formerly of General LEE's staff.