

## Spanish Accounts of the Military Situation.

### ASTOUNDING CLAIMS OF VICTORIES.

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Official Accounts from the Various Departments—Astounding Stories—Reports of Landings—Meeting of the Spanish Club to Consider Rodas' Coming—The Puerto Padre Fight—The Sequestration.

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From the official accounts of certain operations in the interior, published in the *Gazette*, I collate the following:—The military commandant of Guantánamo, under date of the 7th, states that the party of filibusters, composed of 100 Americans, Mexicans and Dominicans, who landed in that jurisdiction were discovered at Bartiquiri by the forces of Captain Gunmez, who attacked them at the point of the bayonet, compelled them to fly, and captured three loads of accoutrements and munitions, 3,000 Remington rifles, several guns and two flags. The troops had only three wounded. The captain of the Guardia Civil found 403 Remingtons, forty boxes ammunition and two pieces of artillery abandoned on the beach.

The commandant at Mayari, under date of the 5th, announces the arrival there of General Buceta, who in a reconnaissance with the "Corona" regiment on the peninsula of Ramon, found two pieces of mountain artillery which the insurgents had left there, with a large quantity of cartridges.

Colonel Lopez Camara, under date of the 5th, at Santiago de Cuba, gives an account of the fight at the Camp St. Simon. He attacked the rebels with a company of engineers, twenty of the Leon regiment, forty regulars, fourteen Reina cavalry and two volunteers of Los Dos Caminos. The rebels numbered from 800 to 1,000, white and black. Soon after the firing commenced the troops made a bayonet charge, which caused the complete dispersion of the enemy. The troops destroyed more than one hundred huts and four houses, situated in the centre of the camp, the enemy's headquarters; also forges, carpenters' shops and other establishments. They captured two cannons, a quantity of munitions and some horses. The troops had ten wounded.

The Commanding General of the Central Department, under date of the 24, states that on May 25 he ordered Lieutenant Colonel Yoller, with four companies of the colored mobilized volunteers of Havana, with a squadron of the Reina cavalry, to Listado, three and a half leagues from Minas, to escort some families desirous of coming to the last mentioned place. An insignificant fire was kept up on the party, but the object of the mission was consummated with the loss of one colored dead and another wounded.

The Commanding General of Santiago de Cuba, under date the 6th, states that on the 5th a party of 150 rebels attempted to molest a small detachment near the plantation Santa Isabel. An available force under Ensign Rosadu was sent out. It forded the river Guarnicu and compelled the enemy to take refuge in the Vega Canado, one and a quarter leagues distant; having come up with him again he was again dislodged by a bayonet charge. The enemy continued firing while retreating for fifteen minutes, causing only one wounded. The commandant of Holguin, under date of the 9th, states that on the 7th, despite the floods consequent on the heavy rains, he sent a small force to Cuba, a point two and a half leagues to the south, where rapid firing had been heard. The troops came up with the rebels in ambuscade and the lancers attacked intrepidly, killing an American colonel. The enemy gave way, leaving behind one howitzer and two boxes of ammunition. On the field were found fifty-five dead bodies, forty-nine guns, three rifles, sixteen lances, many revolvers and sixty horses. The loss on our side was two killed and six wounded volunteers and three soldiers wounded. Having been reinforced by fifty artillerymen the column returned to Holguin. The enemy fell back on Bijaru, twelve leagues from Holguin.

The Commanding General of the Cinco Villas (Lescas) yesterday transmitted the following telegram:—"The enemy attacked Ciego Montero this afternoon and was repulsed by the detachment stationed there. The latter, having been reinforced by a section of cavalry and some volunteers, attacked and defeated the insurgents, who had fifteen dead and several wounded, losing besides fifty horses, three loads of munitions and a quantity of arms. We had no loss."

The following is the published list of arms captured in Jojo, between Baracao and Guantánamo, from a party of 100 filibusters, who came from St. Domingo and landed on that coast:—Two mountain howitzers, with carriages; 24,000 (?) Spencer rifles, 20,000 Armstrong cartridges, 550 Armstrong percussion guns, 168 ramrods, and several other articles.

These official accounts are after the model of those published by Lersundi, and no doubt contain about the same amount of truth.

A meeting of the Spanish Club took place at the Theatre Tacon last evening to consider the situation with reference to the arrival and probable policy of Rodas. The results are of course not made public, but it is well understood that a determination is felt to have a clear understanding with the new Captain General, and the meeting was held to establish unity of action.

Three hundred of the additional Guardia Civil, lately organized at the expense of the planters and for their protection, have been compelled to take the field in an emergency.

The steamers Pajaro and Triunfo, just arrived from Santiago, Gibara and Nuevitas, brought nearly 200 troops, mostly wounded and some sick; among the former are several officers.

The following have been officially declared as comprehended in the sequestration decree of April 29 last:—

In the Insurrection.—Luis Tejada, Juan Tejada, Pablo Rebusillos, Julio Villasana, Antonio Pacheco, Miguel Pacheco, Donna Clotilde Tamayo de Marmol, Eduardo Marmol, José Pacheco, Donato Marmol, Raimundo Marmol, Justo Marmol, Jesus Perez, Carlos Manuel Ospedez, Francisco Aguilera, Lucas Castillo, Felix Figueredo.

Abroad.—Isidro Palacios, Manuel Fernandez, Francisco Agramonte, Fernandez Cuevas, Desiderio Murillo, Felipe Vefanea, Buenaventura Martinez, Jose Robert, Francisco de P. Bravo, Pedro Boudet, Francisco Lemaur, Lorenzo Pedrosio, Narciso Foxa. Absent from Matanzas.—Severino Cabalero, Juan Andricain, Sebastian Alfredo Morales, Juan Francisco Lazo.

*La Voz de Cuba*, in speaking of the fight which took place between Puerto Padre and Las Tuñas, admits that the insurgents "attacked the troops with great furia, rabid as they were with hunger;" that the struggle was an obstinate one, sustained for a long time hand to hand; that there was great carniserta (butchery), and that after the insurgents were defeated some presented themselves still declaring that they would rather be shot than die of inanition. The same journal mentions that among various feats of heroic valor on the part of the troops one case deserves notice. An artilleryman being in want of "fire lances" he pumelled a piston on the ear of the cannon and pumelled it with a stone, succeeded in firing the gun and causing the grapeshot to create great havoc among the insurgents, who were whirled, as it were, from before the cannon's mouth.

*El Pabellon Nacional* of Cienfuegos of the 11th contains the following:—

"IMPORTANT.—Action by the column which Colonel Salinas commands between Camp Alta and Azules—Defeat of the Insurgents—Capture and conveyance of the rebel Generala Dona Pastora Gonzales, apprehended by the forces under the chief of police, Zurbano.—Yesterday at half-past two o'clock P. M. the disciplined militia of Guines entered the town, commanded by N. Zurbano, conveying among