

Captain-General de Rodas proclaims, to quote the words of the Havana telegram, that the rebellion in Cuba is much reduced in extent. So, too, is the army of Spain; so likewise the field of Spanish operations; and everybody knows the reason. Cholera and fever have reduced the files of Castile; the corruptions of officers and the fury of volunteers have equally reduced the prestige and power of Spain in her island. The late decamping Captain-General Dulce was a specimen of one much reduced, in health and rank, and Gen. de Rodas—may he profit by his example. We might hope the order declaring that only robbers, burners, and assassins shall be judged to death by court-martial, and that all other offenders shall be given over to the ordinary civil remedies, is a proof that the new Captain-General has so profited. But we have no assurance of this. It will be easy for the Spanish courts-martial to condemn the great mass of their prisoners as either robbers, incendiaries, or assassins, as they list, and for the civil courts to inflict the severest penalties on those who fall into their hands. That the claws of the wild-beast Government in Cuba are pared, and that Spain has a hundred reasons of self-interest at this time for dealing moderately with her escaping Province, are reasons for hope that the administration of De Rodas will assume a great deal of forbearance if it has it not. But our hope is not founded on the mercy of De Rodas or the good-will of his volunteers.

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