

# GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

## CUBA.

### **Losses at Sea—More Insurgent Leaders Captured—Cuban Ex-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Sentenced to the Garrote—A Slander Denied.**

HAVANA, Nov. 29.—The American schooner *Frank Palmer*, from Matanzas, for Key West, was lost at sea on Friday last. The crew were saved.... Col. BARRIOS, Gen. CAVADA'S Chief of Staff, has been captured by the Cuban forces near Cienfuegos.... The Spanish gun-boat *Alarma* is ashore at Ensenada de Cachinas. The cannon was removed to lighten the vessel, with the hope of getting her off; but the effort to haul her into deep water was abandoned, and it is believed now that she will prove a total loss. The cannon has arrived at Cienfuegos.... Col. CABRERA, an insurgent leader, who had command of the party belonging to JESUS DEL SOL during the severe illness of that famous chief, surrendered himself and his men yesterday.... CHRISTOBAL MENDIOLEA, the Ex-Cuban Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and formerly editor of the Havana *Siglo*, was captured at Quasimas, and is among those lately sentenced to death by the garrote, as leaders of the rebellion. Col. MARIN reports that fifty insurgents were killed in the engagement in which MENDIOLEA was captured.... *La Integridad Nacional*, a newspaper published in Madrid, recently contained a series of foul slanders against FRANCIS SANVALLE, the celebrated naturalist and owner of the Regla Slating Foundry. The slanders were that SANVALLE was an insurgent General, that he had assassinated eleven Spaniards, that he then caused a fire of faggots to be built, on which were placed the bodies of his victims, and that when the torch was applied himself and his band danced around the blazing mass. SANVALLE is incapable of such barbarities. He is an American, far advanced in years, devoted to his science, and has never meddled in the revolution. Throughout the island he is much respected because of his accomplishments, and has a high standing in social and scientific circles.

HAVANA, Nov. 29.—Advices from Nassau report the arrivals there of the American men-of-war *Tuscarora* and *Pilgrim*, Nov. 21. Two boats, containing fourteen men, from Cuba, had arrived at Nassau.

### **The Execution of Adolfo Varona, Private Secretary of Gen. Quesada—Full Particulars—Important Dispatches to the Provisional Government Taken from his Person.**

From a private letter received from Havana we have particulars of the last movements of Col. ADOLFO VARONA, whose execution by Spanish guerrillas was briefly noticed by telegraph. Col. VARONA left this port on the 4th of October last by the steamer *Virgin*, bound for Curacao, in company with Gen. QUESADA, having previously arrived with him in this City from Cuba. On arrival at that place VARONA was commissioned to take dispatches of the highest importance to the Provisional Government in Cuba. For the purpose of disguising himself, a small sloop was chartered to convey him to the coast of Cuba, where he reached after an uneventful voyage. Dressed as a simple laborer, he made his way through the Spanish lines mounted on a horse he purchased the day after his arrival; and when challenged he showed a passport which he had obtained from a fisherman for \$50 and the promise of returning it within fourteen days. On the fourth day of his travel, while visiting in a hut situated in a sugar plantation in the jurisdiction of Manzanillo, he was set upon by several of the bands who had seen his passport and knew the man whom he represented himself to be. They forthwith called in some Spanish guerrillas, and he was shot dead on the spot. The dispatches he carried were found secreted in the lining of his coat, were seized and forwarded at once to the Captain-General, DE RODAS, at Havana, in whose hands they are at the present moment.

#### SKETCH OF VARONA.

ADOLFO VARONA was born in 1830, at Puerto Principe, of wealthy and respected parents. In his eighteenth year he went to study medicine at Paris, and after walking the Hospital Maison Dieu, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of chemical surgery, he graduated as an M. D. In addition to this, he distinguished himself as a linguist, speaking and writing several languages with elegance. At the commencement of the revolution in Cuba, he offered his services to QUESADA, who accepted him gratefully, and they afterward became firm friends. In the army he performed the double functions of Colonel and Surgeon, and showed great courage and skill in both departments. On his recent arrival in Cuba he addressed a letter to a friend at New-York, commencing, "I write this in Cuba Libre." This letter was handed to the Captain of the ship, with instructions to post it at Jamaica, and in due course it has reached here. Many erroneous reports have been spread in Cuba and this City as to the identity of VARONA. The telegram gave his name as BAMLETTA, but subsequently corrected it; and the *Diario de la Marina*, of Havana, states the name as A. VARONA. It was also reported that it was LOUIS VARONA, brother of CHARLES, the leader of the insurrection in Camaguay.