

## VENEZUELA.

**Quesada and Guzman Blanco Aid Each Other—Maracaibo to be Blockaded by Cuban Filibustering Steamers—Cuban Belligerency to be Acknowledged in Return—60,000 Men Killed in Ten Years of Civil War.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

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The near approach of a large body of revolutionary forces has created a considerable stir at this port, and GUZMAN'S party are jubilant. It is thought that if they succeed in capturing Maracaibo, their final triumph is assured. In so far as GUZMAN is concerned, he is leaving no stone unturned to effect his object, and he is engaged in several intrigues to add strength to his means. He has been for some time secretly negotiating with the Cuban leader, QUESADA, with the view of gaining his co-operation in the blockade of Maracaibo, for which he offered a *quid pro quo* that was particularly tempting to QUESADA. It is now considered certain, though not yet publicly declared, that the negotiations have terminated favorably to both. GUZMAN is to obtain the aid he needs, and QUESADA and his party are to be acknowledged belligerents by the Venezuelan Republic when GUZMAN comes into power. The blockade of Maracaibo will shortly take place, the Cuban steamer *Virgin*, under the Venezuelan flag, being one of the blockading squadron. QUESADA has also promised the aid of the other steamers shortly to arrive in these waters. In return, the Cubans are not only to be acknowledged belligerents, but are also to be allowed to obtain recruits and supplies from Venezuela. This alliance so strengthens the Guzman party that a speedy termination to the war may be expected in his favor. The *Virgin* was at Porto Cabello, painting and refitting.

### EFFECT OF THE CIVIL WARS.

The fearful effects of the civil wars which have raged almost continuously, may be realized from the fact that, according to statistics for the last ten years, upward of 60,000 persons have been killed. A lamentable state of things to contemplate in this unhappy Republic.

### SEVERE FLOODS.

In Cuento, on the borders of Venezuela, there have lately been very severe floods. The beautiful bridge which spanned the River Cucato has been carried away, and considerable damage otherwise has been done to the coffee fields and plantations in the neighborhood and along the river banks. The losses will be very heavy, but have not yet been ascertained.

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