

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP MORRO CASTLE.

The steamship *Morro Castle*, which left Havana Feb. 5, and touched at Nassau, N. P., reached this port last evening. Purser R. W. ALBERT will accept our thanks for the prompt delivery of our Havana correspondence.

Havana News—The Death of Castanon—Funeral of a "Martyr"—After Scenes—Indirect Retaliation for the Crime.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 5, 1870.

The death of CASTANON has been the all-absorbing topic. PUELLA, GOYENECHÉ and the other Generals were all forgotten, the whole interest centering in the name and tragic end of him who defied DULCE and caused his removal by an armed force, and who, only a few weeks ago, came out as the bold champion of liberal institutions and freedom, daring single handed, and without regard to consequence, not only the power of the Spaniards, but also their individual hatred. Such men as CASTANON are the men of the hour, called into existence by the requirements of circumstances, unknown in the morning and famous at night. Impulsive and enthusiastic to a fault, he was at times led by his opinions to commit errors which he regretted afterwards. His dislike and hatred of the insurgents made him say things at times which in cooler moments he would have recalled, had it been possible. At times the idol and again the object of strong dislike on the part of his own countrymen, his existence could only be likened to that of a meteor. Bitterly hated by the Cubans, and, in some respects, with reason, he nevertheless was respected by them as an open enemy, like his companion, Mr. GELPI, of the *Prensa*. Both journals were feared, hated and yet were read with interest, because they freely expressed the aims and objects of the Spanish party in strong contrast to the once powerful and respected *Diario*, which was and is treated with the most complete indifference and a certain contempt by both parties, because it has not yet made up its mind to act the respectable part, as it did formerly, and once more make its columns conspicuous for that decency and discrimination for which it was once famous. CASTANON left here on Saturday last, with the intention of fighting Mr. REYES, the editor of the *Key West Republicano*. Of what took place there you have been fully advised by telegraph.

On Monday the city was startled by the news from Key West that COSTANON, the editor of the *Voz de Cuba*, had been barbarously assassinated in the Russell House by five Cubans. The sad intelligence flew like wildfire, and excited such feelings of intense hatred on the part of the old Spaniards, and deep-felt regret on that of every honorable Cuban, that the like was never before seen in this country.

The Captain-General, participating in the feelings of the majority of our citizens, has adopted his two orphan children in the name of the Spanish nation, and the Spanish Bank has come forward and guaranteed to educate and support them until they come of age. The Press, Casino Espanol, merchants, bankers and the representative men of all classes of the community have come forward to express their sincere regret at CASTANON'S untimely end.

As soon as the *Lavaca* hove in sight of the Morro a little tug with a few personal friends of the deceased went on board and transferred the body to the public landing place, whence it was conveyed by his companions in arms of the Second Regiment Light Infantry to the *Voz de Cuba* office, where it was immediately embalmed and then laid out in state. The building had been previously decorated in the most magnificent style, and anything that art could do to increase the effect of Mother Church's wax tapers, solemn chant and mournful music, was lavishly done.

The funeral of CASTANON was the largest that has ever taken place in Havana, ten thousand persons and hundreds of carriages taking part in the procession. The body was carried on the shoulders of the volunteers, while the most prominent citizens of Havana acted as pall-bearers. The streets were lined with spectators, and it is computed that over fifty thousand persons occupied the sidewalks. Political and personal enemies forgot their rancor, Mr. GELPI, of the *Prensa*, and ARIZA, of the *Diario*, being among the pall-bearers. At several places along the route the procession was stopped to allow some ladies to place crowns of evergreens and immortelles on the coffin. That the death of CASTANON was felt could be seen in the faces of the men, and many women cried when the sad *cortège* passed. CASTANON'S children are now under the protection of the Spaniards, thousands of dollars being daily subscribed to place them beyond want. Had the Spaniards only carried out their original intention of not committing a single act of retaliation, the effect of CASTANON'S tragic end would have been imperishable, both at home and abroad. The sacrifice of the several victims, no matter how guilty they may have been, has to a certain extent obliterated the effect produced, at least in the eyes of foreigners.

AFTER SCENES.

The *Diario*, which, as I stated above, has lost caste owing to its utter want of truthfulness, referring to the report propagated in New-York that three hundred Cubans had been killed, as an act of vengeance, on account of the Castanon murder, says that not the slightest disorder took place either whilst the body was brought to the office of the *Voz de Cuba*, and that the victim was buried without anybody attempting even the slightest act of retaliation. The *Prensa*, more truthful, says two men were killed because they had made some insulting and ill-timed remarks about CASTANON'S death. If the reputation of the *Prensa* alone were not sufficient to vouch for the veracity of its assertion, in strong opposition to that of the *Diario*, the following account of an eyewitness, a Spaniard, would corroborate the facts:

A number of persons were drinking at a grocery store in Gervasio-street, among them a Mr. VICENTE DAUMY, well known in New-York and New-Orleans as a horse dealer. He remarked in presence of several volunteers, "I was in Key West when CASTANON was killed, and he merited his fate;" whereupon one of the volunteers answered: "Did he? In that case you shall share the same." One of the volunteers then got a rifle, when DAUMY attempted to get away, but was held firmly and carried into the street. The gun was then placed against his head and fired, but it only wounded him slightly, although he fell and pretended to be dead. The ruse was detected and the gun again loaded; feeling the muzzle against his temple DAUMY ejaculated only the word, "Por," undoubtedly intending to say *Por Dios*, when the bullet sent his spirit into eternity.

DAUMAY has long been suspected, and was considered a very active and keen emissary of the insurgents. Another victim was had in the person of Mr. LUNA, also accused of having made some similar remarks. Besides, two Chinese and a mulatto were killed.

A gentleman by the name of PODESTAD was also killed last night, but particulars are as yet unknown. A Court Martial is trying several persons, among them Mr. SIRVEN, the cashier of DEMESTRE & Co., all accused of some connection with the insurrection. As this retail killing business has now been inaugurated, and every man with a musket has to a certain extent constituted himself accuser, judge, jury and executioner, the civil tribunals or trials by Court Martial being set at naught, and the authority of the laws unrecognized. It is hard to tell where it will stop.

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