

among them two colored men and a Chinaman. The expedition was commanded by General GOICURIA, of *Lallan, & Co.*, fame, and if the norther had not interfered, the schooner and her cargo would undoubtedly have been landed at Punta de Mulas. The Captain of the schooner was ELOY CAMACHO, the former Purser of the steamer *Comanditario*, which was captured by him, and then recaptured by the Spaniards, and is now doing duty as a gunboat under the name of the *Gorrion*. The Gíbarra volunteers, after landing such arms from the wrecked schooner as they could get out, went in search of the filibusters, and managed to meet them at the Resbalona and Sierra de Socareno. They killed seven and captured four, who were executed at Holguin on the 14th inst. One of the four had been a clerk in the Havana Post Office, two were telegraph operators in Havana, and the fourth was a ship carpenter from Regla. After landing they were reinforced by ten Cubans, commanded by PRISCILLIANO CARDET, who was killed in the first encounter. The filibusters resisted bravely, killing two Gíbarra volunteers and several soldiers, besides a number wounded. It is stated by the *Diario* that the remainder of the expedition was surrounded in the Sierra de Socareno, and that they would not be able to escape. Those who were shot stated that every man on disembarking took only a rifle and twenty-one rounds of ammunition.

#### SANTA ANNA.

The veteran SANTA ANNA is still in the city. A plan is maturing to smuggle him out of the city by some means and enable him to reach Mexico. Should his friends attempt to do this, they would find but very little difficulty in carrying out the idea. Should this not be done, however, SANTA ANNA may be found within a few days in Nassau.

#### THE NEW GUNBOATS.

The new gunboats have replaced the mon-of-war which have done duty as cruisers and blockades. The *Astuto*, cruising on the south side, discovered an insurgent camp near Santa Cruz del Sur, and went there for troops. The gunboat could not go near enough to shell, so the troops were embarked on a lighter, a cannon placed on it, and the camp attacked on the morning of the 11th, resulting in the killing of two Cubans, the burning of several houses, and the capture of a Cuban yacht, which, as the *Diario* observes, caused great satisfaction in Santa Cruz, as this yacht had kept all passing merchant vessels in a continual state of alarm. How is this? The *Diario*, or any other Spanish journal, never mentioned that an old sailboat could frighten Spanish sailors, and that the Cuban squadron was no myth. But if the *Diario* would tell what it knows it would say that over twenty-five craft of different tonnage are making regular trips between Nassau, Jamaica, Hayti and the coasts of this island, and that some of them beat the Spanish Correo in the regularity of their trips.

#### THE GREENWALD MURDER.

Several volunteers have sent a communication to the *Diario*, in which they disclaim any complicity in this cowardly assassination, on behalf of themselves or the rest of the volunteers. Unfortunately they are on the wrong track, as ZAMORA and his bandit companions are sappers of the Fifth Volunteer Battalion. The writers of the article desire that the Consuls of all foreign nations in Havana, inform their Governments that, in the midst of very trying circumstances, the volunteers have always acted with great decorum and circumspection. I should like to know which Consul could or would say as much. It is true that the majority of the volunteers are good people and good citizens; among them are our most honorable merchants and artisans, but there is also a certain disturbing element among them composed of rogues, ignorant and uneducated members of the lower classes, who are nothing and nowhere in normal times, but who become notorious by word or deed during epochs of disturbance. If about fifty to one hundred men were expelled from most of the volunteer battalions, I have no hesitation in asserting that the volunteers would then compare favorably with any other body of citizen troops in the world. The presence of this low element, however, will always make them suspected. A new company has just been formed, composed of merchants and planters, and it has been added to the Second Light Infantry Battalion. This battalion relieves the Third Heavy Infantry, now doing duty in the Vuelta Abajo district this week.

#### QUASIMODO.

**A Decree Granting Liberty to Negroes—Trial by Special Courts—A Junta in Santiago Broken Up.**

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—The Captain-General has issued an important decree. It grants liberty to over 2,000 negroes, prisoners of war, who had been hired out to labor by the Government with the understanding that they were to become slaves after a certain date. The decree declares that every one who is willing to work can take care of himself, while the laws will protect all classes. The measure is warmly applauded by the Liberal and Progressive Parties. The Captain-General intends to issue a decree abolishing the privilege of trial by special courts hitherto enjoyed by persons in the army, navy and church, and by foreigners. This will do away with the tribunals of commerce for foreigners and others, and will strike at the root of a partial and unjust administration of the laws. The *Diario* publishes documents revealing the existence of a Cuban Junta in Santiago, which had for a long time assisted the insurgents with information and material of war. The members of the Junta, eighteen in number, were arrested, the charges against them were proved, and they have all been executed....Generals FERRER and CANTO have arrived here....General WEBB, accompanied by Consul-General BIDDLE, visited DE RODAS to-day.

## CUBA.

### The Captain-General and the Volunteers—Recent Troubles in Cardenas—Firmness of Rodas—Skirmish with Filibusters—Execution of Cuban Prisoners—The Volunteers and the Greenwald Murder.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1870.

The irrepressible volunteers are beginning to "haul in their horns" to a certain extent, and they are no longer permitted to have their own way in everything. RODAS has not surrendered to them in a single instance, and if the Spaniards are once enabled to retire their troops from the seat of war, or if a respectable force of regulars should be quartered in Havana, the Government will quietly but firmly take the power once more in its own hands. RODAS will not permit the rabble to constitute itself Judge, jury, accuser and hangman. Seven volunteers who had committed various crimes, from attempts to assassinate to burglary, were sent by the last steamer to Spain as prisoners for Ceuta; among them was the Drum Major of the Seventh Battalion. Five members of the Fifth Volunteer Battalion who were connected with the cowardly and brutal assassination of GREENWALD, are in the Cabana; their friends go from house to house and threaten to wreak vengeance on the persons of such as should dare to declare against the assassins; but, nevertheless, I have no doubt that the Government will be enabled to accumulate sufficient testimony in order to shoot the principals connected with the assassination.

#### THE TROUBLE IN CARDENAS.

The row in Cardenas, or rather the one attempted, ended very ludicrously. The Government and people demanded that the Government grant the necessary permission to hold a Fair, which was acceded to. But the Governor of Cardenas, instead of holding simply a Fair, sold permission to some gamblers to open their establishments, and monte, fano and other hazard games were openly carried on. The Captain-General heard of it, and immediately sent Colonel ARNAOR, the Governor, an order to hold himself in readiness, and report himself at Santiago de Cuba for further orders. The volunteers hearing of this action, sent a telegram to the Captain-General requesting him to annul his order, and declaring that they would not have any other Governor except the one who had just accepted bribes to allow gambling. The Governor himself telegraphed to the Captain-General that owing to that 6,000 people, between volunteers and citizens, were then before the palace, all of them anxious that he (ARNAOR) should remain. RODAS replied coolly:

"Never mind the six thousand; you will take the first train in the morning and come to Havana, delivering your command on receipt of this. If anything is committed contrary to law in your city, I shall take measures to have the offenders seriously punished."

Did the volunteers rebel? Nothing of the sort. The commanders of the different volunteer battalions sent a telegram to RODAS on the following morning, disavowing on behalf of themselves and their commands any complicity in the telegram said to have been forwarded. RODAS grinned, and that ended the matter, except that Colonel ARNAOR, as an old friend and acquaintance of RODAS, has been more severely punished than any other officer would have been.

#### THE SCHOONER HERALD.

The Nassau schooner *Herald*, which drifted on the reefs near Gíbarra on the 10th inst., during a heavy norther, had thirty-six Cubans on board.