

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

ARRIVAL OF THE HAVANA STEAMSHIP COLUMBIA.

The steamship *Columbia*, from Havana March 5 via Nassau, N. P., reached this port yesterday. By the courtesy of Purser MAGNA, our correspondence and files were promptly on hand. Our regular letter follows.

Surrender of Gen. Napoleon Arrango—Jordan's Resignation—Bembeta and Cespedes—Filibusters—Santa Anna—War News—The Greenwald Murder.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, March 5, 1870.

The surrender of Gen. NAPOLEON ARRANGO, and the reported resignation of Gen. JORDAN, offer food for conjectures as to the ultimate result of the war and the present condition of the Cubans. Gen. ARRANGO, one of the most talented and influential, if not the most influential Cuban in the Central Department, surrendered voluntarily to the Spanish forces on the 27th ult. He inaugurated and organized the revolution in Puerto Principe and the Central Department, and commanded the Cuban forces there for some time as General in Chief, until disgusted with the acts of his companions, and perhaps hurt at some real or fancied slight, he resigned his command and retired within the Cuban lines, where he has since resided, always plotting against QUESADA and CESPEDES, and once on the point of being shot by his countrymen, a brother of his having been killed for supposed complicity with the Spaniards, or on some similar charge. The surrender of ARRANGO is of the utmost importance. Although he held no actual command at the time, his family connections, and personal relations with the most prominent Cuban families of the Central Department, and his immense influence being such as to make his defection of the Cuban cause of the greatest moment to the Spaniards. It will probably cause a great deal of mischief among the Cubans. The brothers remained behind, charged with the very dangerous mission of gathering a number of prominent friends and bringing them within the Spanish lines. All those they intended to bring in belong to the so-called Caonao faction, who are opposed to CESPEDES, AQUILERA, QUESADA, BEMBETA, and the rest of the Bayamo Party. ARRANGO had a hard time in getting within the Spanish lines, troops having left in different directions from Las Minas to receive him, but he was so hotly pursued by BAMBETE that he was obliged to change his route several times. If caught, there is little doubt but that he would have been executed as traitor.

JOURDAN'S RESIGNATION.

Within the past few days several letters have been received from Puerto Principe and also one from your Neuvitas correspondent announcing as a positive fact that JOURDAN had resigned the Generalship of the Cuban armies, and that Gen. BEAUVILLIERS, his chief of staff and commander of the artillery, had followed suit. The information is startling but not improbable, and the cause can easily be guessed at. The party opposed to QUESADA has not been found strong enough to maintain their partizans in power, and JOURDAN undoubtedly preferred to act under some Cuban, although virtually all operations will be directed by him and the responsibility assumed by others.

JORDAN'S SUCCESSOR

is reported to be M. BERNABE VARONA *alias* Bembeta, a young Cuban about twenty four years of age, a native of Puerto Principe, and connected with the revolution from its beginning. As a military man he is not very remarkable, but his bravery, enthusiasm and devotion to the Cuban cause are unequalled. BEMBETA is the *beau ideal* and true representative of fighting Cuba, and has none of the attributes of talking Cuba. A republican and patriot from conviction, a thorough abolitionist and advocate of equal rights for all men, he has been a prominent figure for some time, and there is no doubt but that he will be able to infuse new life and spirit into the Cubans in the field. Ambitious and yet modest, he is cool during a fight, and although a mere boy, has thrown nearly all others into the shade by his sagacity and valor. BEMBETA is a regular Red Republican, such as are only produced and can rise to eminence during periods of civil war and dissensions. If his appointment is proven, there is no doubt but that soon we will hear of attacks and fights in every section of the Island.

FILIBUSTERS.

The *Herald* expedition has not been a success, and GOICURIA has again been unfortunate. The latest news from Holquin announce that only twelve out of thirty-two remain, twenty having lost their lives; the bodies of two, who died from starvation, were found in the mountains half eaten by hogs. Of GOICURIA himself, nothing positive is known. Among the killed is Col. ASHBY, from New-York. The telegram from New-York, announcing that the United States Marshal had stated on oath that no filibustering had been or was organizing in New-York, made the authorities laugh. Gen. RODAS received a telegram on Sunday announcing the departure of a steamer, of which I have forgotten the name, which left on Saturday the 26th, with the intention of landing her freight and passengers at Bahia Honda, in the Vuelta abajo region. The *Columbia* brought lists containing the names of all Cubans and Americans who had sailed on that steamer. On Thursday Admiral MALCAMPO left this port on the man-of-war *Hernand Cortes*, accompanied by four gun-boats, to watch the coast, in addition to the cruisers, and yesterday the fast steamer *Churreria* departed on the same errand. If the steamer with the expedition should land at or near Bahia Honda, the capture and destruction of the entire expedition may be considered certain; but I am of opinion that the expedition will not land there, but lower down the coast, and that the Spaniards will know of it when too late.

SANTA ANNA

has come to grief, all efforts made in his behalf by persons known to be strongly in favor of France and the Mexican Church Party to allow him to go to Mexico having failed, RODAS was firm, and stated to all who came to intercede on behalf of the old intriguer that he and his Government were at peace with the lawful Government of Mexico, represented by JUAREZ, and that under no circumstances would he permit any infraction of international law. As the Nassau mail steamer does not leave until Saturday next, and the General being very anxious to get SANTA ANNA off his hands, he ordered the sloop of war *Bazan* to get ready for sea, and take him to Nassau, which plan was carried into effect on Sunday morning. Your correspondent went to the Europa Hotel, where SANTA ANNA had been residing, and witnessed his departure. A boat from a man-of-war was in readiness at the landing; several prominent Mexicans and a few Spaniards were in waiting to bid SANTA ANNA good by. The old agitator appeared angry and sullen, returned the salutations his friends in a polite but not over cordial manner, stepped into the *falna*, accompanied by his servant and Col. PORTOCARRERO, his former Adjutant, and within an hour was at sea. It appears that SANTA ANNA has some intention of leaving Nassau in a schooner, and proceeding from thence direct to Vera Cruz. At any rate, he will not remain any length of time at Nassau. Another reported plan of his is to enter into some arrangement with the Cuban Junta at Nassau; but as neither is at present in a position to help anything. Rumor has it that Gen. JAMES WATSON WEBB, who leaves for Nassau on Saturday next, has some connection with the Santa Anna business.

WAR NEWS.

In the Cinco Villas, bodies of armed and unarmed insurgents surrender daily to the Spanish troops; after taking the oath of allegiance they are permitted to go about their business unmolested. The most important surrender is that of JOSE MARTINEZ, who surrendered himself with 238 followers, at Santa Clara. Some of his men were armed with rifles and others with the machete, whilst many were unarmed. This band had come from the Puerto Principe region. If these surrenders should continue, the fate of the revolutionists will be already effected. The expected movements of PUELLO and GOYANESHE against the main body of the insurgents have not taken place yet, although both Generals are

on the march. If they win like last month the Cuban army stands a good chance of remaining in the field.

THE GREENWALD MURDER.

This extraordinary and brutal case has been solved at last, and in a manner highly complimentary to the sense of honor and justice of the Spanish officials, from the Captain-General down. Gov. ROBERTS and Chief of Police LABANDERA were at work ever since the committal of the deed, to hunt up evidence, arrest all persons compromised, a super-human undertaking, if the present condition of affairs and the fact that LAMORA was a volunteer is taken into account. Bribes and threats were used to frighten off witnesses. Money was spent by ZAMORA's friends and companions to obtain an acquittal. The principal witnesses refused to testify in a plain manner to what they really knew, and others, after speaking, failed to ratify their assertions. But RODAS made himself master of the situation, brought every spoke of the Government wheel to bear against the tide, and on Thursday the case had gone far enough to warrant the assembling of a Court-martial.

The members assembled yesterday morning, the rooms being crowded with witnesses and spectators, many foreign Consuls being also present at the invitation of the Captain-General. The trial lasted until night. At 7 o'clock this morning the members brought in their verdict of guilty. At 8 the Captain-General had approved the sentence. At 9 the order was given to place the criminal in capilla, i. e. a small chapel where all prisoners condemned to death are brought to previous to execution, in order to confess and pray, and at 4 this afternoon a volley of rifle balls will speed the spirit of LAMORA into eternity. Such is justice as administered by RODAS, and even the most blinded sympathizer with the revolution is compelled to confess that the assertion of RODAS that he will execute justice without fear or favor, is not a mere idle boast. The young men who were with GRUNWALD on the day of the murder, leave to-day by the *Columbia*, and if they listen they will hear on starting the shots which avenge their companion's death.

QUASIMOND.