

trict are returning to peace, and while terror deprives you of your repose the Western Department enjoys security and tranquillity, and the public welfare, credit and true liberty increase. The troops, no longer needed in those districts, will come to the mountains of the Central Department, and a war, of which, up to the present time, you have had no idea, will begin. I call on none of you for help; for I need none. The clemency of my predecessors was interpreted as weakness, and I do not incline to imitate them. But, at the same time, although you are rebels today, I do not seek your lives, and advise you to submit in time to save yourselves; for as soon as operations have commenced in this Eastern Department they will be prosecuted with energy, let the end be what it may. All those who surrender their arms to any legitimate authority will be well received, and their lives are hereby guaranteed. But from the benefits of this offer your principal leaders and the officers of the so-called Cuban Government are excluded."

One of the first acts of the Captain-General was to pardon a man sentenced to death.

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General De Rodas at Puerto Principe—A Proclamation—A Fierce War To Be Waged.

HAVANA, March 20.—Capt.-Gen. DE RODAS, on his arrival at Puerto Principe, issued a proclamation, in the course of which he addresses the insurgents as follows:

"I know most of you have been drawn into rebellion by force or fraud. Who are your chiefs? Where is your promised liberty? You were told that Spain could not spare soldiers for Cuba, and that those soldiers thirsted for blood who now divide their daily rations with the women and children you have left behind. Such falsehoods can only be temporarily effective. My Majesty's Government and the Cincos Villas dis-