

OBITUARY.

Gen. Domingo de Goicouria, Cuban Leader.

Our dispatches from Havana state that Gen. DOMINGO DE GOICOURIA, who was captured in Guajaba Island, with a small force, the other day, and taken first to Puerto Principe and then to Havana, was on Friday night tried, and yesterday morning garotted at Principe Fort.

Gen. GOICOURIA has been identified with the struggle for Cuban independence during the last twenty-five years. A native of the island and married to a lady of large possessions there, he was compelled to fly his home on account of his political sympathies, and take up his residence in this country. In all the subsequent movements in behalf of Cuban independence he has taken an active and prominent part. He was the friend and associate of LOPEZ in his several enterprises, though he remained in this country, devoting all his time, energy and means to the organization and direction of the several plans set on foot to compass the great end of the enfranchisement of his country from foreign rule. He was, in fact, the organizer, the efficient working and thinking man of all the juntas which have been formed in the United States. LOPEZ was a mere *sabreur*, a dashing soldier who reposed in his personal prestige and dash to achieve an immediate and simultaneous rising of the whole population of Cuba on landing on her shores. GOICOURIA, on the other hand, believing in organization, in material resources and in proper and ample preparations before attempting the invasion. The expeditions which sailed in 1851 and 1852 were not approved by GOICOURIA, and came to the end which he apprehended and predicted. LOPEZ used to chafe under the restraints and objections which GOICOURIA made to these expeditions, and at last began to suspect the loyalty of his compatriot.

After the sad tragedy of Las Pozos and Atares, GOICOURIA set to work to organize a new expedition, on a larger and better systematized plan, and Gen. QUITMAN was chosen as the military chief of the expedition. Gen. QUITMAN entered into the scheme with characteristic zeal and ardor, and organized a staff that embraced several of the most distinguished young officers of the United States Army, some of whom resigned their commissions in our army in order to take the positions assigned to them in the liberating army of Cuba. These were GUSTAVUS W. SMITH, MANSFIELD LOVELL and GEORGE MCCLELLAN. Even Gen. HARNEY, then in the meridian of his powers, offered to command the cavalry of Gen. QUITMAN's expeditionary forces.

In this expedition, GOICOURIA was the active business man and treasurer. He attracted to it so much of the interest, sympathy and confidence of the Cubans on the island that large sums of money were sent to New-Orleans to assist in raising the necessary means to fit out the expedition. Among other contributions the patriotic ladies of the island sent a half bushel of jewelry, taken from their persons and caskets, which was sold at public auction, and brought a large sum. After all these preparations, which were further aided by large subscriptions of Southern people, the enterprise was suddenly abandoned—for what reason was never clearly generally understood. After the failure of the Quitman enterprise, GOICOURIA became associated with Gen. WM. WALKER in his Nicaraguan enterprise, and rendered valuable aid to that daring chief and ambitious organizer. It was, however, not very possible or probable that two such ardent and strong-willed men as WALKER and GOICOURIA could long co-operate amicably and satisfactorily. So they quarreled fiercely and irreconcilably, and GOICOURIA returned to the United States and engaged in mercantile pursuits, and WALKER persisted, and offered up his life in the struggle to establish Anglo-American ideas and institutions in Central America.

During the late war Gen. GOICOURIA came to Louisiana, and, refusing to take part in the rebellion, embarked extensively in trade and river and sea transportation, and made a great deal of money, upon which he might have retired and passed the remainder of his days in peace and comfort. But it was not in his nature thus to repose. He could not bear a life of inaction. Accordingly, he was next heard of in South America, engaged in some transactions of a hazardous character, and finally, when the present revolution in Cuba broke out, he became prominent in the movement. As in former enterprises he has acted mainly as an organizer and manager of expeditions from this country.

In his death Cuba has lost one of her most active, ardent and energetic friends, and the Spaniards in the island have got rid of one of their most troublesome and dangerous enemies.