

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP DE SOTO.

The steam-ship *De Soto*, from Havana July 27, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon. We are indebted to the courtesy of the Purser Mr. THOMAS MCMANUS, for the early delivery of our mail packages.

The Dissensions Among the Insurgent Leaders—Bandits and their Fiendish Acts—How an American Avenger Avenge the Wrongs of his Wife—The Heirs of Estaban Santa Cruz de Oviedo, of Diamond-Wedding Notoriety—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Wednesday, July 27, 1870.

The reports and rumors received from the Central Department indicate plainly that the Cubans have discovered the plan of Gens. FORTUN, PORRO, CASTELLANOS and FREIRE to surrender to the Spanish forces. It is stated that CORNELIO PORRO was assassinated, but this report is not confirmed, although it is a fact that CASTELLANOS, FORTUN, and other leaders visited the encampment of Gen. CARO, dined and wined with the Spanish officers, remained all night at the camp, and in the morning proceeded to the mountains with the expressed intention of uniting their forces and coming in to surrender. Up to the present we have no information that such surrender has taken place, and I consider the result somewhat doubtful. The radical Cuban leaders are bitterly opposed to the Generals above-named, and when I use the term radical I mean to state plainly that the Cubans no longer present a united front, but have formed themselves into three distinct and hostile factions. This fact may be doubted, because it can be alleged that so far no Cuban General of note has really surrendered, and that all continue opposed to the Spaniards; this is correct only in so far as acts are concerned, but erroneous when the plans are taken into consideration. The old Quesada party is opposed to the Cespedes party, and the bickerings and dissension which exist between these two have induced those who are tired of the war or who have received real or imaginary wrongs from the hands of the governing party, to form a third or conservative party, which is ready to surrender to the Spaniards, or return to the Cuban flag with new vigor. Judging from the different reports however, and extracting those most trustworthy, it seems to be a settled fact that a large number of Cubans, who hitherto have been strong adherents to the so-called Patriot Party, are turning and joining the Spanish side, in so far as ceasing to render aid to the Cubans is to become Spanish. The next mail from Puerto Principe may give us a full account of what the rebellious Cuban Generals have done, and may dispose of the doubts as to the assassination of PORRO. Should the reported assassination be confirmed, it must be then considered that intestine war among the Cubans has broken out, and that they will begin to fight among themselves, PORRO being very generally liked among his countrymen and possessing great influence. Parties will form themselves, not only to avenge his death, but also to carry out his ideas. The insurgent party of today is not the same party it was a year ago. The remnant remaining true to the first declaration at Yara is more firm, compact, determined and better drilled than it has been. But a year ago the fighting was done only by Spanish troops and Spanish volunteers, and today in the jurisdiction of Holguin alone, over 1,000 native Cubans organized as volunteers, and many of them formerly belonging to the revolutionists, are fighting side by side with the Spanish troops, and it may be said that they do all the fighting. Conjectures are indulged in now by impartial persons as to how long the revolution may last, and that the ultimate triumph of the Cubans is by no means so sure as many may think, owing to this want of unity among themselves.

WATCHING ANOTHER NEW-YORK EXPEDITION.

The entire coast is closely watched in order to discover the approach of the steamer *Salvador*, which left New-York with an expedition, which, although not mentioned by the New-York journals, is well known to the Government.

BANDITS AND THEIR OPERATIONS.

Efforts are also being made to rid the country of the numerous band of bandits, who, sheltered by the existing state of war, are committing all sorts of atrocities. Eleven men, belonging to the band of the notorious CARLOS GARCIA, which lately visited the plantations near Bijucal, robbing the owners, and in every instance outraging the women, and committing unheard-of barbarities, have been caught. Seven, who were recognized, were executed yesterday, and the other four sentenced to ten years' Penitentiary. Two men of the same band have also left this world against their will, and in such a manner as to merit a detailed relation of the affair.

VENGEANCE OF A HUSBAND.

Some time during the month of May, a party of five robbers appeared at a plantation, possessed themselves of several good horses, taking also various articles of clothing belonging to an American engineer on the plantation, and then disappeared. The engineer, who was in Havana at the time, became furious on his return, and indulged in severe threats against the perpetrators of the robberies. Some friend of the bandits communicated these threats to them, and a few days later they again appeared, took the engineer by surprise, tied him hand and foot, and then proceeded to lash him with whips and thongs until the man had fainted three times from loss of blood and pain. They then tied him up on a chair before his dwelling, and two of the number walked into the house and violated his wife. Since then the engineer has been almost a maniac and bent on revenge. Last Friday he received information that the two bandits were then at a neighboring plantation, and without advising anybody of his intentions he armed himself and had the good fortune to find both of them lying on the floor in an inebriated condition. To tie them up and rouse them sufficiently to understand the situation, occupied but little time, and with the help of some negroes he brought them to his own place, ordered fires to be lit and then threw both of them into big sugar kettles filled with water, which soon began to boil. The men lived fifteen to twenty minutes until the water began to boil. Their attempts to throw themselves out of the kettles, and their demands for water and cries for pity were heart-rending, but their executioner took a fiendish delight in throwing in occasionally a little cool water, which, however, in a moment began to boil again. At the end of twenty-five minutes both had ceased to exist. When the fact was mentioned to the Captain-General, he remarked, "I don't wish to know it, and if such a thing has happened, I fully approve of it as a man, but as Captain-General, I have so far no knowledge of the matter. Beasts in human shape must be treated as beasts, although the punishment was inhuman and cruel;" and so the matter rests. The engineer has returned to his plantation, and swears not to rest until he has caught the other three. Some Spaniards is a mere subterfuge, as all of these robbers were criminals long before the war, and exercised their nefarious profession then and since without the least reference to

politics, and in addition, these bands are composed of Cubans, Spaniards and negroes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The work on the West India and Panama Cable is progressing favorably....The property of ALDAMA's wife has been embargoed by order of the Government....The Matanzas Volunteers serenaded Gen. RODAS last night, having come in a special train, and returned this morning....The Cardenas Volunteers will also send a delegation and bands of music, to serenade him within a few days....Much dissatisfaction exists among the Havana merchants, owing to the action of the Government in suppressing telegrams relating to the war in Europe, RODAS founding his objections on the fact that officially he has not been notified as yet of the declaration of war....Owing to the long and continued drouth the cane has suffered severely in different sections of the island. QUASIMODO.