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## Announcement of the Capture of Guimaro by Puello.

HAVANA, Jan. 28, 1870.

The *Diario* of this morning announces the capture of Guimaro, the capital of the insurgents, by the forces under General Puello, after a severe combat, and that Puello is now returning to the coast on account of a scarcity of provisions.

**Puello Safe—The Taking of Guaimara Not Confirmed—A Spanish Account of a Big Battle on the First of January—Particulars of Puello's March—General Jordan Reported to Have Superseded Quesada.**

HAVANA, Jan. 28, 1870.

A steamer arrived to-day from Nuevitas. She confirms the arrival at that place of General Puello on the 22d inst.

Letters of a late date received from Puerto Principe make no mention of the taking of Guaimara by Puello, although they state that his troops took strong positions in the surrounding country and occupied Guaimara Campana, the old site of Guaimara.

The *Diario* publishes a report by an eye-witness of a heavy engagement on the 1st of January, which resulted in a great destruction of life. During the night the insurgents constructed a line of intrenchments, and the Spaniards, being unaware of this fact, were surprised with a heavy volley of musketry and cannon. The troops then stormed the intrenchments. The rebel loss is estimated at over 300 killed, and the Spanish loss at nearly 200 killed and wounded, principally wounded. General Puello remained on the battlefield several days.

Official accounts state that while General Puello remained near Guaimaro he made daily excursions in the surrounding country, but met no parties of insurgents. He finally withdrew to Arryro Honco, where he waited fifteen days until he could collect sufficient transportation to enable him to undertake his return march. During the latter part of the campaign his troops were obliged to live on unsalted meat.

Several wounded officers of Puello's force have arrived in Havana.

A small steamer, supposed to be a filibuster, had been captured by a Spanish gunboat and brought to Nuevitas.

Castanon, editor of the *Voz de Cuba*, has gone to Key West, it is reported, to fight a duel with the editor of the *Key West Republican*.

It is reported that rebel correspondence has been captured, which shows that General Jordan, who commanded the rebel forces opposed to Puello, has been appointed to supersede General Quesada.

The steamer *Saxonia* sailed to-day for Hamburg.