

# A CUBAN VICTORY.

## Severe Engagement Near Guaimaro.

### General Puello Defeated with Heavy Loss by General Jordan.

#### Thirty-six Officers and Four Hundred Men of the Spanish Forces Killed and Wounded.

#### Jordan Appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban Army.

#### Active Operations of the Patriots Near Santiago de Cuba.

HAVANA, JAN. 28, }  
Via KEY WEST, JAN. 29, 1870. }

The steamer *Moctezuma* has arrived here from Nuevitas. She brings the intelligence that General Puello has returned with the remnants of his army to Puerto Principe.

The General did not reach Guaimaro, as was reported, but at a point near that city. Here he met the insurgents, under General Jordan, and a conflict ensued. The battle was fierce and bloody, and Puello lost thirty-six officers and 400 men killed and wounded. General Puello's horse was killed under him, and the General's leg was severely injured by the fall.

The engagement took place near Guaimaro, after which the insurgents left for Najasa to meet General Gogearche, who left Puerto Principe on the 16th, with the intention of co-operating with Puello, and who has not been heard from since.

General Puello and his column have gone in a train to Puerto Principe.

General Jordan has been ordered to relieve General Quesada as Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban army.

The steamer *Moctezuma* has brought one hundred and twenty wounded soldiers, including two colonels, to this city.

There was severe fighting ten leagues distant from Santiago de Cuba on the 21st inst. In this skirmish the Spaniards lost one officer killed and four men. A mule train, carrying provisions for estates near San Luis, was ordered to return, as the insurgents were said to be in considerable force between the Spaniards and Santiago de Cuba.

An account from Nuevitas, dated the 24th inst., states that a small steamer was captured near the Maternillas Lighthouse. She is to be brought to this city.

#### An Ex-Governor of Havana Banished from the Island.

HAVANA, JAN. 29, 1870.

Gutierrez Vega, ex-Governor of Havana, has been banished from the island of Cuba by order of Marshal Serrano.

#### An Editor from Havana Arrives at Key West in Search of a Duel—He Gets a Row With His Enemy, and is Held in Bonds to Keep the Peace—Much Excitement.

KEY WEST, JAN. 29, 1870.

Gonzales Castanon, editor of *La Voz de Cuba* newspaper of Havana, arrived here this morning from that city, accompanied by four Spaniards, the purpose being to fight a duel with the Cuban editor of the *Republicano*, published at this place. The two gentlemen met at the hotel, where a violent altercation took place between them, resulting in the parties being carried before the court, where Señor Castanon was held in bonds of \$200, gold, to keep the peace.

The Cubans are quite excited and threatening. Guards from the barracks have been stationed about the streets to preserve order. Both parties in the quarrel are determined to fight, and will, undoubtedly, do so if not forcibly prevented.