

The Spanish Press Troubled Concerning the Herald Correspondence—Result of the Campaign in the Eastern Department—Another Awful Crime—Rumored Landing on the South Side.

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The *Bandera Española* of this morning treats its readers to a *verbatim* translation of the correspondence from this place published in the *HERALD* of the 20th ult., and asks, "Is it possible that such things can be and such a letter be written from Santiago de Cuba in the nineteenth century?" Certainly it is dangerous to speak the truth in Santiago, and not altogether without peril to write it; still it is a notorious fact, known to intelligent Spaniards as well as others, that this department is not pacified, that the campaign under Valmaseda has been a failure, and that the insurgents to-day constitute a far more formidable body than at the same time last year. As one of the evidences of this fact I may mention that since the pacification celebration one hundred and four wounded men have been brought in here.

Following the departure of Valmaseda on the 4th came the statement of another awful crime, which, though accepted as true by many, is indignantly denied by the Spaniards. It is as follows:—On Thursday afternoon two citizens of Santiago, named, respectively, Camacho and Caballero; were arrested and placed in close confinement. On the following Saturday, before daylight, they were taken out, under the charge of an officer and eight men, and bound together, with such brutality as to elicit a remonstrance from the guard of the prison, and marched out of town. The Spaniards say that they are in Cobre or on a neighboring estate, but the Cubans insist that on passing the cemetery, which is on the Cobre road, the wretched men were deliberately bayoneted, stabbed to death, while thus helplessly bound together, without a question, without form or pretence of trial, with no opportunity to write a farewell to their families and with no religious attendance. Such is the story, and if true the confirmation will occur soon.

Yesterday morning the gunboat *Lebel* (No. 17) and the steamer *Guatamano* left here for Mota, between this port and Cape Cruz, carrying 300 soldiers and volunteers. The object of the movement is not known, and rumors in reference to it are various. The prevailing impression is that a landing has taken place, and active Laborantes report that Dr. Tinker has landed on the coast from an English steamer with a large supply of arms and ammunition. The frigate *Gerona* is here at present coaling. She is said to be bound to the South American coast to look after the monitor *Kayo*, belonging to the Peruvians.