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Appearance of the Insurgents at Guines—Re- ported Capture of the Party—Encounter in Santiago—Deposition of Jordan—In- surgent Raid on a Sugar Estate.

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The insurgents have appeared in the jurisdiction of Guines, south of Matanzas, and not far distant from this capital. Quite a sensation has followed on a knowledge of this fact, as the section is peculiarly rich in sugar and tobacco plantations. According to the *Aurora del Zumburí*, of Matanzas, they appeared to the number of 400, headed by the Chief Arredondo, coming from Jesus del Sol, in Carthagena and from near the Bay of Cachinas, in the Ciénega de Kapata. A battalion from Matanzas was sent out in pursuit, and yesterday evening three companies of volunteers and a like number of Guardia Civil from this city were ordered to be in readiness to proceed to that locality. At twelve midnight, however, they were informed that their services would not be required, and this morning it is announced that the greater part of the insurgents have been captured and twenty-five of their number brought here.

The *Bandera Española*, of Santiago de Cuba, of the 27th, not to admit that there are any insurgents in that jurisdiction, after its repeated assurances to the contrary, states that some criminals and runaway negroes were wandering in the shades of Sierra Maestre and Contra Maestre. The Contra guerilla chief Boet, uniting his forces with two companies of troops, went in pursuit, and succeeded in encountering the enemy, causing him thirteen deaths and capturing seven prisoners. Active persecution of small groups of rebels was continued.

Brigadier José Lopez Cumara, appointed commander of operations at Bayamo, Mansanillo and Lignani, is announced arrived at the former place. The journals here state that Valmaseda had also arrived there from Holguin, not extending his operations to Puerto Principe, as was his intention.

Through government sources it is known here that Jordan no longer holds the chief command of the Cuban army, to which he was temporarily appointed.

The machinery belonging to the gunboat Rapido, which went ashore on the north coast, arrived here yesterday, and will be placed in a new gunboat now in process of construction at Casa Blanca, opposite Havana, and to pay for which several wealthy Spaniards have contributed.

Her Majesty's frigate Royal Alfred, Commanded Wells, and carrying the pennant of Rear Admiral Welsley, arrived here yesterday. She carries ten guns and is of 500 horse power. The usual salutes and complimentary visits followed.

Yesterday morning Senora Ovideo, of "Diamond Wedding" notoriety, caused a grand mass to be said at the Cathedral for the repose of her husband lately deceased. His property is estimated at \$2,000,000, and by the terms of the will she is left sole administratrix.