

## The Captain General on the Insurrection—An "Imminent Crisis"—Spanish Reports— Bursting of a Boiler and Loss of Life—Execution of a Rebel.

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The *Gazette* publishes a telegram from the Captain General, dated the 6th, at Puerto Principe, the substance of which is as follows:—A column had reconnoitered the Tierra Cubitas without result; another had marched to Caunao and destroyed a tannery and some iron works, causing sixteen deaths to the enemy, taking six prisoners and collecting 800 head of cattle without any loss to itself. The occupation and fortification of Caunao and Najasa is proceeding. The inhabitants of Puerto Principe had made an energetic protest against the sale of Cuba. Great activity in operations prevails on all sides and an excellent spirit is manifested. The insurrection is in an imminent crisis. Preparations of importance continue and great events are expected.

Valmesada, under date of the 30th, makes report of five encounters within the boundaries of his command, in which the insurgents were, as usual, beaten. The story of the embarkation of Jordan is repeated through Spanish sources. The *Trinidad Imparcial* of the 6th states it is reported that Cespedes is wandering through Sancto Espiritu, on the borders of Moron, and expresses the opinion that he had arrived in that locality to see if he could make his escape from the island. We have the usual number of encounters from the Cinco Villas.

Such are the reports which are furnished us through Spanish sources. Yet no battle has been fought, the insurgents having kept out of the way of the troops—a success under their mode of warfare. No prominent insurgent leaders have presented themselves or been captured. The story of Jordan's departure cannot be believed, since he would have appeared ere this were it true; it is known that the troops in Camaguey are already suffering greatly from disease, and the weather will soon permit no farther campaigning, and it is difficult to see upon what the Captain General predicates his opinion that the insurrection is in an "imminent crisis."

A letter from Las Tuñas, dated 23d March, says there is abundance of supplies now there for troops and people. Various small encounters are reported in the vicinity, and the communication between that place and Bayamo is comparatively easy.

An effort was recently made to incite to mutiny some troops on board the steamer *Triunfo*, going to Nuevitas, and some of the soldiers were arrested. The *Prensa* makes this the base of an article upon the various attempts which have been made in Havana to seduce the troops from their allegiance, and indirectly attributes them to the influence of the number of Laborantes operating in Cadiz, from whence the troops set sail.

The boilers on the estate Precioso, near Cardenas, recently burst, destroying the building, killing nine persons and wounding fifteen. Among the former was Don Manuel F. Caobacos, the proprietor of the estate and colonel of the first battalion of volunteers of that city.

Don Andras Diaz Castellanos was shot in Cienfuegos recently for disloyalty.