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Insurgents in Large Force in Santiago—The Spanish Commander Sending for Reinforcements—An Important Fight Anticipated—Landing of the Upton—Another Wholesale Slaughter.

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Several skirmishes have recently taken place in this neighborhood between the troops and the insurgents, and I learn there are 2,300 of the latter strongly entrenched at a place called Paso de los Muertos, about thirty miles distant. The commander of the Spanish forces, who has about 4,000 men in that vicinity, has sent in here for reinforcements. An important encounter is anticipated, but as this district was officially declared pacific some five months ago no details are likely to be published. It is very clear to every one here that the insurrection cannot be suppressed without additional reinforcements.

As near as I can learn, the steamer Upton landed some 7,000 stand of arms at three different points on the north coast. The gunboat Eco captured one division, with about 1,200 stand of arms. Official reports recently received claim that 1,571 additional have been taken. Admitting this, it may be set down that the balance is long ere this beyond pursuit.

General Valmaseda has not yet arrived. For some reason the enthusiasm in reference to him has died out. He has not succeeded in driving Modesto Diaz from the department, and his energies have relaxed to a great extent. It is intimated that he has not received such treatment as he desired from the Captain General, and is endeavoring to show him and the country how impossible it is to suppress this insurrection without his aid—and, he might, add with it.

We have recently had another wholesale slaughter here of the following persons:—Don Genaro Hijaeta, Don Benito Carnucho, Don José Arredondo and Estaquil Chaveco, for the crime of disloyalty and for alleged assassinations committed in Mayari. We have a practical holiday here on such occasions, and as the victims passed to the scene of execution the streets were lined and the doors and windows full of anxious curiosity-seekers. The prisoners behaved with admirable coolness and courage to the last. They were shot together, falling dead at the same time.