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The Situation in the Central Department— Activity of the Insurgents—The Spaniards Defeated in an Engagement—General News.

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The "Evil Spirit" is again moving the Spanish volunteers in this city and Puerto Principe, all brought about by the unsuccessful campaign of Captain General de Rodas. The promises he made to suppress the insurrection have not been fulfilled, and he has been as unsuccessful as his predecessors who commanded in this jurisdiction. The insurrection is as strong as ever in this department. General de Rodas is anathematized by the volunteers. They call him all sorts of precious names, and in Puerto Principe expressed their threats so openly, and their intention to carry them out the night of the 25th of June, that De Rodas thought fit to strengthen the forts, and declare that at the least movement of the volunteers he would bombard the city.

A detachment of the battalion of infantry of marines, together with part of the mobilized volunteers from Puerto Principe, were terribly worsted a few days ago within a mile and a half of the latter city. The Spanish troops formed in a square, but after short firing by the insurgents the latter attacked with the *machete*, breaking the square and throwing such a panic among the troops that they took to their heels and did not stop till they arrived under the shelter of the forts at Puerto Principe. The Spanish loss was ninety between killed and wounded. The insurgents were under Colonel Ryan.

The column of Colonel Fajardo is said to have arrived at San Miguel yesterday with 300 wounded. We have no details as yet of the encounters they had with the insurgents. There seems to be more animation within the insurgent lines than formerly, undoubtedly brought about by the successful landing of arms and munitions of war by the George B. Upton's expeditions. We have decided proofs that the first expedition of the Upton was an entire success, and only three deserters were taken by the Spaniards, and shot at Puerto Principe. Of the last expedition of the Upton not much is known but that the majority of her cargo and men got safely into the interior and joined the insurgents in the Eastern Department. The death of Colonel Lono is even disbelieved by the credulous volunteers.

It is rumored here that the Captain General intends to return to Havana to-morrow, as he cannot accomplish any more. All he has done so far does not amount to much.

The battalion of Madrid, guarding the railroad from here to Puerto Principe, mutinied lately. Several of the ringleaders have been shot. It is also rumored that part of the battalion of Catalan volunteers have joined the insurgents in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba.

The Generals, Marmol and Diaz, commanding the insurgents in the Eastern Department, have been very successful of late, and the Spanish troops are entirely on the defensive. Bembeta, the gallant young Cuban leader, has also done some hot work in the vicinity of Santi Espirita.

General Cornelio Porro, the most popular Cuban general, on being threatened by the Captain General that he would send a strong column to his plantation, Rio Seco, and have it destroyed if he did not present himself, gave the example of abnegation by setting fire to his estates himself.

Don Juan Caballero Aguilera, Marquis of Sant Ana, and two others were executed in Puerto Principe. Augustin Barranco was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment also for disloyalty.

The yellow fever, smallpox and other epidemic diseases are decreasing the ranks of the Spaniards.