

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The Situation and Prospects—Renegade Revolutionists—More Unsuccessful Filibusters—War News—General Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1871.

With the beginning of the cool and dry season, everything pertaining to the revolution has received a new impetus. Both parties speak in the same sanguine manner of success, and each is undoubtedly working hard to obtain it. Military operations, as planned by VALMASEDA since his accession to power, have already begun in the Eastern Department for the past ten days. The combinations to be carried out in the Central Department were finished on the 22d, and on yesterday all columns were to begin their preconcerted movements, which could only be retarded by the delay caused by the detachment stationed at Palmarito Diego. The Cinco Villas will also soon be ready, and then the Cubans will be compelled to strain every nerve and bring every resource into play, in order to escape the coils of the anaconda which is trying to crush them. If they can hold their own, and if their leaders do not play the part of Gen. DAMIAN MADRUGA, then it will be time for them to take the offensive, as the present effort of the Spaniards is the best arranged and the strongest that has yet been made.

RENEGADE REVOLUTIONISTS.

Gen. DAMIAN MADRUGA and Gov. JOSE TRUJILLO, who lately surrendered to the Spaniards, have published a regular Spanish-American apostate letter in the *Diario*. That they surrendered can be understood by Anglo-Saxons, but that they should now publish such a document cannot be so well comprehended.

MORE UNSUCCESSFUL FILIBUSTERS.

Another filibustering expedition has come to grief, and if the reports received are true, and they all appear so, it must be confessed that the foolhardiness of those who landed is beyond belief, or else it must be believed that they were betrayed, and not aided by those on shore. On the 20th, a group of about ten men were seen at the Rosario plantation, near Consolacion del Sur, in the Vuelta Abajo district. The *gendarmes* were notified, and on the morning of the 21st the men were met in the pine woods near the Abra plantation by a Sergeant and four men, who intimated to them to surrender. The demand was answered by a volley. The *gendarmes* returned the fire and killed two men. One of them, a native of the Canary Islands, declared, before dying, that the party was composed of eight men more, that they had come from Key West, and that the other nine were Cubans, commanded by M. FELIPE RIVERA. On the same morning a boat was discovered at Consolacion del Norte and captured by the volunteers. It contained forty-five Berdan rifles, forty-five muskets, eleven boxes of ammunition, other materials, and a package of proclamations signed by QUESADA. The proclamation, although published by the Havana journals, has not produced the desired effect. The volunteers have come to arms, instead of the Cubans, and hundreds are searching for the few remaining members of the expedition. Yesterday morning these were again seen, and three more were killed, one of them being their guide, named VARELA, who knew the whole territory. The *Voz de Cuba* now announces that all have been captured; but this requires confirmation.

WAR NEWS.

An engagement has taken place at Pozo Azul, jurisdiction of Sancti Spiritus. Nine soldiers and thirty-five Cubans were killed, and many were wounded. Among the Cubans killed, according to the Spanish report, are the famous guerrilla chief DIEGO DORADO and his second, BENIGNO GOMEZ....The Cubans attacked the town of Zara, but only wounded a few of their antagonists, who did not wait for harsher treatment. The insurgents took what they could carry off from the stores, and retired when the Spaniards returned with reinforcements. The Cubans numbered nearly six hundred men, and carried the Spanish civil employes and some others off with them.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

Lately several checks sent from the interior to be collected here, had, by some means, been abstracted from the mails and collected by parties who must unquestionably have been in collusion with employes of the Post-office. A watch was set and the party presenting these drafts arrested. His declarations led to the arrest of four Post-office clerks, with Mr. ANTONIO GIRAL as the principal, all of whom are connected with this business....The bells of the Cathedral are tolled every quarter of an hour, and the forts and men-of-war are firing minute-guns in honor of the memory of Gen. PRIM, official information of his death having been received by last steamer from Spain....The small-pox is raging terribly in the town of Cimarrones, and owing to the popular belief in Cuba that vaccination is irreligious and dangerous, it makes sad havoc....The frigate *Gerona* has gone to sea and is now cruising off the Morro, in order to watch that the French gun-boats blockading the port of Havana do not violate the Neutrality laws by coming within Spanish waters.

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