

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

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Disorders at Santo Espiritus—Plantations Burnt and Overseers Killed—Operations of the Troops.

HAVANA, April 4.—The *Diario* says: "Nothing happened at Santo Espiritus which merits the rejoicing of the enemies of Spain. The insurgents burnt two plantations, killed six overseers, and carried off sixty laborers from one plantation. The insurgents also fired from an ambush upon the troops which left the city to protect the plantations. We understand 9,000 soldiers are operating in the jurisdiction of Santo Espiritus, but the country is the most mountainous and difficult in the island, and double the number of troops would be insufficient to prevent crimes like the above mentioned. The insurgents can commit them with impunity because it is impossible for our columns to be everywhere; nevertheless it is lamentable that such disorders should occur at such a short distance from the city. It is generally said that this jurisdiction is one which gives most work. Probably so, but sufficient elements exist to change matters. Several posts are already established, and four columns are constantly on the move about the territory. One is constructing a fort and driving the rogues from the Banac Mountains. This column has not met a single enemy, but has destroyed an abandoned encampment."