

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The Volunteers and Valmaseda—Matters in the Central Department—Zea's Movements—Cuban Losses.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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The volunteers gave VALMASEDA a big dinner last night, and that is a proof that they wanted to show their appreciation of him, but if we go to the bottom of the affair it was really a demonstration intended to show to the Cubans in this and neighboring cities that the Government and volunteers still hold the reins of power and that they still support each other. But this does not by any means indicate that the revolution is at an end, or that it will finish during the present year. Occasional *coup de main* are made by the Spanish counter guerrillas and eagerly published by the Havana Press; the actions of the Cubans and their deeds on the battle-field are never made public, and, according to the Spanish Press, the Cubans have never gained a day or won a fight.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT.

We have reports that under the able management of Gen. PEDRO ZEA, matters are improving in the Central Department, and particularly around the City of Puerto Principe. A convoy left Las Minas Station on the 5th instant, composed of a number of carts and pack-horses, loaded with provisions for the Spanish detachment at Santa Ysabel de Canasi. The train was accompanied by nearly three hundred soldiers, and shortly after leaving Las Minas, the usual scattering fire which the Cubans keep up all along the road began. Seven soldiers were killed in this manner, without being able to retaliate against their unseen enemy. The convoy, with the exception of two mules, reached its destination, and on the morning of the 8th the soldiers went for the Cubans and found about a hundred in the Cartadera Mountains. A sharp engagement ensued, but the Cubans soon began to waver and took leg bail, leaving four of their number and one Spaniard dead on the field. An hour later three of the band were surprised by a small Spanish squad, and immediately executed, one of the latter being a deserter from the Spanish Army, and drill-master of the Cubans. In several other engagements the Spaniards lost about forty and the Cubans about sixty killed, and Capt. CARLOS DE VARONA Y VARONA, a young man of twenty-two, was executed at Nuevitas on the 8th inst.

ZEA'S MOVEMENTS.

The reported movement of Gen. ZEA against the insurgents took place on the 7th inst., the troops moving toward Magarabomba, where they expected to meet the Cuban Cannao Battalion, but didn't. The troops numbered about 2,300, and the Cannao Battalion about 700; discretion in this instance was, undoubtedly, the better part of valor. Between the 7th and the 10th nine Cubans were killed. On the 11th, the forces with ZEA attacked and captured an insurgent camp situated on the rocks called Piña del Raton. The position was an excellent one to defend, but the valor of the Spanish troops has, perhaps, never been better displayed than it was in this instance. The soldiers clambered up the steep sides of the rock, and in less than half an hour the position was taken, and the insurgents were in full retreat. A Cuban Captain, with about forty young men from Puerto Principe, made a stand for some time, calling on the runaways to return. After losing five men, and seeing the uselessness of sacrificing the lives of his men, he slowly withdrew, causing a loss to the Spaniards of two men killed and several wounded. On the same day Capt. TIZON, of MONTANER'S counter guerrillas, by paying a *presentado* well, (some say \$500,) obtained information as to the whereabouts of Gen. ELOY BEAUVILLIERS, chief of the Cuban artillery. BEAUVILLIERS' camp was surprised and he was killed, together with Capt. ANTONIO MORALES, a son of the Havana lawyer, BACHILLA Y MORALES, Lieuts. PEDRO LESERF, PEDRO PINEIRO, N. LOPEZ, PIO MILIANO, MARIANO SILVA, and Corps. PABLO SEDENA and MIGUEL HURTADO. On the 13th, by paying some more money to a negro, TIZON captured MANUEL BOZA AGRAMONTE, lately Chief of Staff of the Cuban forces in the Camaguary. Important documents were captured on the persons of BEAUVILLIERS and BOZA. On the 14th the different forces united under ZEA'S command, intending to attack VILLAMIL, but the latter had moved off, and the Spaniards only killed eight stray Cubans in the neighborhood of his camp. On the 16th ZEA returned to Puerto Principe, and it is understood that he will not leave for the country again until the arrival of VALMASEDA. QUASIMODO.