

DIAZ as assistants, were trying at La Florida to organize a band with which to excite all those who had surrendered and prevent them from working in the field. Their presence at La Florida was denounced by a Cuban, who appeared willing to join their band; the Spaniards went to the place and killed the three leaders and eight men more. The counter guerrillas del Rey killed the insurgent Colonels, JOSE CALLEK and NICOLAS MAHY, of Leon, the latter a son of a former Captain-General of Cuba, and destroyed some salt and salt-works on the coast. A number of Spaniards were killed and wounded in these engagements, but on their return to Puerto Principe, the troops were accompanied by over two hundred persons anxious for a shelter.

GENERAL GOSSIP.

Copious rains have fallen, and the growing crops look well. Intelligent persons, however, think that the prospect for the year 1871-72 will not come up to that of 1870-71 on account of the lateness of the rains....The health of Havana and the island generally is good, taking the season in consideration....The steam-ship *General Sherman*, which should have sailed on Saturday, her regular day, was detained until Sunday evening.

QUASIMODO.

The West India Cables—Matters at Santiago de Cuba—Captured Insurgents—War News—General Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Tuesday, July 4, 1871.

After numerous mishaps and a season of ill luck, the enterprise of laying the different West India cables is at last progressing favorably, and it is expected that the so-called Windward Island cable will reach Martinique by the 10th of this month, and thence proceed to Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara. All efforts to recover the cable lost between Porto Rico and Jamaica have been ineffectual, and it is now proposed to underrun the cable, up to a point on the San Domingo coast, or else fish for it there, for a certain distance, the sea being more-shallow; then, by making a splice, they will lay a new cable to Jamaica, abandoning the portion from the San Domingo coast to the spot at which it parted. It is understood that the Cable Company will place a vessel on the line to carry all telegrams received at St. Thomas, to Jamaica, and thence will transmit them to the United States and to Europe; but well-informed persons say that no such vessel will be employed, and that the Company will only avail itself of the regular mail steamers touching at St. Thomas and Jamaica, on their way from Europe to Aspinwall.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Gen. VALMASEDA interrogated all the Cuban prisoners personally, and had them brought to Santiago de Cuba for that purpose. The system of arresting a merely-suspected person in one town and carrying him to some village to be tried, where he can neither produce proofs of his innocence or get at his witnesses, is a very reprehensible one. If we add that all these persons are tried by a military Court, whose members are nearly all members of the same regiment, and are presided over by their Colonel, it is obvious that the Court-martial is altogether under the influence of one man,—their Colonel,—and however just and impartial he may be, the system is vicious in the extreme, and liable to produce unfair dealing in many instances. Don JUAN COLAS, one of the Cobre prisoners, and a rich and respected planter, was found dead in his cell at the Cobre on the morning of VALMASEDA'S arrival at Santiago de Cuba. CARLOS SEGRERA, Captain of the Manzanillo firemen, of Manzanillo, has also been arrested and taken to Villa del Cobre.

CAPTURED INSURGENTS.

The Havana public will not have a chance to witness another execution like that of GOICOURIA, the AGUEROS and AYESTERAN, although two very important members of the revolutionary leaders have just been captured under similar circumstances. It appears that of late quite a number of prominent Cubans have either attempted to leave, or succeeded in leaving the island, some to act as Ambassadors and agents of the Republic abroad; others to organize expeditions, (none of which have reached the island lately, with the exception of some small supplies from Jamaica;) and a third class to reach a harbor of safety, being tired of fighting. The Spanish man-of-war *Neptuno* brought Major-Gen. FREDERICO CAVADA and the so-called Cuban Admiral OSORRIO, as prisoners to Nuevitas. CAVADA was a Lieutenant-Colonel in a Pennsylvania Regiment, under Gen. CADWALADER; was imprisoned in Libby, and wrote the book *My Prison Life*. He also furnished to *Harper's Magazine* a piece called a "Description of the Cape of Bella Mar." He was United States Consul at Trinidad, Cuba, and at an early day espoused the Cuban cause. He has been one of the most active and influential of its adherents; was foremost in the burning of villages and plantations, and, as a capture, of no little value, there can be no doubt as to his fate. He was taken to Puerto Principe on the 30th to be tried by Court-martial. OSORRIO remains at Nuevitas to be tried by the navy as a pirate. He was first mate of the steamer *Comanditario*, and the leader of those who seized that vessel while on her regular trip to Cardenas. The steamer was abandoned near Nassau for want of fuel. OSORRIO, some months afterward, brought to the island the *Salvador* expedition, which partly fell into the power of the Spanish forces. Since then OSORRIO has eluded the vigilance of the Spaniards, and has brought numerous dispatches and letters from Nassau to CESPEDES. There is no doubt but that he will be executed. Three more men are reported to be on the key, and it is very likely that these also will be captured, as a guard of sailors is patrolling the key in every direction, while two gun-boats are cruising about. The Captain-General continues to supervise military operations, and, consequently, the Spanish columns move with more dispatch and activity, while the officers in command are compelled to attack the enemy instead of lying around the towns gambling.

WAR NEWS.

At Jobosi, in the jurisdiction of Remedios, the Cuban Captains MIGUEL, MARIANO, CANIRARE, ABULADO, RICO, four other officers named PERDOMOS, and eighteen armed men, surrendered to the Spaniards. CANIRARE will in future act for the Spaniards, and induce other insurgents to surrender likewise. A Cuban officer named CASARIEGO was killed near by....In the Central Department operations are very active under the guidance of the most intelligent and able military leader whom the Spaniards possess, and who is well known in the United States, where he spent several years and wrote a very fine history of our late little unpleasantness. I refer to Brig.-Gen. PEDRO DE ZEA, at present General-in-Chief at Puerto Principe. A party of Cubans composed of ANTONIO CAJALLERO ZALDIVAR and ENARIDEZ and