

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The Casino Español and Valmaseda's Policy—The Captain General's Movements—Miscellaneous War News—Wholesale Surrenders—Whereabouts of Insurgent Forces—Matters at Santiago de Cuba—General Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, July 1, 1871.

The Casino Español held a very stormy session a few nights ago, and numerous resolutions were proposed, which, by accident, were not carried, censuring Mr. ARAIZTEGUI, the political secretary, for having written the proclamations which VALMASEDA issued to the Cubans, and which they consider antagonistic to simon-pure Spanishism. The epithets of "ARAIZTEGUI," the traitor, and "VALMASEDA," the fool, were flung about by ignorant members of the Cuban codfish aristocracy quite promiscuously. The portions of VALMASEDA'S proclamation which excited their special ire were those by which VALMASEDA offers an unconditional pardon to all who have fought as soldiers on the Cuban side, and pardons all high Cuban officials who surrender with sixty armed men, excepting only such as treated the Spanish prisoners cruelly; and the third paragraph, which pardons all deserters from the Spanish Army who are now fighting on the Cuban side, if they deliver their present chiefs, dead or alive, into the hands of the Spaniards, VALMASEDA reserving himself the right to reward such services if they are of great importance. The last paragraph of VALMASEDA'S proclamation openly countenances a policy which has hitherto been observed on the sly, namely, paying such persons as will conduct the troops to insurgent camps, so as to surprise them, and awarding heavy amounts to such as will contribute toward the capture of prominent men among the revolutionists. Such ideas are not at all in keeping with the ideas of the many of the Casino members; they sit here in Havana, risk neither health nor wealth, and consequently can afford to talk very loud. The promises made by VALMASEDA may be productive of good to the Spanish cause, and circumstances might finish the rebellion, but if the revolution were over tomorrow, many of the Casino members would be deprived of the chance of amassing the fortunes they are now accumulating.

WAR NEWS.

VALMASEDA, after leaving Santiago de Cuba, went to Manzanillo, and thence to Santa Cruz del Sur. It is not known yet whether he will go to Puerto Principe from this place, or whether he will go to Sancti Spiritus, and proceed by way of Moron; some opine that he will go over to Vertientes. At any rate, VALMASEDA has become more cautious since that unfortunate little misunderstanding between the Cubans and Spaniards at the mouth of the Cauto River, where he came very near being killed or captured. The battalion El Rayo is at Santa Cruz ready to escort him, and numerous detachments are scattered along the road from Vertientes to the Principe. In every portion of the Central and Eastern Departments fighting is actively carried on, the most important event of the week being the surrender of the Cuban Generals, JOSE MARIA MENDOZA, alias AL Africano, and FERNANDO ESPINOSA, brought about through the efforts of another Cuban General who surrendered a few months ago, and of whom Gen. JORDAN always spoke and wrote as his bosom friend, and the staunchest defender of the Cuban cause, and, if I mistake not, attacking at one time the correspondent of some New-York journal, for asserting that said General had made overtures to surrender. Among the party of sixty-two men who return their published thanks to the ex-insurgent General CORNELIO PORRO, and who accompanied these Generals, were the following Cuban officers: Nicholas Adan, (father,) Oswaldo and Eloy Adan, (sons,) Melchior Bernal, alias El Chino, a young and talented Havanese, his brother José Eugenio Bernal, Filandro Rodriguez, Blas Rodriguez, Agustin Silva, Porfirio Silva, Alfredo Betancourt and Agustin Cocio. Two more ADANES, EMILIO and ALBERTO, also tried to join this party and surrender, but were captured on the road by Gen. YGNACIO AGRAMONTE, who ordered a Court-martial, and, if similar cases are taken as a criterion, they have been hung by this time. Gen. YGNACIO AGRAMONTE, it is stated, has sent out parties to arrest Gens. MANUEL AGRAMONTE PORRO and JOSITO RODRIGUEZ, who it is understood have been in treaty with the Spaniards for some time, offering to surrender. If YGNACIO AGRAMONTE places obstacles in their way they may not be able to carry out their alleged intentions. Several insurgents who came in the last Upton expedition, among them two foreigners, also surrendered.... The column of artillery, during its last excursion, killed forty-four Cubans and took fourteen prisoners, including one Captain, three Lieutenants and an Inspector of Workshops, and came very near capturing the Cuban Minister of Finance, Mr. FRANCISCO SANCHEZ BETANCOURT, whose family they got hold of and brought to Puerto Principe. The losses of the artillery were nine killed and about twenty wounded.... Brig-Gen. AMPUDIA'S column reports having killed twenty-one Cubans, taken seven prisoners, and destroyed a number of huts. Like all other Spanish commanders, the Brigadier forgets to mention whether he had any killed or wounded. The insurgent bodies of any importance in the Central Department, which are those numbering from two to four and even five hundred men, are now under command of the following Generals: Villamil, Ignacio Agramonte, Manuel Agramonte Porro, Solome Hernandez, Magin, Diaz and La Rosa, while about twenty more second-class bands in point of strength number from 50 to 150 men. The Central Department covers an area of over 600 square leagues, or about 1,800 square miles; the country is mountainous, with plenty of places fit for hiding and for easy defense, and considering the number of Cubans yet in arms, it appears almost madness to say that the insurrection in that Department could be subdued in a couple of months, as a correspondent of the Havana *Diario* prognosticates. It will take more than six months, even if the majority of the leaders should surrender.... The Chiclana Battalion had a fight with a band of about 100 colored men, who fought like demons; two of the black insurgents and nine Spaniards were killed. Spanish news and reports from *presentados* announce that IGNACIO AGRAMONTE is quarreling with some of the other Cuban Generals. This may be so, but it is doubtful. The Spaniards in the meantime are building new forts and laying out settlements around them, which are now becoming quite numerous, these new towns being peopled by parties from the insurrection, some of these places having already 1,500 inhabitants, the men occupying themselves in agricultural pursuits, receiving from \$12 to \$20 monthly for their hired-out labor.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

The Cuban bands which lately appeared at the very doors of the City of Santiago de Cuba have now retired some leagues to the interior, and the roads to Guantánamo and the Cobre are now partially safe to travel. The trials of the Spaniards, Cubans and foreigners (Frenchmen) implicated in the conspiracy, or rather the sin, of being discovered in furnishing supplies to the rebels, continue with undiminished zeal at the Villa del Cobre. Among the latest arrests are Messrs. ANDRES and MARIANO VAILLANT, merchants of Cuba, whose sister is married to JUAN COLAS, and a certain MANUEL SEGRERA has been arrested at Manzanillo for alleged complicity in the same affair. It is probable that the sentence against JUAN COLAS will be mitigated or set aside, as the Military Assessor disapproved the findings of the Court as wrong, and in no manner in accordance with the testimony. Gen. PALANCA, who is besieged by crowds of Spaniards and Cubans, interceding for their imprisoned friends, went personally to the Cobre, and allowed each prisoner to give his version of the case. Those who have no friends among the prisoners charge the General with the intention of following the example of his late secretary, making a pile of money out of the disgraceful and then leaving, or he dismissed in disgrace like the Secretary.... Several engage-

ments have taken place near Bayamo, but excepting the fact that arms and ammunition from Jamaica had reached MODESTO DIAZ, who is now at Canto Ahajo, and that the insurgent leaders CINTRA, COLOMBE, ARIAS, PEPILLO MEDINA and JESUS PEREZ had received ammunition from MAXIMO GOMEZ, and were strongly fortified near Mount Sinal, nothing of special moment had occurred.

CINCO VILLAS.

The execution of EDUARDO DEL MARMOL is fully confirmed, and the killing of JOSE BOTELLA, alleged to be one of the crowd who shot GONZALO CASTANON, the editor of the *Voz de Cuba*, is announced from the same locality. The Havana journals say that MARMOL had been taken prisoner. The official and private documents are all unanimous in stating that he surrendered voluntarily.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

The navy is getting its hands full, and repairs on all serviceable ships are progressing rapidly, as several landings of arms, ammunition, and men intended for the Cubans are expected to take place shortly.... A Matanzas gentleman, afflicted with the usual desire to possess slaves, left for Spain a few days ago, and placed one of his negroes with his mother or mother-in-law, Mrs. JUANA GONZALES DE HORTA. There are several versions current, as to whether the slave was whipped or not, but Mrs. HORTA informed the negro that she would send him to work on a plantation, which, to a town-bred negro, is worse than a sentence of death. The negro begged, and then became furious, and when Mrs. HORTA threatened to have him whipped, he drew a razor and cut her throat from ear to ear, and then wounded himself severely. It is not known yet whether the negro will die from the wound, but the whole tragedy is simply another illustration of the beauties of slavery.... Yellow fever, small-pox and a small assortment of other diseases are having very lively times all over the Island, and the doctors have to contend not only with the illness, but also with the hundreds of foolish customs and prejudices current among the people, and which are not confined to the lower classes either. The Vaccination Board, lately assembled in the parish church in Trinidad where the small-pox has been very strong. Of course any body would suppose that every mother would have brought her child to be vaccinated, but the following translation of an item from the local journal of Trinidad proves the contrary: "Not a single child was taken to the church to be vaccinated, and only by strenuous efforts several were obtained for vaccinating by going from door to door and begging of the mothers to have their children vaccinated so as not to lose the vaccine matter.".... The great silver inkstand standing in the Hall of Sessions of the Havana Aldermen, on the Governor's table, has taken wings and flown away. As the porters are considered honest men, it is whispered that some Alderman transformed himself into a pair of wings, to help the inkstand to fly.... The weather is excessively sultry, and that famous personage, residing at present in Havana, "the celebrated oldest inhabitant," does not remember such a hot Summer. QUASIMODO.