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IMPORTANT CEBAN VICTORY—FIGHTING NEAR PUERTO PRINCIPE—DESTRUCTION OF PLAN- TATIONS.

HAYANA, March 1.—Letters received here state that a battle was fought on the 16th between 600 insurgents, under Maximo Gomez, and 400 Spaniards, near Mayari, a seaport town on the north coast, near the mouth of a small stream which flows into the Bay of Nipe. The Spaniards fought with great bravery, but their ammunition becoming exhausted, they were obliged to retire. The loss was heavy on both sides. The Spaniards had 160 men killed. The number of insurgents killed is not known, but their loss believed to be equally heavy.

An entrenched tower of observation, nine miles from Puerto Principe, has been attacked by 400 insurgents under Gambeta and José Mendozas, alias "El Africano." The tower was defended by only 25 men, and the attack was kept up two hours. The insurgents failed, but their loss is not known. The Spanish loss was 2 killed and 12 wounded.

The insurgents destroyed the plantation San José, 25 miles from Santiago, on the 15th inst. Five negroes were killed and the buildings were burned. On the same day the insurgents also destroyed the cane fields of the plantation La Peroveracua, belonging to Alexander Ball, a Scotchman.