

# SPAIN'S WEAKNESS.

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**CUBAN OFFICERS BELIEVE IN IT  
AND FORSWEAR AUTONOMY.**

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**Insurgents' Commanders Are Prac-  
tically Unanimous and Will  
Fight Until Free.**

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New York, December 20.—Copies of a statement signed by the officers of the fourth army corps of the Cuban army, operating in the department of Las Villas, renewing allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city to-day. This action by the officers of the Las Villas department makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers. The statement says, in part:

"We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain, and is in itself a triumph for our arms. Our fighting attitude will continue just as it is to-day, until our unfortunate country is made free.

"We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence, which must be agreed to with our government and the assembly of representatives."

Among the signers are Juan Maso Parra, brigadier general of the first division, and Calixto Garcia, adjutant.

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