

THE WEST INDIES.

— The Cuban insurrection is gaining headway rapidly. Our despatches yesterday conveyed the intelligence that it had broken its confines about Bayamo and was steadily spreading westward towards the metropolis. Outbreaks have occurred almost simultaneously at Santo Espirito, more than half-way from Bayamo to Havana; at Cienfuegos, on the southern coast, still nearer to Havana, and in direct railroad communication with it; at Trinidad, another point on the Southern coast only a little farther to the eastward, and at points between Villa Clara and Sagua la Grande, on the north coast and still nearer the capital. More ominous still is the fact that difficulties have occurred between the citizens and the soldiers at a town so important and so near the Capital as Matanzas, on the north coast, and that seizures of arms have occurred only nine leagues out of the city. All these are believed to come from the forces of Quesada who is known to have seven full regiments under him, deficient only in artillery. The rich planters are evidently encouraging him, for he has plenty of money. The Island generally may be said to be in a state of undermined revolt, ready to flame out into a general insurrection at any moment. The Captain-General has called upon the Home Government for more troops.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

HAVANA, FEB. 11.—Telegraphic communication between Havana and Sagua La Grande and Villa Clara, which had been destroyed by the revolutionists, has been restored. It is reported that the leaders of the revolution in the sugar districts of Cienfuegos, Villa Clara and Trinidad are Adolfo Cavada and his brother Frederick. The former was recently the American Vice Consul at Cienfuegos, and was removed at the request of Captain-General Lersundi. He was Colonel of a Philadelphia regiment of Zouaves during the civil war in America. The latter was until the last week American Consul at Trinidad de Cuba, and had just resigned.

EVENING.—Arrests continue to be frequently made by the military and police, of suspected parties in the city and throughout the island. Among the prisoners are many well-known planters, merchants and lawyers. The English Consul at Cardenas is also among those arrested. The Prensa says that at present Jimenez Planita and Casanova are the only rebel leaders in the Central Department. None of the other chiefs with them have appeared. The number of the rebel forces at Camarons is supposed to be three thousand.

The meeting of the merchants at the Palace last night to raise funds for the Government had no decisive result. A mixed commission of merchants and planters was appointed, with instructions to report a feasible plan for supplying the needs of the Government quickly and securely without imposing any additional burdens upon the middle or poorer classes.

HAVANA, FEB. 12.—A small Spanish schooner which had cleared for New York was seized to-day by the authorities on suspicion of having arms and supplies for the rebels on board. Her cargo was overhauled, and nothing was found to confirm the supposition of the officials.

The mixed Commission appointed by the planters and merchants to raise funds for the Government have resolved to recommend the following plan: The Spanish Bank is to furnish a loan of \$8,000,000 to the treasury, the Government to provide for the payment therefor by imposing special taxes as follows: fifty cents on each box of sugar exported; \$1 on each load of manufactured tobacco, and 50 cents on every thousand cigars; 50 cents additional on all import duties, and 25 cents additional on taxes now paid by merchants and manufacturers.

The Diario admits that the revolutionists hold possession of the entire Puerto Principe district except the city proper. Several secret deposits of arms have been discovered at Cardenas.

No definite news of the state of affairs in the central department is received either through Governmental or other channels. It is known, however, that the rebels have made the town of Mericarague their rallying-point.

Arrests of suspected parties continue to be made. Several Americans and other foreigners are among the parties now in custody. Thomas Terry, the wealthiest merchant on the island, was arrested, but was subsequently released. It is reported that he has offered to Captain General Dulce his entire possessions to aid the Government in suppressing the revolution.

Prominent Cubans continue to emigrate from the Island in large numbers. A portion of the insurgents in the district of Cienfuegos are marching towards Hwai Grandu in the Colon district.