

HAVANA, February 23.—Gen. Dulce has issued a proclamation to the volunteers announcing that he is about to commence a vigorous campaign against the rebels yet in arms. He tells the volunteers they have been misled by the machinations of their enemies, and advises them to remain quiet and obey their superior officers. Citizens are greatly alarmed, and intense excitement and agitation prevailed all day yesterday, but partially subsided in the evening when it was known the danger had been avoided by the firmness of Gen. Dulce. The plans of the volunteers were discovered early in the day, and the officers went among the men and exhorted them to abstain from violent acts and obey the authorities, but the influence of the officers was not strong enough, and it is certain the resolute conduct of the Captain General and General Espinara, of the regular army, alone prevented the commission of disgraceful acts.

The insurgents had a battle with the regular troops at Mayajigua, near Remedios, and defeated them, capturing the town. Frequent accounts are received of smaller engagements in the vicinity of Trinidad, Cienfuegos and Villa Clara, with results sometimes in favor of the rebels and sometimes in favor of the troops. The rebels have possession of a tug on the Damuji river, leading into Jagua Bay.

A dispatch from Spain was received yesterday afternoon, announcing the organization of a force of 3,000 Catalan volunteers for service in Cuba.

Noon.—The city is quiet. The volunteers are guarding the streets and wells as usual. The agitation of the two preceding days has abated. Weather very hot.

The Preusa publishes as authentic accounts of the situation in the Central Department. It says persons living in the country abandon their houses and estates, and take refuge in the cities. Insurgents are to be found in every province of the department. They subsist on the country, but take only the property of Spaniards.

Rebels in the jurisdiction of Cienfuegos have artillery, and their cavalry is well mounted. The troops sent in pursuit of them are infantry. The Preusa adds: "It is useless to indulge in illusions as to the state of affairs in the interior. We must acknowledge the condition of the inhabitants could not be worse." No other political news of importance.

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Fifteen hundred insurgents entered Lajas on the 25th, burned the archives of the police headquarters, seized generals' uniforms and equipments of the civil guard, and carried off all the horses they could find. At Sante Espiritu the Governor was conscripting all male citizens over seventeen years of age, for military service.

HAVANA, February 23—Evening.—The city of Sagua la Grande has been declared in a state of siege. An insurgent force, 400 strong, is operating in that jurisdiction. Several plantations have been laid waste, and the buildings on them destroyed by rebels in the vicinity of Sagua.

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