

## Volunteers to Take the Field—Shooting of a Mexican General—Spanish Estates Destroyed.

HAVANA, February 26.—The volunteers who have been mobilized are preparing to take the field. Some merchants from Cienfuegos have purchased arms for the defense of their city. The Government has also supplied them with rifles and artillery. The authorities of Havana refuse a clearance to the American brig J. D. Lincoln, from Sierrita Monco, because that port has been declared closed.

From Trinidad, on Tuesday, it is reported that the troops who have been operating against the insurgents have returned with a number of prisoners. In the engagement at the river Damangí many were wounded, and a Mexican General who was captured, was shot.

Letters from Santiago, dated the 20th instant, says the insurgent General Gomez has ordered the destruction of the estates of the Spaniards, to prevent them from applying their funds to the arming of volunteers. The estates of Cubans and foreigners are to be respected.

HAVANA, February 28.—Night patrols of the city have been discontinued. More troops are going to the interior. Intelligence from Neuvas to Thursday last states that on Sunday night, the 21st, the doors of all the residences in that city occupied by Cubans were marked by a black cross on a placard, with the words, "The time for clemency is ended—vigilance." Great excitement was caused, and the strenuous efforts of a few prominent Spaniards alone prevented an outbreak. A foraging expedition besieged the garrison of Puerto Principe a few days ago, and burned the Xaldivas estate. On their return they were attacked by Cuban forces, and were compelled to retreat to Puerto Principe, with a loss of forty killed and a large number wounded. Four thousand refugees from the country are reported to be at Gibra. There was great dearth of provisions, and an epidemic was feared.

Advices from Santiago de Cuba to Sunday, have been received. Cholera was decreasing. Three steamers left this port to-day, crowded with Cuban refugees for the United States.

St. Domingo advices to the 20th inst., have been received. The negotiation for a loan from British capitalists was a failure, the security offered not being satisfactory. The question of annexation to the United States is exciting considerable interest. President Baez has instructed Gen. Leabens to confer with the United States Government on the policy of creating a free neutral center of commerce in St. Domingo.

HAVANA, February 27.—It is reported that the insurgents, lingering in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, have again cut the aqueduct, causing much inconvenience to the citizens. Official information has been received that General Lesca strongly reinforced is pushing his way into the interior from La Guajaja. The insurgents were stationed in force on the road near Matara, Bomba. It was expected that troops would soon attack them. General Puella has arrived at Cienfuegos with reinforcements. The troops there will be divided into three detachments, one under Puella will go to Santo Espirito, one under Latona to Villa Clara, and the remaining division, under Baez, will march to Sierra Morena and Macagua. An engagement took place between Spanish troops and insurgents at Coloma de St. Domingo, in the province of Loguila Grande. Many were killed on both sides. the result of the battle is not known.

Reports from Cuban sources say that a fight occurred between rebel forces under General Densada and the army of General Lesca, on the road from Guajaja, and assert that the Government troops were routed.

The emigration of Cubans is undiminished. Every steamer that leaves port is crowded with passengers. Additional supplies of troops are needed from Spain to occupy the whole island and drive out the insurgents. The troops now here can do no more than hold their own. Meantime the people in the country are suffering all kinds of deprivation and distress. Their complaints are heart-rending. Thousands are leaving their homes and seeking refuge in the cities.

HAVANA, February 28.—Rumors are circulating in this city, to-day, that expeditions from the American shore, to aid the insurrection, have landed near Remedon and Guedrillas. Fifteen thousand soldiers left to-day for the Central Department. Some of the Cubans declare their belief that as soon as Gen. Grant is inaugurated President, he will recognize belligerent rights of the revolutionary government in Cuba. Cuban accounts contradict Government dispatches announcing that General Tasca is making a triumphant advance from Laganaga. Mr. Hall, the efficient Consul of the United States at Matanzas, will assume the functions of Consul General at Havana.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Schooner Wide Awake, from Honduras, which arrived to-day, reported February 19th off Sand Key, was hove to during the night by a Spanish man-of-war, who sent an officer aboard and examined her papers. The officer said he was on the watch for a small steamer from some Southern port said to be carrying recruits and supplies to the rebels in Cuba.