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The steamship Yazo, from Havana, arrived at Philadelphia yesterday. Her mails were received in this city early this morning.

The Heavy Rains—All Military Operations Suspended—Valmaseda Expected—Arrival of the New Governor—Insurgents Intrenched on the River Cauto—Cholera Decreasing—Scarcity of Animal Food.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Oct. 8, 1892.

It has been continuously raining for several days past, flooding the country, rendering the roads impassable and all military operations, of course, impossible. Many of the river channels are so full that a number of soldiers have been drowned in attempting to cross. More than twenty of the wounded brought here after the late fight in Cauto Abajo, in which Major Isquierda commanded the Spaniards, have died in hospital, among them three officers. Another one has undergone amputation of the leg. Preparations were recently made here for the pursuit of the rebel chief Policarpo Rustan, in Guantanamo, but the rains have interfered.

Count Valmaseda is expected here to-day or to-morrow, and much excitement is manifested over the preparations for his reception. There has been a report that he was besieged in Bayamo, but it is not credited.

The new Governor, D. Felix Ferrer, arrived here on the steamer Cuba. He was duly waited upon by the Ayuntamiento and listened to and responded in the usual remarks concerning the national integrity, &c.

The entire bank of the Cauto river is in the possession of the insurgents, who have intrenched themselves there. They are thought to be in strong force and the troops have not seen fit to molest them.

A battalion of volunteers, to be called the "Guías de Valmaseda," is being organized here, the pay of the privates of which is to be thirty dollars per month.

The cholera is gradually diminishing; but there are still some cases, as also of smallpox.

Animal food is very dear here, beef being thirty-five cents a pound. Fish is, however, very plenty, and it constitutes the chief diet of the poorer classes.

Military Operations Interrupted by the Rains—Movements of the Insurgents—Probable Concentration—Alarm of the Outposts—The Innocent Cause—Failure of an Expedition of the Troops—They are Repulsed—A Change in Governorship—Reappearance of the Cholera.

NUEVITAS, Oct. 8, 1892.

We have had very heavy rains of late in this vicinity, which have prevented all military operations. On this account no foraging parties have left Puerto Principe, and the troops and inhabitants of that city have been deprived of eating meat for the past eight days.

During the past week large bodies of insurgents have crossed the railroad line; but their destination and object are not known. They are probably concentrating for some purpose.

On the night of the 29th ult., after a very heavy rain storm, several shots were heard along the line outside, shortly afterward followed by a number of volleys. Immediately the whole town was in a state of alarm. The regulars and volunteers ran to their posts, and the cry was raised that the insurgents were attacking the city. It was soon ascertained, however, that all this hubbub was created by a poor old cow, which, upon approaching the line, failed to answer the regular challenge and was fired upon. This alarmed the other outposts, who, with much presence of mind, immediately discharged their pieces at random and hastened to rally.

About the middle of last month a column comprising 1,000 men, and commanded by Colonel Aguilar, left Puerto Principe for the purpose of attacking the plantation Rio Neco, owned and defended by the insurgent chief Corrello Porro. It was absent about three days, when it returned, and nothing has been said as to the result of the expedition. It has leaked out, however, that it was repulsed and compelled to return without accomplishing the object.

On the 29th ult. arrived here, in the Spanish war steamer Vasco Núñez, the newly appointed Political and Military Governor, Don Julian Amado. It is hoped by the justice-loving inhabitants of this city that he will inaugurate a new era, and that in his official acts he will be guided by his own good judgment and not by the coterie of volunteers which surrounded his predecessor, and which influenced him to many arbitrary and despotic acts. Since the new Governor has arrived quiet has been restored to the hearts of many families which lived in constant dread that some of their members would be arrested, imprisoned and sent off to Havana on any pretext or caprice of the late autocrat. This last, Don Federico Muguinza y Lersundi, is only regretted by a few of his satellites, part of whom formed the committee which, after exacting the signatures of many who had received injuries at his hands, went to ask the Captain General to reinstate him. Fortunately their application was not granted. The cholera has reappeared among several of the detachments stationed on the railroad line. All supplies, merchandise, trunks, &c., going to Puerto Principe are carefully examined before being placed on the train, to discover, if possible, something treasonable.