

# CUBA.

**Despotism in Cuba—Treason Officially De-  
fined—Reported Defeat of Insurgents—Pro-  
testant Service on Board the Contoocook.**

HAVANA, Feb. 16.

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Submitting news favorable to the insurrection renders your correspondent liable to imprisonment under the decrees relating to the propagation of alarming intelligence. I shall, however, do the best that can be done under the circumstances.

A Cadiz steamer arrived here to-day with 1,000 troops.

A government telegram from Villa Clara states that the artillery column from Havana has routed 2,000 insurgents at Manicaragua, killing thirty.

A meeting of real estate owners was held on Saturday to devise means for raising funds.

The municipality committee has promulgated a decree supplemental to that establishing military trials. It defines disloyalty thus:—High treason, rebellion, insurrection, conspiracy, harboring rebels and criminals, communication with the enemy, coalition of journeymen, laborers leaguings, seditious cries, propagating alarming news, manifestations, allegories and all that tends to disturb peace and order.

The *Voz de Cuba* says that it advised a dictatorship, and recently the supreme authority has confirmed it.

On board the United States steamer Contoocook Protestant service was held on Sunday. There was an immense attendance, including the Governor, who said he hoped to respond in a month favorably to the demand for free worship.

The *Gazette* assures the public that no disturbances are likely to occur from the expiration of the amnesty.

The *Banco Industrial* second the effort to assist the government.

The jurisdiction of Trinidad has been declared in a state of siege.

The Governor General prohibits groups on streets and arms and persons leaving, unless on permit.

**Trinidad Declared in a State of Siege—Fight  
at Maucargua.**

HAVANA, Feb. 15, 1889.

The city of Trinidad, in the Central Department has been declared in a state of siege.

An engagement has taken place at Maucargua between the troops and the revolutionists. The official accounts claim a victory for the government. No report of the losses on either side are given.

Sugar continues firm; operations are limited.