

Departure of the Expedition for Mayari— Reported Killing of Spaniards—Disappearance of the Cholera.

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On Monday, the 1st inst., a force of infantry left here per steamer Monte Christo for Mayari, to act in conjunction with the column which left last week by land under Colonel Lopez Camara. The insurgents are said to be in force, there and it is reported that they had killed some twenty-seven Peninsulars in revenge for the massacre of prisoners at Sagua by the Spaniards. It is further reported that the insurgent officer by whose command the assassinations took place was afterwards shot by order of Donato Marmol.

A solemn *Te Deum* was sung on Sunday on account of the cessation of the cholera; nevertheless, the deaths still amount to eight or ten every day. At Guantnamo the disease had appeared and made some havoc; the sugar estates had, however, thus far escaped.

Four insurgent prisoners were brought in last night. The railway is being rapidly repaired and will soon be in working order again.

The news of the rise in sugars in New York has caused great firmness in the sugar market here. Deliveries are going on, but no vessels are loading yet. At Guantnamo great activity is being shown and shipments have already been numerous.