

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

More Executions—Activity of the Insurgents in the Vicinity—Visit of the Governor of Jamaica.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 30, 1899.

Since my last I have obtained a few additional details of Delfin Aguilera, recently executed here. He was a man of great influence in Matari and was well known and generally respected in this city. It will be recollected that he came here of his own accord, under safe conduct from the officer in command at the former place, and his taking off under the circumstances is an additional spot on the Spanish character. He walked from the prison to the place of execution with great firmness, accompanied by two priests, one of whom, a Padre Lecanda, is said to have been especially active in procuring his death. He stated that he was innocent of any crime and that his blood would rest on the heads of his executioners. His death was instantaneous from the first volley. Up to yesterday there were no more executions, but at two P. M. a batch of five prisoners were brought by train from the country, and at half-past four were marched from the prison to the Malacen, placed against the wall and shot. The party was composed of a father, named Vicente Anaye, and his three sons, and another called Homobono Partundo. As they were marched to the scene of execution through the principal streets the spectacle caused much disgust among the inhabitants.

The condition of the country is very bad, on account of a furious attack on property once again commenced by the insurgents. They have set fire to and entirely destroyed the following estates:—Santa Ana, Santa Isabel, San Andres, Banabacoa, Isabelita and Lagunas. Others are reported burned, and it is said that in some parts every house, outbuilding, in fact, everything ignitable, has been destroyed. Much excitement prevails, and the government are using strenuous efforts to check the wholesale destruction. On the first news of these fresh disasters some planters waited on the Governor to request protection for their property. They were very badly received and his Excellency addressed them in very coarse and abusive language, speaking so loud that he attracted a considerable crowd about the palace to listen.

The city continues healthy and the cholera is disappearing from the Guantanamo neighborhood.

Her Majesty's ship Eclipse, Captain Harvey, dropped in on Saturday, the 24th, having on board his Excellency Sir John Peter Grant, Governor of Jamaica, who was taking a short cruise. She went to sea again on Sunday morning.