

MANZANILLO.

Organization of Contra-Guerillas—The Roads from Bayamo and Yara Apparently Cleared.

MANZANILLO, May 15, 1869.

A section of fifty contra-guerillas has been organized here. All, including the chief officers, mount the Cuban pack-saddle and dress in brown duck pantaloons and loose jacket, with Yarey or palm leaf hats, and shoes made of hides; they are armed with the Perbody gun and Excelsior machete. This force went out on the 10th in an unknown direction for the purpose of finally falling on Calambrocio, where the insurgent chiefs Luis Marcato, Modesto Diaz, Luis Bertot, Granados and Melchor Nufiez were said to be. After encountering on the way some rebel spies and also some of their scouts their arms were taken from them. It was soon found out that the insurgents were scattered everywhere, numbering in all about 200 men. This, however, did not induce Lieutenant Rios, commanding the small force of counter guerillas, to desist from his purpose; he divided his column and sent a portion to different points. He himself overreached Nufiez and killed him on the spot. In the woods nine Spanish soldiers were found captives, who were immediately released and clad by our men. The next day the troops returned, unable to proceed because of the rains and having to care for several families who had placed themselves under their protection on the way.

Early to-day thirty men came from Bayamo, and afterwards five soldiers, who ventured alone from Yara, without having been in any way molested the entire distance.

Governor Ampudia left town yesterday for the field of operations.