

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

The Landing at Mayari—Safe in the Interior— Bombastic Spanish Accounts.

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Mayari, in connection with the recent landing of filibusters in that vicinity, still takes up public attention. On Sunday, the 23d, the steamer Pelayo received on board large quantities of military stores for that place, and yesterday the Quantanamo arrived from there bringing five or six boxes of ammunition and four sick soldiers. The expeditionists had left the estate Ramon, on the peninsula, between the Bay of Nipe and Banes, where they were encamped, and gone safely inland with the mass of their stores and munitions, though compelled to abandon a considerable quantity of both, probably from want of transportation. The finding of these abandoned materials was quite sufficient to start the usual Spanish canards and the loyal public of this city in the evening were startled and delighted at the issue of a flaming bulletin, which announced that the brave Colonel Hidalgo had attacked the enemy's encampment at the point of the bayonet, capturing it, together with four cannons and a large quantity of stores and ammunition, with but slight loss to himself. It was further stated that upon turning a hill he was much surprised to find some 400 corpses, probably—as he says—the result of the present and former action. When closing his despatch his men were occupied in burying them. The adventurers and their indigent friends who, it would appear, flocked to meet them, numbered some 2,300 men, and have been, says the bulletin, completely routed and dispersed, and will probably be exterminated as soon as the column of the valliant Colonel finishes the burial of the 400. Such are the bombastic Spanish accounts.

The truth is that the insurgents and their foreign friends left their camp for much the same reason that that the New York burglar left the house he had robbed—viz., because he couldn't carry it with him—and when Colonel Hidalgo's column entered, at the point of the bayonet, it found no one to oppose.

General Boceta, who left here not long since, and in a great hurry, to chastise the adventurers, had not, up to late dates, arrived at Mayari, and rumor has it there is much sickness and some disaffection among his forces.

The Spanish element is decidedly cast down by the Mayari occurrences and consider the country in danger. The numerous class which sympathize with neither party, and only regard the matter as it affects their own interest, hardly know what to think of the future; but the idea of annexation meets from them, and, indeed, from many others, but little favor. The principal thing which stands in the way is protection, and as that relic of the barbarous ages flourishes in the United States, free trade, which is the great thing hoped for, would be as far off as ever, and again the exclusion of foreign flags from the carrying trade, which would result from the annexation, would prove a matter of serious importance to much of the property interest in the island.

As I am about closing this despatch I learn that the insurgents certainly left four guns behind them at Banes, which were taken by the troops. Government advices claim that an enormous amount of provisions and ammunition was captured; but there is scarcely a shadow of truth in the statement.