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The Aims of the Volunteers—Several Plans Proposed—Character of Their Movement.

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The "beginning of the end" is now really upon us. On Wednesday morning a mob of volunteers deposed the Captain General (Dulce) and installed Espinar in his place. Yesterday they discussed the question of deposing Espinar and naming a "junta," of which the two principal members will be Ramon Herrera and Esconera, the editor of the *Voz de Cuba*. Many of the volunteers declare that the Captain General on his way from Spain shall not be allowed to land. There is a great diversity of plans, but the most popular one among the Catalans is to separate themselves from the Madrid government and proclaim the ex-Queen or the Prince of Asturias. They say that there is no solution of matters in Spain but the restoration of the Queen or the election of the Prince.

We can believe anything of a party headed by men like Herrera, who is a man of violent passions, and of Esconera, who has repeatedly declared that the island shall be Spanish or a desert. The Governor, Chief of Police and Governor's secretary in Matanzas have been deposed. Every one who has ever shown clemency or saved the life of a prisoner will be turned out. At present they will only act against the moderate Spaniards and creoles, but our day will soon come, probably with the landing of the first expedition from the United States.

Emboldened by their success, the mob will go on from one excess to another, instigated by Herrera and Esconera. We shall see the repetition, by both Spaniards and insurgents, of the same butcheries and atrocities of all kinds which were perpetrated in the provinces which Spain has already lost. There will soon be conflicts with and infractions of international laws, which will call for prompt action by other governments. There is no money in the Cuban nor in the Spanish treasury and no prospect of there being any. One half the taxes here have been remitted and but a small part of the other half can be collected. Every officer is robbing all he can to make his "pile" to leave with.

No more soldiers are to be sent from Spain, as there is no money to pay the bounties. The numbers in the field are daily decreasing here from casualties, sickness and desertion. The rainy season has commenced and few operations can be effected in the field. The city volunteers are pretty well tired out by drilling and garrison duties without pay. The larger part of them are men whose daily labors must earn their bread. The richer ones have heretofore contributed freely, but they now see that there is no chance of repayment and will draw close their purse strings. Everything indicates the "beginning of the end," being only a repetition of what occurred in each and all of the South American provinces.