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Convicts Gone to Spain and Africa—Alleged Assassination of Twenty-one Victims—The Supposed Perpetrator Sent Under Arrest to Spain—Spanish Accounts from the Field—Possibility of Volunteers Going to Garrison Other Towns—The Yucatan Junta Patriotica Cubana.

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More than sixty individuals were sent by the Cadiz steamer of the 15th inst., all tried in the regular and proper manner and condemned to be transported. Most of them will be freed by the supreme government on arrival, and a few will probably be sent to the penal colony of Genta, Africa.

It has been stated and believed that there is also one individual on board—a Spaniard and a Spanish officer—far more criminal, if the report about him be true, than any of the above; far more heinous than any of the rebel political prisoners could be. This being is said to be a Colonel Palacios, sent under arrest by the Captain General to report himself to the supreme government, for the alleged massacre of twenty-one untried prisoners whom he had to escort and prevent their being butchered on their doleful journey by an unmerciful enemy. But I must refer, for all the details of this horrible wholesale assassination, if it be such—and I would wish it were not so—to your own correspondents at Santiago, in order to give your readers more authenticated facts than could be obtained here.

The following telegrams have been received by the Captain General from the commandant of Castro Villas, as appears in the official *Gazette*:—

"On the 6th the columns of Colonel Menduñia took a rebel camp in Matagua, with provisions and nine horses, killing five of the enemy. Colonel Menduñia received a slight wound. On the 7th the same column encountered a party on the cattle farm Ruiz, killed three rebels and captured the leader Zacarias, a mulatto, who was shot. In a reconnaissance the detachment of Manicaragua killed two rebels. The detachment of Santo Domingo killed another insurgent. In the vicinity of Potrerillo five dead rebels were found, and it is known that at this encounter the enemy had many wounded. On the 11th the column under Captain Talaya came up with the enemy at a point called Sierra, dispersed him, killed five, taking seven horses and two rifles. On the 6th the column under Puente fought the party of Rojas at the Manca farm, killed four, captured six horses, arms and ammunition. The Guardia Civil of Vista Hermosa, with others of Piacetas, made a reconnaissance, and killed four. The column under Banilla killed one rebel in Guilara and captured fourteen horses. On the 15th the Guardia Civil of Santo Domingo, with some volunteers, came up with the enemy in Melones and Voladores, killed four, and taking many horses and arms.

From Cuban sources we have news in town for some days past to the effect that a column of 200 men, under Colonel Portal, were defeated at Pita-jones; that the force being entirely overpowered, some were killed in the fight, including the commander, and the rest taken prisoners.

Great efforts continue to be made to send as many of the citizen soldiers of this city "to the field," at least to garrison some of the towns where the troops can be required for active service.

The Captain General honored the Casino Español with his presence on Sunday evening last, the day prefixed for its inauguration. A speech or two were proffered, the best of which was the short and significant allocution of his Excellency, which may serve the members as a benevolent warning not to make a political club of "El Casino Español de la Habana."

On Sunday last, the 15th inst., it was the patron saint's day of Guanabacoa, which is celebrated every year by a great multitude of people from Havana, to run against one another and see the procession of Nuestra Señora. The two ferryboat companies derive the greatest benefit from this anniversary. It appears from their returns that about 10,000 passengers crossed the bay that day. Last year it exceeded 22,000; but the times have changed remarkably since then, and many good folks will have been prudent enough to stay at home. As a few days previously some hidden arms had again been discovered there by the police and several arrests made in consequence it created a feeling of apprehension in some. The authorities sent a good batch of about 125 Guardia Civil there, which were well distributed, and everything went off quietly.