

**The Fight at Las Tunas—Quesada Reported
Before Holguin—Movements of Volunteers—
Valmaseda Seeking Another Victim.**

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The principal topic of interest here at present is the great battle of Las Tunas, the Spanish accounts of which claim for them a great victory. I need not repeat them, as they will be furnished you from Havana. There is no question that the town was in great part destroyed. Colonel Benegas, with a convoy, guarded by 500 men, was on his way to Las Tunas, and the impression is that after destroying the town the insurgents turned their attention to Nimi. There is a statement current here that Benegas had returned to Holguin, and that he is now there, hard pressed by Quesada. All accounts agree that the Cubans have entirely disappeared from the vicinity of Las Tunas, which gives coloring to the rumor that they are before Holguin.

In reference to the Las Tunas fight not one word has appeared in the journals here, nor has there been any of the usual rejoicings by the Spaniards following on their reported victories, no matter how apocryphal they may be. Though it has not been officially announced yet it is well known that General Don Gunon de la Torre is about to be relieved of command here, at his own request, and the bloody Valmaseda made commander-in-chief of the Eastern department, and General Ferrer to be Governor of Santiago de Cuba.

Some small bodies of volunteers left here to-day for Cobre, with what object is not known. A Cuban named Rafael Duarte was recently arrested here and that shameless assassin, Valmaseda, asked that he be sent to Bayamo, which the Governor decidedly refused.