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HIGHLY IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE!

Departure of the Expedition against Cuba!

Expected News of a Great Battle!

The Cuban Patriots well armed and prepared for the Fight!

GENERAL LOPEZ COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The New York Sun is in receipt of private intelligence from the head-quarters of the Cuban Patriots.

All the vessels of the Cuban Expedition have sailed, and without doubt are at this moment hovering on the coast of Cuba!

There is every reason to believe that the next advices from Havana after this date, May 11th, will bring us news of the successful landing of the patriots, and the actual commencement of their struggle for independence!!

We are at liberty, for the present, to lay only a few particulars before the public.

The plan and management of the parties concerned in getting up the expedition, have been most admirable. Every movement was so cautious and so concealed, that up to the hour of the sailing of the vessels, only a few persons, except those engaged, knew anything of the affair.

Thus have the enemies to the freedom of Cuba been, this time, foiled.

The men engaged for this struggle were carefully chosen.

They are strong and well armed. Their number and their names will be published soon, unless a wise Providence should overwhelm them with defeat.

In all human probability they will gloriously succeed.

Their landing on the shores of Cuba is the signal for a general revolution throughout the island.

General Lopez is the Commander-in-Chief. The foul aspersions cast upon him by malicious parties, to the effect that he had abandoned the expedition, are now signally rebuked.

General Lopez wishes his friends to know that he is all right.

From Cuba and Spain.—The expedition against Cuba is creating daily more alarm to the Spanish government. Every possible naval aid which can be raised, is now being directed to Cuba with rapidity. New officials are constantly being sent out from Spain, to supersede those now holding office in Cuba. This measure is adopted through fear that any officials who have remained for much time in Cuba, will sympathize with the revolutionists at the approaching struggle. The home government thinks to prevent any such fraternization by appointing new officers, who are strangers and enemies to the Cubans. For this purpose the most blood thirsty men are selected. Among a new batch of home officials recently arrived at Havana, was Don Patrician Montojo, who supersedes the present Captain of the port of Cardenas. Montojo is an old naval captain—a regular bull-dog in fight. Alcantara, who supercedes Quioppo, as Treasurer for Cuba, has arrived at Havana.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Sun. Matanzas, April the 19th, 1850.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE SUN,—
Gentlemen:—The crushing

tyranny of the Spanish Government here has come to such a pitch, the public mind is so highly excited and bursting in favor of a political change from top to bottom, that I cannot but think that the thrilling echo of the revolutionary tocsin in Cuba, shall soon reach your ears.

The petty tyrant Roncalli, a *white edition* of his dark Majesty Faustin the First, plucks up a heart at every expedition-nightmare which oppresses and surrounds him with awful spectres, hobgoblins and wizards from Round Island, St. Domingo, Chagres, Curacoa, and elsewhere.—Thus, he strikes in the dark, as Don Quixote did when he so gallantly fought that most dreadful

battle against the wine butts, which he fancied a powerful and war-faring giant.

The host of infamous spies who throng our public places, churches not excepted, and even dare to thrust themselves in the domestic circles to plough the ground for their accursed harvest of slanderous denunciation—are not considered efficient enough by the frightened Spanish Government, and a new corps of *sbirri*, called "*gend'armes*," it to be organized at an expense of more than \$600,000 a year; to raise which sum, they have concocted a plan of new direct taxes, which will yield to the royal treasury an annual income of more than two millions of dollars.

Now you see that the Cubans shall have to pay more—contributing to support more instruments of Spanish oppression, and to be more and more handcuffed and plundered at ease by every impudent tipstaff.

If you wish to have an exact and vivid idea of the Government and political situation of Cuba, it is necessary for you to come in this country and be an eye-witness of these unheard of scenes of spoliation, *legal* swindlings, and in short, every doing of the Colonial administration here.

You have probably already noticed one of the most striking instances of despotism and brutality on the part of the Cuban "little emperor." I allude to the banishment of Mrs. Emilia T. Tolon, a young and talented lady of this city, who has been expelled from her native land, charged with the high crime of receiving letters from, and writing them to Mr. Miguel T. Tolon, her husband, (now residing in N. Y.) condemned to death by the Colonial Court Martial on indictment of being, in his quality of Ed. of "*La Verdad*," a most deadly enemy to the Spanish Government, a revolutionary agitator, guilty of *lese Majesty* against the Queen of Spain. What stronger proof would be required in order