

## El Consejo de guerra sumarísimo contra el coronel de Artillería José Franco Mussió y los oficiales de la Fábrica de cañones de Trubia [

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