

THE CUBAN LEADER. At the head of the insurgent party were two brothers named Cavada. One of these, whose name was in Philadelphia when our late civil war broke out, and was made Lieutenant Colonel of a Zouave regiment. The Colonel of the regiment was a third-rate Philadelphia lawyer, and brawling politician, named Collis, who figured extensively during the late Presidential campaign as a leader of the "Boys in Blue." At the battle of Fredericksburg Collis, who had become jealous of the superior knowledge and skill of his next in command, preferred charges of cowardice against him, Cavada was placed under arrest, and remained so for some time. When the battle of Chancellorsville took place, the Lieut. Colonel being still under arrest, and, according to military rule, not allowed to wear arms, took his position with the regiment; armed with a slight walking cane. Throughout the whole of that bloody contest he was with the regiment, always at the point of greatest danger, directing the movements of the men and urging them forward, while the valiant Collis had found it convenient to retire. He was afterward restored to his position, and an order complimenting him for his bravery was issued by the division commander. He afterward participated in the Gettysburg and Wilderness fights; and the regiment having become very much reduced was thereafter engaged as Gen. Meade's headquarter's guard.

Cavada was one of the most skillful, scientific and brave officers that ever served in the the United States army. While not advocating the cause for which he fought, we cheerfully accord him full praise of his merits — After the war here he went to Cuba, where he now appears as one of the military leaders of the revolutionists, a position for which his abilities make him eminently qualified.

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