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The War in Cuba—Destruction of Plantations—More Troops from Spain—Another Engagement—Reported Defeat of Insurgents.

HAVANA, March 19.—The English bark *Leeche* is ashore at Cojimar.

The insurgents have destroyed five of the largest plantations in the jurisdiction of Sagua la Chica, one near Cienfuegos and another near Macagua. It is positively asserted that the insurgent generals are carrying out their deferred plan of burning everywhere. A detachment of insurgents had left Alvarez, well mounted, to burn plantations in the vicinity of Jabaoca.

The planters are terrified. Authentic information from the insurgents admit that many plantations have been burned within a week. Another steamer has arrived from Spain with troops. General Bueta and the famous General Amable Escalante were passengers. Troops have gone to Neuvas.

An engagement took place between the troops and the insurgents yesterday near Alvarez. The insurgents were routed, and dividing, one force fled toward Macagua and the other towards Jocuiri Grande. An engagement had taken place at Guasacabuela. The officers' account reports 150 insurgents killed and only one Spanish soldier wounded.

The insurgents are active near Bolondon.—Troops from Matanzas had gone there when the battle of Sierra Cabita was fought. Quesada is sick with small-pox. Ortega commanded the insurgents, carrying off slaves from the plantations and making them soldiers. The number of insurgents in Sagua and Remedios districts is estimated at from 7,000 to 9,000. Esquerria's plantations, near Trinidad, have been burnt. Five places were burnt in Sagua district, which produced 9,000 hogsheads of sugar yearly. The insurgents have destroyed the railroad and telegraph lines between Alvarez and Macagua.

Further from Cuba.

SUGAR CROPS, ETC.

HAVANA, March 19.—Order is being restored in the jurisdiction of Santo Espritu. General Puella is moving towards Porto Principe. The situation at Cienfuegos is unchanged. The disturbed condition of the surrounding country prevents sugar from reaching Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Remedios and other markets.

It is generally estimated the sugar crop this year will fall short by three-eighths of that of last year. Sugars at outports are firmer. There are rumors of engagements near Holquin, but nothing definite is known.

Sugar buoyant at 9½ reals for No. 12. Business large, with large inquiry for speculation. Exchange on London 10½ and 11½; United States sixty days, gold, par to ½ discount; short eight, 2 2½ premium; 60 days, currency, 25 and 24 discount; short eight, 23 and 22 discount.

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA, March 19.—Sugar in improved demand, and the market advancing, with more buyers than sellers. Holders demand an advance. No. 12 Dutch standard is quoted at 9 and 9½. Exchange unchanged but firmer.