

## CUBA.

HAVANA, March 19.—The insurgents have burnt five of the largest plantations in the jurisdiction of Sagua La Chica, one near Cienfuegos, and another near Macagua. It is positively asserted that 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 Jabacoco. The planters are terrified. Authentic information from the insurgents admits that many plantations have been burned within a week. Another steamer has arrived from Spain, with troops; Generals Buceta and Escalante were passengers. The troops have gone to Nuevitas.

An engagement took place between troops and insurgents yesterday, near Alvarez. The insurgents were routed and divided, one force fled toward Macagua and the other toward Jacuri Grande.

An engagement has taken place at Guaracabulta. The official account reports 136 insurgents killed, and only one Spanish soldier wounded. The insurgents are active near Bolondonon. Troops from Matanzas have gone there. When the battle of Sierra Cubita was fought Quesada was sick with the smallpox. Ortega commanded. The insurgents are carrying off the 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. The Esquerria plantations, near Trinidad, have been burnt. The five places burnt in the Sagua District produced 9,000 hogsheads of sugar annually. The insurgents have destroyed the railroad and telegraph between Alvarez and Macagua.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Advices from Admiral Hoff, dated Havana, March 12, say in company with the newly appointed Consul General, Mr. Hall, he had called on the Captain General of Cuba, and secured the release of Mr. Tristez, an American citizen, native of Cuba, who was a short time ago arrested on a charge of conspiracy against the Government. The action of the Captain General in this case was marked by great courtesy, he having ordered the immediate release of the prisoners, although the charges were serious.

The President has directed Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Pease to be relieved from duty as Professor of Military Tactics at the State University of Wisconsin, at the end of the present college term.

Customs receipts from March 8th to 13th, inclusive, were \$3,506,503.

HAVANA, March 19.—Order is coming about in the jurisdiction of Santa Espiritu. General Puello is moving toward Puerto Principe. The situation in Cienfuegos is unchanged. The disturbed condition of the surrounding country prevents sugar from reaching Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Remedios, and other markets. It is generally estimated that the sugar crops this year will fall short by three-eighths of that of last year. Sugar at outports are firmer. There are rumors of engagements near Holquin, but nothing definitely is known. Sugar is buoyant, with sales at 9@9¾ reals for No. 12, and business heavy, with large inquiry for speculation.

Sugar is in improved demand and advancing. There are more buyers than sellers, and holders demand an advance; No. 12, Dutch standard, is held at 9@9¼ reals.