

CUBA.

Affairs on the Island—Skirmishes and Spanish Successes—Spanish Losses Not Given—A Steamer Detained.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Telegrams received from the Cinco Villas District announce the dispersion of VILLAMIL's band of insurgents. During the fight forty-two rebels were killed and many wounded. The Civil Guard attacked the insurgents at Jiquigüira, in the Amador Mountains, and killed thirty-three. Other Spanish columns have had slight skirmishes with the insurgents. An incendiary was executed at Niquas. Many rebels are presenting themselves to the Spanish authorities for pardon. It is reported from another source that the forces of CAVADAS and VILLAMIL are moving toward Camaguey, but the Spanish authorities do not credit it. The loss of the Spaniards during the recent engagements has not been reported. A frigate arrived to-day from Spain, bringing 1,300 soldiers. These troops, as well as all those lately landed, were immediately sent to the seat of war. Great excitement prevails among the merchants of Havana on account of a report received from the United States, that a duty of five cents would be imposed on all centrifugal grades of sugar. As sugars are classed differently at the various ports of the United States, this measure causes much confusion. On Saturday, the steamship *Eagle*, when about to sail, was visited by the Police, who detained her one hour beyond her usual sailing time, for the purpose of arresting a passenger named DONALDSON. DONALDSON had been accused of talking against the Spanish Government; but Captain-General DE RODAS issued an order directing the Police to allow DONALDSON to proceed unmolested. Several plantations in the vicinity of Villa Clara have been burned, and skirmishes are reported to have taken place between the Spanish troops and the insurgents in the same locality.

The Privateer *Lillian*—Letter of the Consul at Nassau—A Pledge to Obey the Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary FISH has received the following letter:

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, }
NASSAU, N. P., Dec. 10, 1869. }

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival on the 8th inst. of the United States ship-of-war *Powhatan*, with Admiral POOR and staff on board. The boisterous state of the weather on the 8th compelled the ship to proceed to Southwest Bay (an anchorage on the south of the island) for safety, where she is yet lying. On the day following her arrival the Admiral communicated with me through the Captain of the ship, and informed me the *Powhatan* had been dispatched by the Navy Department for the purpose of bringing away the American citizens who formed part of the *Lillian* expedition, being the vessel referred to in the dispatch of Hon. J. C. B. DAVIS to this Consulate. Between thirty and forty American citizens will leave to-day by the *Powhatan*. They have to march across the island and embark on the south side. You will notice I have been careful to observe and fulfill the instructions of the Department in relation to these men.

Inclosed is a document subscribed by all who have taken a passage, and in which they all swear they are citizens of the United States, and for the future pledge themselves to respect and obey the Neutrality laws of the United States. I take pleasure in stating that the Captain of the *Powhatan* was most hospitably entertained by His Excellency Sir JAMES WALKER, Governor of the Bahamas, at the Government House during his short stay in the city. The continued unsettled weather has prevented Admiral POOR visiting the city. I am, &c., &c.,

SAMUEL P. SAUNDERS,

United States Vice-Consul.

To Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State:

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, }
NASSAU, N. P., Dec. 9, 1869. }

We, the undersigned, do solemnly and truly swear that we are citizens of the United States of America, and in the event of our obtaining a passage in the United States ship-of-war *Powhatan*, we pledge in future to respect and observe the Neutrality laws of the United States of America.

(Signed,) Eugene J. Courtney, W. J. Conroy, Charles Miller, Hugh McGarvey, John F. Dixon, Duncan Rankin, Patrick Maguire, Jeremiah Lyons, James J. Morrison, Jr., Samuel K. Dilley, Terrence Dolan, John Williamson, Chas. Hazleton, Andrew Rogers, Thorn Pugal, Frank Brunet, Thomas (his X mark) Johnson, Alfred (X) Richardson, Ned (X) Brown, H. Alexander (X) Williams, Henry (X) Green, Alexander (X) Jones, Edmund (X) Richardson, J. B. (X) Rivers, Edward (X) Buckley, Wm. (X) Alexander, Mariano Albones, Henry Ayala, Apalonce Sneyra, Florence Lopez, Franco Conlo, John C. Vengolchia, Captain Ed. Henderson, Captain J. C. Pollard, Captain S. Gratz. TOM, LILLIE MERCER.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, Dec. 10, 1869.

I certify the above is a true copy of the original filed at this office.

(Signed,) SAMUEL P. SAUNDERS,

[Seal.] United States Consul.