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De Rodas Denies that a Naval Fleet is Intended for American Waters—More Troops from Spain.

HAVANA, Nov. 29, 1899.

Captain General De Rodas, in a letter to the Havana agent of the New York Associated Press, says:—"The Havana and American journals are speaking of a project of Spain to send a fleet of war vessels to the harbor of New York, and as such rumors might create ill feeling and trouble—I hereby notify you that such a project does not and never did exist. The report was probably caused by the fact that the Spanish frigate *Lealtad* is going to Brooklyn to stop a leak and the *Victoria* to clean her bottom.

One thousand soldiers arrived yesterday by the Spanish mail steamer from Cadiz.

Movements of Troops—Fight Near Puerto Principe—Number of Killed.

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A battalion of Matanzas volunteers has gone to Bolendron, where they will remain a month, at the expiration of which time they will be relieved by other volunteers.

An engagement lately took place at San José, on the Puerto Principe and Nuevitas Railroad. The town was garrisoned by eighty Catalan volunteers, and the insurgents were commanded by Benibeta Quesada. The insurgents made an attack on the Spanish fort. Eighteen volunteers advanced to meet them, and were captured. The insurgents numbered 1,600, but failed to capture the fort. The reported loss is thirty-four Cubans, and several Catalans killed.